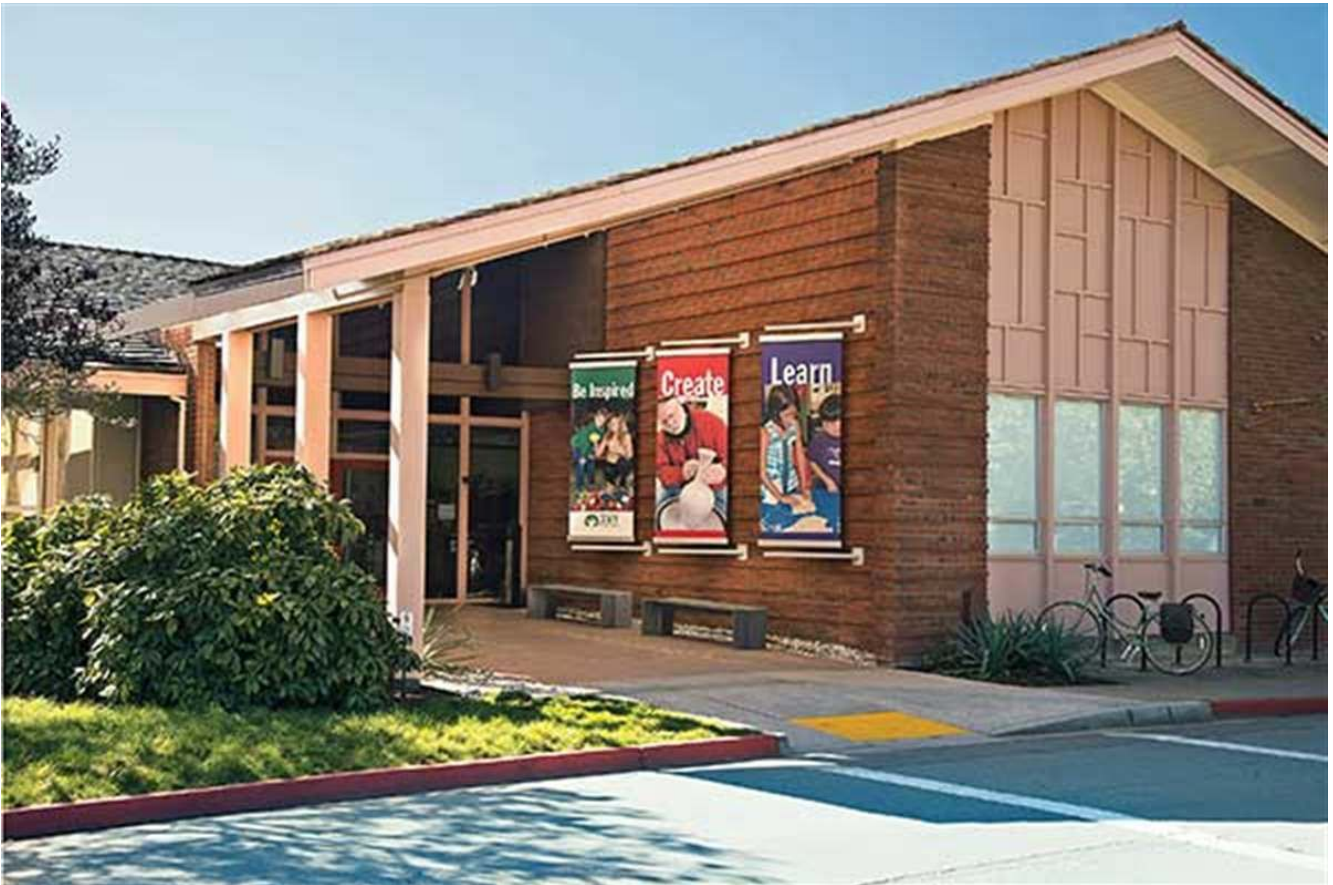


Palo Alto Art Center

What to Expect When You Attend a Class or Workshop

I am going to take an Adult Art Class at the Palo Alto Art Center in the Studios. There are three classrooms where adult classes take place: Studio A, Studio B and the Ceramics Studio.



I can also view [What To Expect When You Visit](#) for general information on visiting the Palo Alto Art Center.

