



Bonnie Kelso

Visual Arts



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Bonnie Kelso is an award-winning artist, children's book author-illustrator, and creative workshop facilitator. She teaches custom designed Creative Workshops to help children, teens and adults connect with their unique self-expression. She believes that creative exploration is a powerful tool for building self-confidence and self-trust. Bonnie has taught Creative Workshops online and in the Las Vegas area for community organizations and private groups such as Clark County Public Arts, The Discovery Children's Museum, and The Las Vegas Rescue Mission. She is a Creative Aging-trained teaching artist.

Bonnie has over 30 years of experience as a professional visual artist and designer. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design. For twelve years, she worked as an exhibit and graphic designer for museums, visitor centers, trade shows, and the print industry. She has worked on projects for the Smithsonian Institution, National Geographic, The Newseum, and NASA.

Community Programming

Author School Visits (K - Grade 4): As a published author-illustrator, Bonnie is available to present to large groups of children about pursuing a career in writing and illustration. She engages the students with creative exercises designed to spark imagination and wonder for the world.

Paint Playdate for Parent and Child (ages 5+): This collaborative workshop helps parents and children nurture the development of their unique creative nature. By letting go of judgment over their creations, they are free to encourage each other to think experimentally, try new things, and increase their potential to innovate. This workshop typically lasts 90 minutes and is for small groups.

Vitalize Your Creative Life (The Sketchbook Class): This multi-session workshop walks participants through themes in Bonnie's workbook, *Vitalize Your Creative Life*. Each person receives a copy of the book and a set of basic art supplies. Bonnie helps the group explore ways to connect with their inner child through creative play. This class is for small groups of ten or less.

Collaborative Painting Projects: This is a fun team-building painting workshop for groups. By layering paint on segmented canvases, your group will create a meaningful message together that reflects what is important to your organization. No painting experience is required. This collaborative workshop is for medium groups of 10 - 20 participants and lasts a minimum of 3 hours.

Program Types

Workshops, classes and residencies

Language Proficiencies

English

Fees

Contact to inquire

Availability

Contact to inquire

Audiences

Schools (grades K – 12), adult, seniors, and at-risk individuals

Venues

Schools, colleges, and community centers

Technical requirements

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Counties

Clark

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