My name is Deb and I am excited to be returning as the educator of visual arts at Ann Arbor Open! In my personal artwork, I am drawn to contrast/juxtaposition of elements and often work with colored pencils and paint on wood. I explore numerous potential relationships between various textures, materials, and ideas, because sometimes art is about finding something new. Other times, art is about learning how to achieve specific results with a given material. Students in classes will exercise their creative problem solving abilities and gain confidence to handle any creative challenge, at any time.

Many lessons and themes this year will be inspired by the passions and knowledge of the students themselves. I would like to host more guest artists; if you or someone you know has a specialty, I’d love to see what we could work out together. Also, I am inexperienced in planning field trips and welcome assistance.

You are welcome to stop by or come in at any time. I might even ask you to make a project, too! Seeing an adult do their best and not give up is very inspirational to young eyes. We practice saying “That’s not so bad!” when we do our best, even if it turns out different than intended. Please discuss this concept and these classroom guidelines with your child(ren) so they come to art ready for learning:

Always do your best so your best gets better
Respect art supplies, each other, and quiet working time
Trust in yourself and your ability to learn!

Donations welcome!
Now collecting: Newspaper, yarn, fabric, and someone interested building a few of these:

See you soon!

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