

YOUNG ARTISTS WORKSPACE

FALL 2000 NEWSLETTER



Summer is coming to a close, and soon YAWS will open its doors to welcome all of the talented young artists who come to indulge their creative appetites. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 10th, 2000. Because of last year's success, our primary goal for this new season will be to meet the community demand and offer more classes. To accomplish this, YAWS will be expanding its staff to include additional art teachers, assistants, and clerical support. We are very fortunate to have secured the talents of Martha Montufar of Oakland's Museum of Children's Art. Martha will be teaching the Wednesday *Art for 3's and 4's*, *Fine Art for Kids* as well as coordinating YAWS volunteer programs. Tuesday *Art for Tots* classes will lead by former pre-school teacher Shelagh Becerra who will also be helping with our bookkeeping. In addition, we are looking forward to the return of Ping Lo and Kimiko Dressman, both of whom will be teaching and assisting classes for YAWS' youngest artists.

Many of you have inquired as to how you can enroll your children into fall classes. On Friday, August 25th and Saturday, September 2nd, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, YAWS will be open for class registration. You can register your child by bringing your registration form and a check to one of these sign-up sessions. Your child will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis. If you cannot come during the sign-up sessions, call 204-YAWS.

As you look over the new schedule and registration materials, you will notice some changes. We have added a class for pre-school age children called *Art for Threes and Fours*. This class is best suited for the young child who is ready to try

projects which require more focus. *Fine Art for Kids* classes are now offered four times a week. There is also a change in class fees. Last year, YAWS was generously awarded several grants through civic, private, and corporate foundations. This year, unfortunately, we did not receive the same level of funding despite our having demonstrated the need and desire for YAWS programs. It seems that because the Bay Area is home to many worthy non-profit organizations, competition for a limited amount of grant money is fierce. As a result, YAWS must now support itself by increasing its class fees; however, YAWS remains committed to providing free and low-cost children's art classes, and class costs will still be reasonable at a rate of roughly \$6.50 per session. Any child whose family cannot afford the class fee is eligible for a scholarship. *Art for Tots* classes will continue as free, drop-in classes.

We look forward to seeing you and your children very soon. Until then, enjoy the rest of summer!

FALL SCHEDULE

ART FOR TOTS

Ages: 1 to 4 years

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:15am to 12:00 pm

Cost: free; a \$2 donation is suggested to help cover the cost of supplies. No pre-registration is necessary.

ART FOR THREES AND FOURS

Ages: 3 to 5 years

Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:00 to 2:45pm.

Cost: \$25 for a 6 session class. Parent or caretaker participation is suggested.

FINE ART FOR KIDS

Ages: 5 to 8 years

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:45 to 4:45pm and Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30am.

Cost: \$40 for a 6 session class. All materials provided.

YOUNG ARTISTS STUDIO

Ages: 9 to 14 years

Monday 3:45 to 5:45pm and Sunday 11:00am to 1:00pm

Cost: \$50 for an 8 session class. All materials provided.

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YAWS CLASSES

FALL EVENTS

Art for Tots (ages 1-4)

These drop-in classes provide young children with the opportunity to explore simple art materials and techniques in an atmosphere that emphasizes the tactile appeal of making art. Adult participation is required; wearing clothes that can get messy is encouraged.

Art for Threes and Fours (ages 3-5)

These classes are designed to serve the pre-school child who is ready for more instruction and desires the chance to attempt more elaborate projects. Students will be introduced to simple fine art ideas involving the use of line, color, texture, and shape. Adult participation is suggested.

Fine Art for Kids (ages 5-8)

Students become familiar with the fine art techniques used in a variety of visual art forms. High quality materials are provided to students so that they may learn the value of using superior tools and supplies. Students are encouraged to explain the ideas behind their artwork and to articulate their creative processes. All students are invited to show their completed art pieces in YAWS exhibitions.

Young Artists Studio (ages 9-14)

Students are exposed to a wide range of artistic styles, forms, and materials. These classes allow students more freedom to choose how they would like to employ different techniques. Students will be encouraged to explore their own particular artistic interests and individual styles. Artists will develop their ideas into a series of related pieces and show their work in YAWS exhibitions.

ADULT WORKSHOP

MOSAIC

with Jennifer Burke

Saturday, October 14, 2000 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$30 - Class size is limited to 12

Mosaic or *shard art* can be used to create a wide variety of objects from tables to fountains to backsplashes. You will be provided with all the materials you will need to make an artful stepping stone for your garden as you learn this simple, versatile technique. This workshop is for adults only. To enroll, send a check for \$35 to : YAWS, 1700 McGee Street, Berkeley, CA 94703, or call 204-YAWS.

FAMILY ART DAY

QUILT ART

with CherryMae Golston

Saturday, October 21, 2000 - 11:00am-1:00pm

Ages: 5 and over - Class size limited to 16

Cost: \$5 per person

Local artist CherryMae Golston will show her amazing work and the special techniques behind the art of quilting. To reserve a space, talk to Jennifer Burke or call 204-YAWS.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

YAWS board and staff have determined that creating a strong network of volunteers should be one of the primary goals for our second year. To help us do this effectively, we encourage you to provide us with some information which will allow us to structure our volunteer program in a way that is both convenient and gratifying to its participants. This can be done by filling out the attached questionnaire and bringing it in or mailing it to : YAWS, 1700 McGee Street, Berkeley, CA 94703.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and zip code: _____

Telephone number (optional): _____

I would be available for the following volunteer jobs:

- fundraising building maintenance mailings
- outreach help with exhibitions publicity
- I prefer to make a financial contribution.
- I would like information about the YAWS intern program.