

***Drawing for a Cause***  
***Learn Architectural Rendering and Support EarthShare of Georgia***

ATLANTA -- ***Drawing for a Cause*** is a new architectural rendering class series, designed to give young professionals a competitive edge while inspiring amateurs who want to hone their talents.

The class, held six nights in April, is an ideal way to celebrate Earth Day on April 22 and honor the April 26 birthday of the father of landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmstead.

Three internationally-recognized design firms have partnered together to bring this fundraiser to Atlanta: JP Design Studio, an experienced landscape architecture firm, Cooper Carry, an international planning and architecture firm, and Perkins + Will, an international multi-disciplinary firm.

Joan Piccalo, principal and founder of JP Design Studio LLC, will share her almost 20 years of experience in the field with personalized lessons. Participants will learn to create professional-grade renderings of landscapes and structures, using pen, pencil and marker.

“So many people are insecure about their drawing skills,” says Piccalo. “With this kind of individualized attention, I can boost their confidence and increase their skill.”

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 9-25 in downtown and midtown. All proceeds from the class fee go to local non-profits like **EarthShare of Georgia**, which raises funds for more than 60 groups dedicated to affordable housing and protections for wildlife and natural resources.

Piccalo is a LEED accredited professional and a registered landscape architect. Her many high-profile projects include over 30 resorts in the Caribbean and China, and multi-million-dollar estates in the celebrity-studded enclave of Lyford Cay, Bahamas.

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April 9-25, 6:30p–8:00p  
Downtown /Midtown Atlanta  
\$12 per class or \$30 for three  
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