Link:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/content/public/departments/community-services/arts-sciences/palo-alto-art-center/about-the-art-center/access/paac-social-narrative-2021-final.pdf>



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Entering the Art Center and the Studios.

There are several entrances to the Art Center. Depending on when I am going to the Art Center, some of these entrances may not be open.

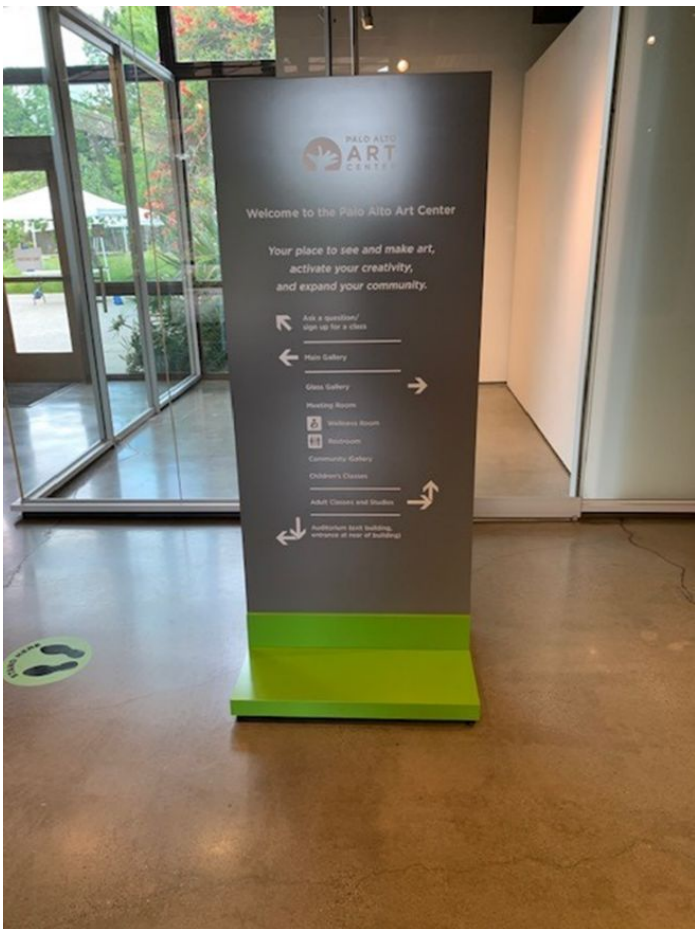
Entering the Art Center During Standard Business Hours (Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)



If I am taking a class Tuesday through Saturday that begins between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., I can use the Main Entrance. The Main Entrance is across from the Rinconada Library. This entrance leads into the lobby and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



As I approach the front doors of the Main Entrance, I can use the accessible bar to have the doors open. I will find that bar to the right of the doors.



There is a directional sign in the lobby that shows the various locations of activities in the building. If I am facing the sign and turn left, I can find the main gallery and the front desk. If I turn right, I can find more galleries and the restrooms, studios, and classes.



The front desk is to the left of the directional sign. I should find a person at the front desk. At any time, I can ask them for information about my class, the building, the location of the restrooms and any other information about the Art Center.



If I am in the lobby, I will go right to go to my class in the Studios. At the end of the glass wall, I will go left down a short hallway. I will then turn right. I will now see restrooms and a water fountain on the right. I can use these restrooms and the water fountain anytime during my class.

On the left there is a hallway that leads to the Studios where my class is. There is also a wall that may have an exhibition showing art made by artists at the Art Center.



Studio A is the first studio on my left. If my class is in Studio A I will enter here. There is a curtain that may be open or closed. If the curtain is closed and I am here for my class, I can pull back the curtain to enter.

If my class is in Studio B or the Ceramics Studio, I will continue down the hallway. When I am at the end of the hallway, I may go left into Studio B. Studio B is a space where I can take jewelry or floral design classes. If I turn right, I will enter the Ceramics Studio, where I can take ceramics classes.



