

GELLI PLATE PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

Gelli plate printing (or gel printing) is an accessible form of monoprinting that uses a soft, reusable gelatinous plate. Artists apply acrylic paint to the surface, create textures or patterns using everyday objects like stencils, bubble wrap, or leaves, and transfer the unique design onto paper or fabric.

Rural Opportunities for Arts (ROAR) and Kane County Active Living Centers are pleased to present a FREE event teaching Gelli plate printing geared toward older adults (55+). Learn the art of Gelli plate printing using a gelli plate, brayer, and acrylic paint, in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop. Participants will create their own botanical prints — no drawing or painting experience required. All supplies are provided, and participants will leave with finished prints to take home.

Creative Aging certified teaching artist, Lanell Dike, will be teaching the workshop. She teaches watercolor and printmaking classes throughout southern Utah. Lanell's approach emphasizes accessibility and confidence-building, making art-making enjoyable for beginners and experienced artists alike.

How It Works

The basic process is highly experimental and relies on layers:

1. **Roll:** Squeeze a small amount of acrylic paint or water-based ink onto the gelli plate and use a rubber roller (called a *brayer*) to spread it into a smooth, even layer.
2. **Texture:** Lay down stencils, stamps, string, or natural materials to create negative space or physical impressions.
3. **Lift & Layer:** Press paper onto the paint and peel it away. You can continually add new layers of color, block out certain areas with stencils, and pick up previous layers of paint to create complex, multi-colored backgrounds.

This event is funded by the Utah Aging Coalition as part of the Utah Creative Aging Coalition's Kaleidoscope festival (a celebration of creativity, connection, and lifelong learning for older adults across Utah) running August 22–September 19.

Date and Time:

Both classes are offered on **Tuesday, September 15**

10:00am – 11:30am class

1:00pm – 2:30pm class

Location:

Kanab Senior Center

Each class will be limited to about 10 students. **Participants need to RSVP** and will be selected on a first come basis. **You can attend only one class.** When you RSVP please indicate which class time you prefer.

Note: Your first choice may not be available.

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