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## Rumriver Art Center hosts Halloween activities, classes next month

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Celebrate Halloween next month at the Rumriver Art Center in Anoka with a variety of spooky activities and classes.

“This Halloween season, the Rumriver Art Center is offering numerous free events, activities and classes that the whole family will love,” said Rumriver Art Center Director Susan Yee. “If you love Halloween and art, stop by the center next month and check out all that we’re offering. It’s a great way to support your local art center while having a fun time.”

## **Spooky activities**

Rumriver Art Center is now hosting a selfie contest where people can send in their best “zombie expression.” Submissions must be texted to Christopher Bowman at 612-554-4652 by Thursday, Oct. 3. Submissions must include the participant’s first and last name. Group selfies can be submitted, but must include an identifier of who is who in the photo.

All the collected zombie selfies will be artistically compiled into an exhibit to be displayed Oct. 12-21. There will be an opening celebration of the exhibit at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, that will feature a fire thrower and treats.

The center will celebrate the Halloween season at its annual open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. At the open house, participants can come in costume to create Halloween decorations and try treats including “witch’s brew.”

Kids ages 5-9 are being encouraged to participate in the annual Monster Coloring Contest, which will take place at the open house. Judging starts at 3 p.m. with awards being given for People’s Choice and Judge’s Choice/Best in Show.

Kids can color on one of the center’s premade pages or create their own. One of the “create your own” coloring contest entries will be chosen as next year’s premade coloring page.

## **Halloween themed classes**

The Rumriver Art Center will host a handful of Halloween themed classes next month.

The Anoka Halloween Paint on Canvas Class will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, and Tuesday Oct. 22, at the center. The event is open to adults 21 and older. Food and wine will be served.

The painting class is a special fundraising event for Anoka Halloween Inc. and supports Halloween activities in Anoka.

Participants will be taught a step-by-step method to create their own painting on a stretched canvas. Everyone will start and end at the same point with each canvas looking a little different.

The class is \$30. All materials will be provided

Rumriver Art Center's Clay Pumpkin Class is for the whole family. It will be 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the center.

Families can create a clay pumpkin out of coils and then cut a face into it and paint it. Once it is fired, a candle can be put inside the pumpkin for a permanent holiday decoration.

The family-friendly class is open to kids and adults ages 5 and older. The cost is \$25 per project.

From 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 26, families can come to the Rumriver Art Center's Clay Sugar Skull Class. The class is open to kids 5 and older, and the cost is \$25 per project.

The center is looking for volunteers, 13 and older, to help out at the center's Halloween Kids Art Fun Night. The event is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, and is \$5-10. Children age 5-15 are encouraged to come in costume and have fun with other kids making art.

### **Information**

The Rumriver Art Center is located at 2665 Fourth Ave., Anoka in suites 102, 103 and 108.

To learn more or sign up for the center's Halloween events, visit [rumriverart.com/Halloween-events](http://rumriverart.com/Halloween-events).

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