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ART APPRECIATION SHORT COURSE OFFERED AT UM

MISSOULA—

A lively journey into the world of visual arts will be offered through a three-session course at The University of Montana in February.

The noncredit course – “Very Visual: Art Appreciation and Visual Literacy” – is open to the public and designed for adults. No prior background in the arts is required, and students do not need to be enrolled at UM to attend.

Local art historian Ted Hughes will teach the course, which is intended both for personal enrichment and to build on the talents and knowledge of current and potential docents at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture and the Missoula Art Museum.

Classes will meet from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12 and 19, in University Center Room 326. The course costs \$26, which includes registration and art supplies, for those who register by Thursday, Jan. 31, and \$35 after that date.

Hughes, who holds a bachelor’s degree in fine arts and a master’s in art history, will teach students the formal elements and principles of design along with the various means of making art. Students will view a wide variety of art from all eras and become conversant with its role in society.

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“The philosophies that underpin all art are what uplift the soul and inspire,” Hughes said, “and artists’ works rise above society’s conflicts, demonstrating to the world humanity’s real potential.”

The course is sponsored by MMAC, MAM and the Art Associates of Missoula.

To register or for more information, call MMAC at 406-243-2019 or e-mail
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