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## Mixed Media Master Class with artist Avril Ward

(Wednesday, 11 September 2019 GEORGETOWN) Art Nest Creative Studio is continuing its series of Master Classes with a Mixed Media workshop with veteran local artist Avril Ward on 26 September from 7:00pm to 9:30pm.

Avril is a renowned artist locally and internationally and who has resided in the Cayman Islands for over 19 years. She brings over 25 years of professional fine artist experience to her classes. In early 2017, Avril was honoured to receive a Gold Star Award from the Cayman National Cultural Foundation, for a life time achievement of excellence in art. Versed in many mediums like acrylic, oil paint, charcoal, clay and concrete, she has exhibited and sells her artwork worldwide, with clients of movie stars and a US President.

At Ward's first Master class on 26 September, participants will learn how to use different mediums and materials to make one cohesive art piece. Students will be provided with a mix of materials including paper collage, acrylic glazes and pens. Class participants are also encouraged to bring any items or materials they wish to include in their piece.

This class will encourage individuality and is not a step by step class and gives participants freedom to choose their subject matter and materials. Avril will provide a demonstration and theory on what makes a good mixed media piece and will be on hand to answer questions and guide participants.

"I am excited to be back in the classroom again after an extended time away from teaching" Ms Ward said "Especially with a mixed media class which allows students to explore their own creative perspectives and create a uniquely individual piece."

The investment of \$75 per person includes a two-and-a-half-hour session with expert instructions, refreshments from Saucha Conscious Cafe, art materials, aprons and supplies. You can also upgrade to a nicer, larger canvas for an additional \$15 - \$25 (depending on size).

A percentage of proceeds will go towards seed funding for Art Nest's charitable programme, "Art Changes Lives", which provides highly discounted or free art programmes for seniors and underprivileged children.

"We are proud to continue our Master Class series showcasing a different technique facilitated by Avril who is an esteemed member of our very own Creative Collective, who has her Awardart Gallery within our studio" said Art Nest founder Christina Pineda

Future Master Classes will include oil painting and glass fusion amongst others

by other well-known artists residing in the Cayman Islands.

Situated on MacLendon Drive (behind Yello), Art Nest also offers 6,000 sq feet of artists' work spaces, teaching and co-working space, event and meeting space. In addition to providing a place for its members to work, offers retail space for artists to sell their artwork and artisan products.

To find out more about Art Nest Creative Studio service offerings, events and programmes please visit <u>www.artnestcayman.com</u>

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(1) (right to left) Avril Ward

(2) Mixed Media Art Piece by Avril Ward