

## Learning opportunities abound at ASK Festival

ASK Festival King invites you to change up your summer with new learning opportunities at the Festival workshops, July 10-26. This year's Festival workshop offerings have been re-vamped. ASK is hoping to capture not only people who love to use paint brushes but also those who would like to experiment with other artistic tools: pens, pottery wheels, wire clippers, reeds, sticks, and other natural materials.

For beginning visual artists there is an introduction to watercolours with Anni Bretschneider who creates wonderful florals and abstracts through the use of texture and movement. If participants are interested in using a variety of materials to create artistic pieces, then Karola Steinbrecher's workshop will be a great help for students who would like to try their hand at making abstract collages.

There are a couple of workshops that will provide students with usable items for their homes. Christine Paige will demonstrate how to make table centrepieces and decorative items out of pottery. Michelle Zikowitz will work with her students on the ancient and fashionable art of basket weaving. Participants will take home their creations for their kitchens and dining rooms.

Two workshops feature wire sculpting. In one of them, Amanda Britten will show participants how to add decorative stones and create bracelets and other pieces of jewellery. In the other a finished wire flower pot will hold flowers and can be placed on an outdoor table or patio. Julie Coleman from Kingcrafts will be the instructor.

Two unique workshops are more literary in nature. Wendy Rolph will help travellers capture their experiences in writing. A travel journal is something that can be given to family members or even shared in travel magazines. For people who still like to send greeting cards but are looking for the unusual, then Debbie Essex will provide a new look at how to send very personal greetings through the use of artistic materials.

This is the year for King residents and others to learn that there is room in their busy lives to discover their creative side. For more information go to the ASK website: [artssocietyking.ca](http://artssocietyking.ca) or call 905-939-9357.