



## OnLine Virtual Classes

*Though we have closed our premises in compliance with the Regulations brought forward by our Government to safeguard against the spread of infection by the Corona Virus, we have been very busy working out alternative ways to continue our work at MTJA. A large effort to meet the current needs has been made by our team. We have purchased licenses, some specialized equipment and have devoted the last few weeks in learning technology and various ways of presenting and moving forward with classes.*

Though our program *offering* is quite modified we are very pleased to have continued to teach most of our regular art classes on line. As well, utilizing the same technology, an on going Mindful Living Course is in progress and our Tuesday evening Breath and Mindfulness Practice Sessions are continuing without issues.

The Virtual Classroom setting utilizing the Zoom platform is meeting the needs of both our teachers, Diane Finlayson and Jenn Snowden, as well as the needs of our students, on various levels.

- We continue to limit the number of participants, as we do with our regular class size registrations, enabling the students to engage directly both with each other and with the teacher. This has been so very beneficial during the past few weeks. The ability for our students, children and adults, to connect with one another, 'face to face' has been extremely rewarding.
- We have established a system for close up demos so that the students can see exactly what the teacher is demonstrating giving them the ability to comment and ask questions in the moment.
- Zoom allows us the flexibility to 'zoom' in on the teacher's work, to zoom in on particular students to either view work, answer particular questions and to assist with some suggestions, problem solving or to simply express appreciation and applaud 'work' and participation well done.

The Virtual Classroom is here for a while and we are making improvements each week. We hope you will consider joining us!