Studio B



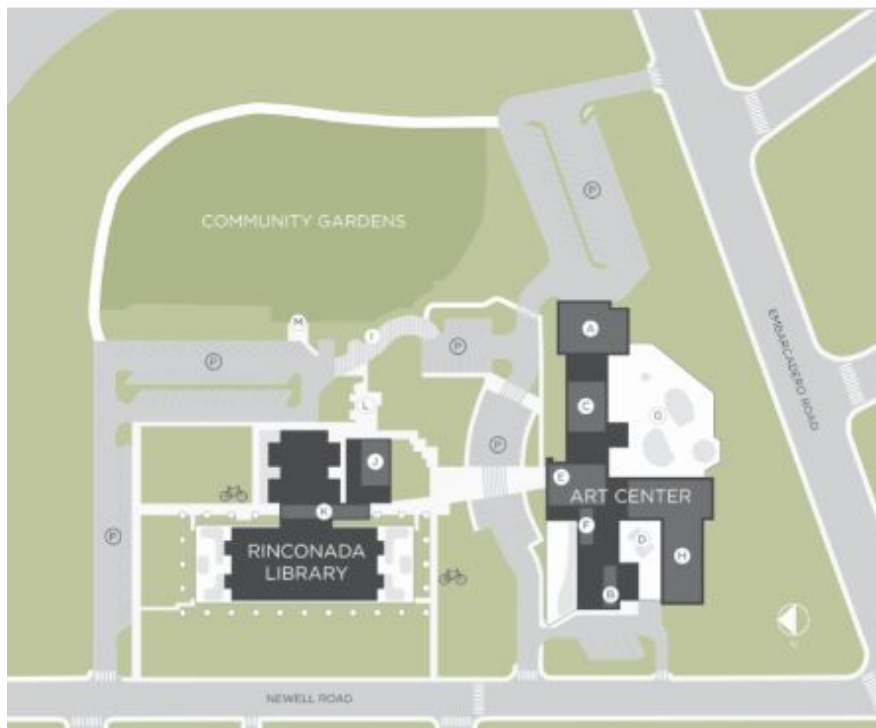
Ceramics Studio

Entering the Art Center on Sundays or in the Evenings

If I am attending at class at the Art Center on a Sunday or in the evenings, I have two options to enter the Art Center building. One is the Newell Street Entrance, and one is the Sculpture Garden Entrance.

Newell Road Entrance

If my class is at night or on Sunday and I need an entrance with an accessible bar that opens the doors for me, I will use the doors at the Newell Road Entrance. To find these doors I will enter the Art Center driveway from Newell Road.



On my way to the Art Center from Newell Road, I will take the first right into a small parking lot. There will be parking spots on the left and the building entrance on the right (marked B on the map above). There is one disabled parking spot and four 15-minute parking spots. If I have a permit to use the disabled parking spot, I am also permitted to use the 15-minute parking lot for as long as I am in the Art Center.

I will use the entrance to the building here:



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Past the gate there is an entrance to the facility, marked with two rust-colored doors and a glass window above that says “Entrance.”



To the right of the doors, I will find the accessible bar that will electronically open the doors open for me. There will also be a similar bar inside the Art Center on the left for when I am exiting the building.

When I enter the building, I will go down a long hallway. I will pass classrooms as I go down the hall.





On the right there is one classroom and then glass doors and windows. At the end of the glass windows, I will see two double doors open to the right. On the left I see restrooms and a water fountain. I can use these restrooms and the water fountain anytime during my class. The doors on the right lead to the Studios where I will find my class. Above the doors, there is text that reads "Studios."

