

*St. Mark's
Episcopal Church
Capitol Hill*

Arts



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Welcome to St. Mark's!

The arts have always been an important part of life at St. Mark's. Since the early 1990s, we have had a council dedicated to coordinating the many arts events which occur here.

We also invite suggestions and assistance with arts events. Please contact the coordinator of the project which interests you.

Here are the possibilities:

Visual Artists are the painters, sculptors and artists in other media, who, through their efforts, help us see the spiritual side of the world.

Practical Artists are our champion knitters and needleworkers of all types. This area also includes those who are fascinated with jewelry and who create unique and wonderful pieces.

Liturgical Artists are those who create pieces for our use in our services. Some make banners, some weave stoles, some create chalices and patens.

Photographers Group is dedicated to those interested in the pictorial arts. Activities range from documenting important events in the history of St. Mark's to full-scale exhibitions. Participants meet periodically to discuss photography and related topics.

"Write for Your Life" is a small group of dedicated St. Mark's writers who meet on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. Participants take turns presenting a 'launch,' which might be a quotation, a poem, a picture, or simply a good idea. Reflections about the launch are written and each person reads their essays aloud with the emphasis on positive reactions.

Yoga Studio has been a regular part of our parish for 30 years. Classes are available days, evenings, and weekends for those of all experience levels.

Consider lending your artistic talent to our Community Engagement Program, as we reach out to the local community to provide arts instruction free of charge.

The Performing Arts at St. Mark's

The St. Mark's Dance Studio, was created by the late Mary Craighill, a long-standing member of the parish. Along with her late husband, Bodie, they shared their love of dance with us and the community, forming a dance troupe which performed in the city and in Europe. Occasionally, Liturgical Dance is presented during Sunday services. Classes are available for children and adults.

The St. Mark's Players recently celebrated 25+ years as an extension of our parish. Originating as 'chancel drama,' interested parishioners quickly moved to more sophisticated productions. Over the years we've seen small and large productions, including plays and musicals for children and adults. In January 2009, The Players will present "Amadeus" and in May, the musical "Parade." www.stmarksplayers.org

The Music Studio provides an opportunity for those of all ages who are interested in learning piano, organ, violin, or voice.



Arts Coordinators

The coordinators listed are most willing to talk with you about opportunities to help or create. Please contact them for further information:

Coordinators for the 2008-2009 year are:

Visual Arts: David Evelyn
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St. Mark's Players: Jerry Dale
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For more information about The Arts Program,
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<http://www.stmarks.net/arts/index.html>

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