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Guesthouse-

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Mural Retreat: Experimenting with New Tools and Techniques

Dates: May 16-19 (Saturday-Monday)
Location: Chester, Nebraska Instructors:

• Cindy Chinn - Brush & Paint Techniques

Tony Once - Spray Can Techniques & Meta 3S Goggle Training

Jody Barrilleaux - Spray Gun Techniques

Workshop Overview

This immersive 3-day workshop is designed for experienced muralists eager to explore new paint mediums, experiment with Meta 3S Goggles (which you can take home) and tracing software, and learn innovative painting techniques. Participants will engage in hands-on practice under the guidance of professional muralists while connecting with fellow artists in a relaxed, pressure-free creative environment. Get ready to unleash your imagination and create an original work on Polytab to take home.

Make the most of your mural experience by joining us for a Meet & Greet on Friday evening to familiarize yourself with the area, or arrive early on Saturday to enjoy the Breakfast and Coffee Bars at the Guesthouse before classes start at the School Building, which begins promptly at 10 AM.

Students Will Learn

- Surface preparation and material handling
- Advanced brush and blending techniques
- Digital-to-physical mural workflow
- Meta 3S goggle setup and 3D visualization
- Spray can layering and gradients
- Spray gun applications for large-scale projects
- How to paint on Polytab and exterior installation.

Pricing & Registration- includes all materials & food. A shared room and Meta Goggles are optional.

- Tuition: starting at \$1,595 to \$1,995
- **Deposit:** \$500 (non-refundable; unless the space has been filled) \square Payment Plan available in 3 installments-Balance due before Retreat \square Class limited to **10 students** for a focused experience.





The School Building

The Guesthouse

You can't miss the guesthouse, it has a rock with your name on it and is located just a block behind the School Building, where the workshops will take place. It's an easy walk across the street, or you can use our available shuttle cart. Most likely, you will be staying at the guesthouse during your visit.

The guesthouse features four rooms, each equipped with two beds, and there are 2.5 bathrooms to share. All meals will be served in the dining area. Start your day with our breakfast bar in the mornings, enjoy lunch around noon, and look forward to delicious dinners in the evenings. We'll have plenty of snacks available too, and our coffee bar is always open for you to grab a cup whenever you like.

During your free time, feel free to enjoy the company of your fellow artists either in the dining area or around the fire pit in the backyard. This is a wonderful spot to relax with a cigarette or a glass of wine while sharing stories about challenging clients!

If you forgot something essential, don't worry—we have plenty of hair dryers and extra toothbrushes available. We even have irons if you'd like to freshen up your clothes! If you need anything or have questions, 'Just Ask Dayci', she's our house manager, and she will be happy to assist you.

Lodging & Amenities

- Guest House: 4 shared rooms / 8 beds (2 people per room, 2.5 baths)
- Additional rooms available at the school building
- Local motels are available 15 miles from Chester, NE.
- In-town RV parking available
- All meals and snacks included (Breakfast Bar, Sandwich Bar, Prepared Dinners)

 24/7
 Coffee & Studio Access during your stay.

Optional:

- Airport pickup available (additional fee)
- "No Room" discount: -\$150
- "No Meta Goggle" discount: -\$250

Workshop Schedule

Thursday Evening: Welcome & Orientation

- 7:00 PM Arrival & Check-in
- 7:30 PM Wine & Cheese Meet & Greet
- 8:00 PM Overview of Workshop Goals, Introductions, and Studio Tours

Friday: Foundation & Digital Tools

- 7:00 AM Breakfast Bar
- 9:30 AM Working with Substrates (Cindy)
- 10:30 AM Hands-on Brush & Paint Mediums and Technique (Cindy)
- 12:00 PM Lunch (Sandwich Bar)
- 1:00 PM Spray Can Techniques (Tony)
- 1:00 PM Design Software Setup and Meta 3S Goggle Training (Tony)
- 3:00 PM Translating Digital Concepts to Physical Surfaces
- 6:00 PM BBQ Group Dinner
- 7:30 PM Open Studio / Informal Artist Discussion

Saturday: Technique Immersion

- 8:00 AM Breakfast Bar
- 9:30 AM Spray Off (Tony and Jody)
- 10:30 AM- Spray Gun Techniques (Jody)
- 12:00 PM Lunch (Sandwich Bar)
- 1:00 PM Spray Gun Techniques (Jody)
- 6:00 PM Group Dinner
- 7:30 PM Open Studio / Informal Artist Discussion

Sunday: Project Completion & Review

- 7:00 AM Breakfast Bar
- 9:30 AM Final Project Work / Open Studio
- 12:00 PM Lunch (Sandwich Bar)
- 1:00 PM Final Project Work / Open Studio
- 4:00 PM Installing a Polytab mural (Cindy)
- 5:00 PM Workshop Wrap-Up & Feedback Session
- 6:00 PM Group Dinner
- 7:30 PM Open Studio / Informal Artist Discussion

Monday: Safe travels! Don't forget your Swag Bag!!!

• 7:00 AM - Breakfast Bar

Meet Our Mural Retreat Staff-



Jody Barrilleaux - Instructor

As a mural artist and educator, Jody Barrilleaux is passionate about sharing the tools and mindset needed to bring large-scale artwork to life. His workshops center on design fundamentals, practical execution, and building confidence.



Tony Once-Instructor

Tony Once creates bold, spray-can murals that transform walls through color, motion, and strong design. With deep experience in aerosol techniques, he enjoys teaching artists how to control the can, build depth, and develop an effective mural process.



Cindy Chinn-Organizer and Instructor

Founder of the CoC, Cindy Chinn is a multidisciplinary artist known for large-scale murals that blend strong design, storytelling, and a hands-on creative process. With experience across painting, metal, and mixed media, she brings a practical, approachable teaching style that helps artists confidently scale ideas from concept to wall.



Art Whitton-Organizer and Photographer

Art Whitton is the organizer behind the scenes, handling planning, logistics, promotion, and coordination to keep events running smoothly. With a background in marketing and creative production, he focuses on building clear systems that support artists and deliver a great experience for participants.



Dayci Luttrell-Guesthouse Manager and Assistant

Dayci is a Nebraska-based muralist and painter with a background in business, working at the intersection of art, branding, and community spaces. Her work centers murals that help businesses establish identity, attract visitors, and create environments people want to engage with.

She is also your 'Go-2-Girl' if you need anything, 'Ask Dayci'