

Workshop Leaders

Kim Joris, in her words, wanted to be a writer. “I don’t remember playing with blocks and I colored within the lines. I went to the landfill as a child and sorted through the trash. I made a D in my only Art class. I went to college late. I am a daughter, a sister, a stepmother, a godmother and a grandmother, an aunt and a partner. I am not yet a writer. I am an artist.”

“A combination of mixed media, folk and outsider art and storytelling. I use what I have, what I find, and what others bring to me. My art is inspired by my former life as a police officer, my favorite children’s books, my studies at Guilford College, my belief in peace and justice and the We over Me.”

Kim teaches The Art of ReUse at the John C. Campbell Folk School and Little/Middle Folk School, works as a visiting artist in the local schools, provides private workshops and serves on the local historical and arts council board.

Clarissa Youngblood Fuentes is the Director of First Parish Project at Hinton Center and a Chaplain by vocation. She began scrapbooking while in seminary as a creative outlet and stress reliever and quickly became addicted to telling the stories of her family and friends through photos and journaling. She spent six years as a consultant with Creative Memories and in that time introduced dozens of clients to scrapbooking. She has used scrapbooking with mental health patients in an outpatient treatment program as well as other creative venues. She recorded her memories of her first year serving a congregation and has produced several compilation projects for special occasions.

Before she had a child she even scrapbooked the travel escapades of her green Honda Element! These days however, she focuses on preserving family memories for her toddler son. Even Adrian is proud of his very own albums and thumbs through them with a big smile on his face. Numerous albums from her small start in memory preservation, Clarissa’s enthusiasm for scrapbooking has not waned, rather it is a passion she pursues as often as possible.

To schedule a retreat, please call us at 828.389.8336 or toll-free 866.389.8336 or email us at info@hintoncenter.org.

Workshop fees must be pre-paid and include lodging and meals. Hand and Soul and Creation Care Retreats fees also include all materials. You must provide your materials for Faithbooking or sign up on-line to pre-purchase materials to have ready for your use.

Ask about family discounts!



Hinton Rural Life Center presents the **Spirituality & The Arts Series**

Enjoy a retreat in the mountains to renew your spirit and to tap into your creativity.



Available retreats include:

Hand and Soul Retreat
led by Kim Joris

Faith Book Scrapbooking Retreat
led by Clarissa Youngblood Fuentes

Creation Care Retreat
led by Kim Joris with other local artists

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Hand and Soul Workshop ~ *Personal path to spirituality through art: the connection of the hand that creates it and the soul that inspires it*

led by Kim Joris



Workshop will include:

- individual and/or collaborative art activities and finished pieces
- personal reflection and quiet time
- group reflection and sharing
- team activities
- nature time
- writing

What to bring:

Favorite quotes, Bible passages, Hymns and song lyrics, poems and prayers, book passages . . . something that represents your path to spirituality that can be permanently used in a piece of art that you will create.



Faithbooking Retreat ~
Scrapbooking your sacred journey

led by Clarissa Youngblood Fuentes

Scrapbookers from beginner to advanced will enjoy uninterrupted time to work on albums. Ideas for creating an album that details your spiritual journey or a particular story of faith will be shared. What better way to spend a cold weekend than preserving your memories?

What to bring:

Photos and all your scrapbooking supplies (album, adhesive, embellishments, pens, etc.) If you would like to purchase a kit, please see our website for pricing.



Creation Care Retreat ~
Focusing on Environmental Stewardship

led by Kim Joris and other local artists



Workshop will provide activities and opportunities to experience and appreciate the natural world to include:

- nature scavenger hunts
- bamboo teepee building
- natural material art activities
- nature path walk

Activities will emphasize reusable instead of disposable creative methods. Participants' creations will be presented at the end of the workshop as an environmental art showcase.

