

# ELF NEWSLETTER

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## OUR 10 YEAR GOAL

TO BECOME THE STATE-RECOGNIZED  
LEADER IN NON-CREDIT EDUCATION



## WELCOME TO ELF

We are the Extended Learning Family:

- Community Education
- Driver Education & Vehicle Safety
- Corporate Training & Professional Development
- Small Business Development Center
- Fire Training Council

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The ELF office will be closed on Fridays during July and August.

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



ELF would like to introduce Jessica Perez, who re-joined our team in February as the Program Assistant supporting Corporate Training and Professional Development.

#### MORE ABOUT JESSICA:

**Hobbies:** Any water-related activity, indoor rock climbing, playing tennis and sand volleyball.

**Best concert:** The XX and The Buena Vista Social Club. Both in Portland.

**Favorite things to learn:** Anything science related. She loved biology growing up and still does today. She likes to follow new discoveries and anything about evolution.



WELCOME BACK TO THE TEAM, JESSICA!

# PLAYING WITH THE PALETTE

BY ALLISON LAMPULGH

Mark Allison has been a Community Education instructor at LBCC for 25 years, a recipient of the 2003 Teacher of the Year award, and an accomplished artist.

The son of a photographer and a civil engineer, his life has been largely influenced by aesthetics, composition, and creation. The first time he sat at an easel, made by his parents, he was 5 years old. That was the start of what would become his lifelong passion.

His Open Studio class, one of several he teaches through Community Education, is designed for beginning to advanced artists to create freely with Mark's guidance when requested.

On an April morning, 15 people came to create, ages spanning from teenager to retiree. One painted a portrait of his sister's dog for her birthday. Another painted his son's '63 Chevy for his birthday. Someone else painted a landscape from a photo on her phone. Some used pencils, some used paint, some used charcoal.

A group of students gathered around Mark who began a color intensity exercise. On a piece of paper, he showed them different styles of applying paint. He discussed how the oils on your hands affect the paper, how the dampness of your brush will react on paper, and how a paint stroke will look based on pressure applied.



He showed onlookers how to mix colors to make other colors, and recommended colors to use or not use. He cautioned of things to consider when choosing colors. He explained in poetic detail why he prefers some colors over others.

"The color yellow is for relaxation, often used by color therapists," he told them. "Blue reduces heart rate so it's a great color for a bedroom. Red does the opposite."

Looking at the palette in front of him, he pointed to a vibrant red.

**"The color of love," he said, "it just opens your heart looking at it."**

In the classroom, Mark displayed paintings used as visuals to show techniques he referred to. Many of the works used Cubism, a technique made famous by Pablo Picasso, where geometric shapes create two-dimensional images.

"I like using sharp edges," he said. "Jagged and sharp edges get both right and left brain to look at them."

Since the left side of the brain wants to create order and the right side does not, Mark explained the tidiness of the geometric shapes that create abstract images gives the brain both order and chaos, attracting both sides to engage.

Mark encouraged his students to understand the rules of painting; why things are taught the way they are.

"Once you learn the rules you can then start to challenge them," he told the class. "But first, you learn the rules."

With many accomplishments as an artist, Mark was selected to design the 2009 Corvallis Fall Festival poster and has received a Purchase Award from Oregon State University for his works featuring agriculture.

## NEW! ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION REQUEST

One of our goals is to increase access and options for people to register for Community Education classes online. In May, we launched our new Electronic Registration Request! This online link sends a registration request directly to our Student Navigator to start the process immediately. So far, it has been very successful and helpful to those we serve.

## INSTRUCTOR FORUM SUCCESS

In April, our Community Education Coordinators led the first Instructor Forum. With almost 50 people in attendance, this event was an opportunity for us to continue to bring our instructors into the Department and College system. We were able to provide them information and established processes, including the first-ever Community Education instructor handbook. Instructors also had opportunity to network and get to know other instructors.



## NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

This spring, we created two scholarship funds; one for Community Education and the other for the Small Business Development Center. The funds are designed to help increase access to education, one of the LBCC's Core Values.

## NEW PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

We are excited to re-launch our Professional Development opportunities this Fall, with a brand new open-to-the-public workshop series created by Corporate Trainer Terri Houde. This October will be the first of six sessions, Resilient Leaders and Teams, with more to choose from through May of 2020.

## NEW CAR FOR DRIVER EDUCATION!



Our fleet of Driver Education cars is now up to 11 cars. In March, we added a brand new vehicle that's already on the road. Beep Beep!

## AMERICA'S SBDC: CLIENTS IN THE NEWS

The SBDC serves over 200 businesses and business owners each year. This year, so far, they've had two clients in the news for their work in our communities. Shawna Turkins of Homegrown Oregon Foods was recognized by the Democrat-Herald and Chris Gustafson at Vintage Window Restoration was recognized for his work in the Gazette-Times!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



Stop by and say hello to us at these events this Summer:

- 7/20 da Vinci Days**  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Benton County Fairgrounds
- 8/15 Food, Fun, & Friends**  
3 - 6 p.m.  
Lebanon
- 8/24 Corvallis Farmers Market**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
1st & Jackson
- 9/15 Latino Festival**  
12 - 4 p.m.  
Monteith Park
- 9/17 Benton Center Greeters**  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
Corvallis
- 9/18 Albany Business Extravaganza**  
2 - 6:30 p.m.  
Linn County Expo
- 9/28 Albany Farmers Market**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
4th & Ellingworth



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