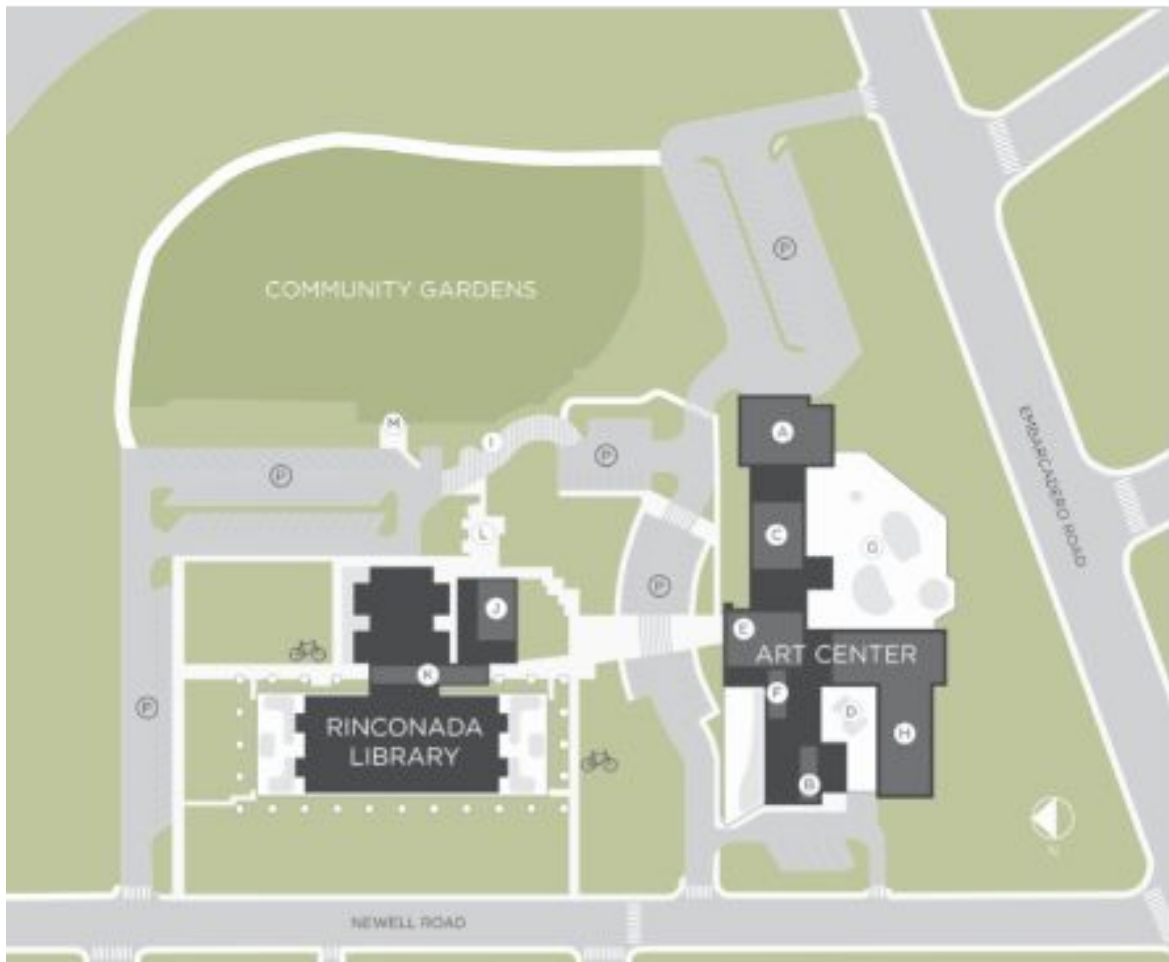
When I turn to go into the Studios there is a wall that may have an exhibition showing art made by artists at the Art Center and the entrance to Studio A.

Studio A is the first studio on my left. If my class is in Studio A I will enter here. There is a curtain that may be open or closed. If the curtain is closed and I am here for my class, I can pull back the curtain to enter.



Sculpture Garden Entrance

Another entrance I can use if my class is on an evening or Sunday is the Sculpture Garden entrance. This is also an option if parking is unavailable at the Newell Entrance lot.



To get to this entrance, I will follow the main driveway to the Art Center. There is a street sign there that says “Art Center Drive” past the Art Center building to a large parking lot (marked P in the map), adjacent to the auditorium (marked A on the map).

I can park in one of the accessible parking spaces and take the crosswalk across the parking lot

The crosswalk will direct me to a curb cut that leads to a sidewalk adjacent to the Art Center's auditorium.



This sidewalk pathway will then lead me into a Sculpture Garden.

When inside the Sculpture Garden I will continue to cross the garden until I reach two sets of rust-colored double doors. Both sets of doors lead into the Studios.





The doors on the left lead to Studio B, the Jewelry Studio and the Ceramics Studio. The doors on the right lead to Studio A where I can take painting, drawing and printmaking classes. Sunday workshops are also in Studio A.



If I am taking jewelry or a class or workshop located in Studio B I will turn left as soon as I enter through the double doors from the Sculpture Garden. Windows to the garden and tools for jewelry making will be on my left as I approach the Studio where my class is. I will not touch or use the equipment there until I am instructed to by my teacher.

Additional information about the Studios

When class begins the instructor may give me instructions or let me know where the demonstration will be. On the first day of class the instructor or a Studio Staff person will tell me about the studio, and I will buy clay and a tool kit if I need one. If I have any questions, I can always ask my instructor.



