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### Art Classes for the Spring from dot-art

Spring is just around the corner and we have a variety of art classes happening across Liverpool. As the evenings begin to get lighter, why not get creative (or treat someone to a unique gift) and sign up to a 10 week course or a 1 day workshop. New courses this season include **Beginners Woodcarving** and **Portrait Drawing**.

The second week of May sees our evening classes begin, starting at **Bluecoat** who once again will be hosting the popular 10 week evening courses in **Life Drawing**, **Beginners Painting (Acrylics)** and **Jewellery Making in Metal**, as well as a **Beginners Digital Photography** Day in April, perfect for those who want to get their cameras off the Auto setting! New for this season, in May we have a Sunday **Smartphone Photography** session, where photographer Mark to take photographs like a pro using just your smartphone camera.

**Hope Street Ltd** will be again be hosting Richard Meaghan's 10 week evening course in **Intermediate Painting (Oils)**, designed for those with some painting experience, or as a follow on to his **Beginners Painting** course, as well as a new **Portrait Drawing** course with artist Kathy Dereli. Starting from the basics, your tutor will provide exercises and tuition to help you improve your portrait drawing or help get you started.

Taking place in **Faith Bebbington's Studio**, we have a new **Wood Carving** for beginners course, led by Faith herself. This 10 week course includes an introduction to wood carving, a look at the range of carving tools, how to select and choose your wood, different ways to finish the surface and finally, the creation of your own wood carving inspired by natural forms.

Over in south Liverpool, we continue our series of **Sketching in the Palm House** events at **Sefton Park Palm House** in May and July, with Josie Jenkins. In addition we have a 10 Week **Drawing in the Palm House** evening course led by Eimear Kavanagh. Both the one day and 10 week courses will give you the opportunity to learn or recap basic techniques to help you draw from observation, try different materials and express what you see through drawing, in unique and inspiring surroundings. Also this season we have a **Beginners Photowalk** in June, led by Rachel Brewster, who will guide participants in a leisurely stroll around the Palm House and its surroundings, giving tips and tricks on how to get the best from your film, digital or even smartphone camera.



Full details, prices and booking information can be found here: [dot-art.co.uk/art-classes](http://dot-art.co.uk/art-classes). These courses often sell out, so don't delay!

Course	Dates / Times	Venue	Cost
Acrylic Painting (Beginners)	<b>Tuesdays from 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Life Drawing	<b>Tuesdays from 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Jewellery Making in Metal	<b>Tuesdays from 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£170 for 10 classes.
Beginners Digital Photography	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> 11am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£40
Smartphone Photography	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> 11am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£40
Oil Painting (Intermediate)	<b>Mondays from 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6.45 – 9pm	Hope Street Ltd	£160 for 10 classes
Portrait Drawing	<b>Tuesdays from 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6.45 – 9pm	Hope Street Ltd	£160 for 10 classes
Wood Carving	<b>Wednesdays from 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6.45 – 9pm	Faith Bebbington Studio	£160 for 10 classes
Drawing in the Palm House (10 weeks)	<b>Wednesdays from 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6-8pm	Sefton Park Palm House	£160 for 10 classes
Sketching in the Palm House	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> 10am - 1pm	Sefton Park Palm House	£25
Beginners Photowalk	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> 10am – 1pm	Sefton Park Palm House	£25

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High resolution images available on request.

**Notes to editors.**

dot-art supports visual artists and champions art as an integral part of everyday life.

We do this by selling locally sourced, affordable art, working with businesses to put art in the workplace and public realm, running art classes and working with schools and community groups.

All this is underpinned by our unique membership scheme for artists in the North West which gives access to all the activities above and a package of support and advice, creating and developing artists' careers.

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