LYDIA BRATTON

Lydia Bratton has a BA from Marymount University and an Associate Science Degree from Northern Virginia Community College. At both schools she studied Fine Arts, Arts Education, and Graphic Design. She is a mixed media artist and has taught art classes of all student levels at various schools throughout Northern Virginia. Prior to her career as an educator, Lydia was a large form window display designer/builder in New York City, Washington D.C. and other East Coast retail establishments where her interest in architecture, lighting and art were put to great creative use.

Lydia has taught continuously at the ARTfactory for over fifteen years. She has a wide range of interests involving traditional and digital media. Ms. Bratton was instrumental in the development of the original Computer Lab at the ARTfactory, and enjoys sharing her passion for photography, digital media and technology with students of all ages. STEAM Education is a natural focus for Lydia as she challenges children to use critical thinking skills, problem solving and collaboration in their creativity. Her lessons often connect science, math, language, and art history with self-expression. Her work was recognized in 2018 when she received the Kathleen Seefeldt Award for Outstanding Art Educator.

In addition to teaching art, Lydia leads GED/HSE classes for adults during the school year for PWC Schools.