There are two restrooms in the Studios located in the Ceramics Studio. I can use these restrooms anytime I need to.

There is also an office next to the restrooms in the Ceramics Studio. I may find a Studios staff person there.



If I cannot find a staff person in the office, I can ask my instructor to help me and to introduce me to the staff person who works during my class. I can ask the Studios staff person for help or ask any questions I have about my class and the building. If I need to buy clay, ceramics tools, printmaking paper, or drop-in passes the Studios staff person will help me.

If I need a break I can go outside into the Historic Courtyard or the Sculpture Garden.

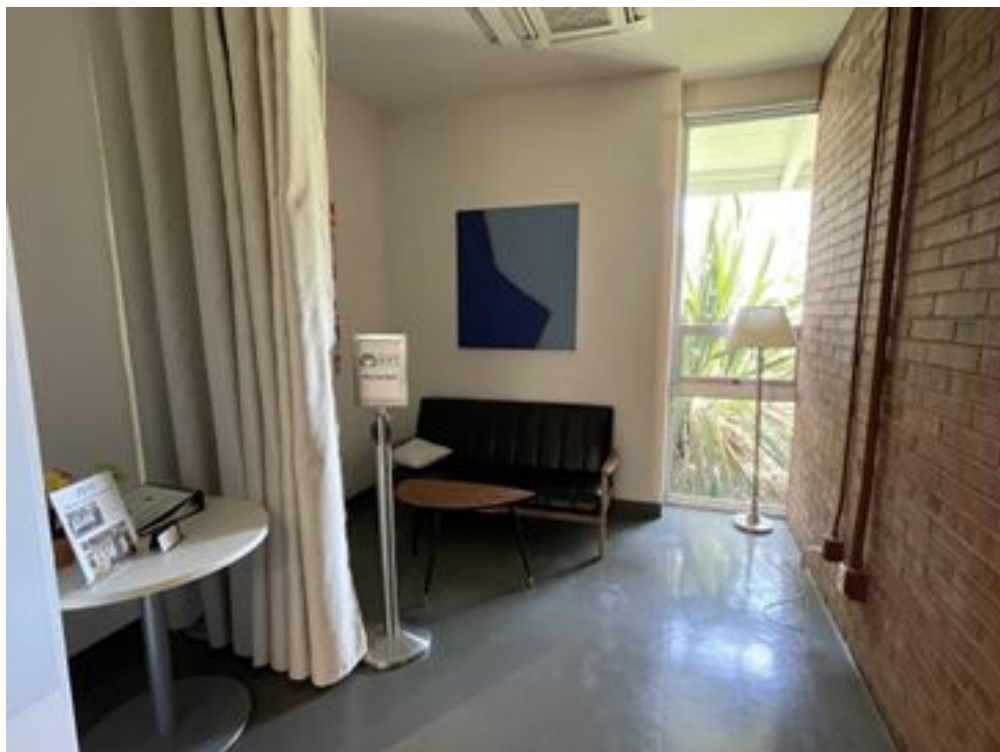


Historic Courtyard



Sculpture Garden

If I want to take a break inside, I can go to the Sensory Retreat/Nursing Nook around the corner from the Studios towards the Lobby.



Nursing Nook

Studio A

Studio A is where I can take drawing, painting and printmaking classes and workshops. Also, all Sunday workshops, like floral design and fiber arts, are in Studio A.



There is a large printing press and tables in the studio. There may be tables, chairs and easels set-up for my class.

If I am early and the instructor is not here, I can find a seat and wait in Studio A. When the instructor arrives, they will give me instructions on how to set up and what I will need for my class. They can help me get an easel if I need one, or set-up my table and chair.

Studio B



Studio B has six large wood tables with chairs. If I am early and the instructor is not here, I can find a seat and wait in Studio B.

When the instructor arrives, they may give me instructions on how to set up for my class.

Ceramics Studio



The Ceramics studio has six large tables. These tables are for Hand Building classes. If I am taking a Ceramics or Hand Building class, I can find a seat at any of these tables.

If I am taking Wheel Throwing or Pottery class, I will continue into the studio past the tables until I see the pottery wheels. I can find a seat at any available wheel.

We hope that you enjoy your class or workshop at the Art Center!