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What a wonderful way to welcome the warmest

season: with some sunny, summery art ideas! Karen Skophammer certainly agrees, as she shares her project, "Here Comes the Sun ... and I Say, 'It's an Assemblage'" (page 18). "There's nothing like the upcoming summer to bring on a good art and science lesson that's bounding with creativity," writes Karen. Upper-elementary and middle-school students worked on a large scale, developed themes, and had "fun creating their own one-of-a-kind suns" out of found objects and various art materials.

"It's time to shed the sweaters, coats and gloves, and create a bit of fun," proclaims Temple Skelton Moore, who suggests we "Welcome Summer with Some Festive Shirts" (page 20). In this colorful lesson, elementary students design paper "shirts," as they investigate the connection between patterns and rhythm, and create variety by using different-sized designs.

In a creative high-school project perfect for this time

of year, "Photographic Expression, Hear Your Photographs" (page 44), Karen Skophammer sends her students out on a photographic art journey, helping them along with a "starter list" of sounds to capture on film. Writes Karen, "Photographing sounds is one of the most creative and thought-provoking assignments I've ever given! It not only brought forth outstanding work, but it created a meaningful dialogue amongst us all."

One of the learning objectives of Barbara Egenes' "Art Lessons for Preschoolers, Inspired by Nevelson" (page 32)—to create a work of art from found objects in the style of the famous sculptor—was successfully realized by her young charges. And, by expanding their creative thinking, another objective was learned by the children: that objects have other uses, and works of art can be made from cast-off and recycled objects. An outstanding activity for the warm days of summer, and a wonderful tribute to an esteemed American woman artist, Louise Nevelson (1899-1988).

Glenda Lubiner has assembled many of the excellent

end-of-year suggestions she receives from readers in "Tried & True Tips For Art Teachers: Only A Few Weeks Left ... " (page 50). Included in the column are an end-of-the-year art show, how to use up all that leftover scrap paper, and an outiside, no-mess activity.

> We know you and your students will enjoy and benefit from the sunny, summery art ideas contained in this

> > issue. The weather is perfect for being creative and making some art! Enjoy the months ahead

> > > Maryellen

and we'll see you in September.

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NATURAL: Simple Land Art Through the Seasons (2009; \$24.95), by Marc Pouyet. Frances Lincoln Publishers.

As an art teacher, I always enjoyed encouraging my students to look at the details of natural forms: rock formations, branches of trees as they move in a gentle breeze, the rich color in flower forms, unexpected and interesting patterns in cloud formations, etc. No wonder artists like Robert Smithson (see *The Spiral Jetty*, this month's Clip & Save Art Print, page 26)) and Andy Goldsworthy created forms that were elements of nature.

So too. French artist and educator Marc Pouyet was inspired to create a book in which he photographed natural and found objects. His art forms made use of snow, ice, leaves, berries, sticks, branches, mud and pebbles. As he put it: "There were so many possible materials and I had so many ideas, so I set about working in accordance with the seasons, the weather and whatever natural elements I found."

The result is a wonderful book that can be used at all levels, in relation to drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, jewelry making, science, photography and creative writing.-J.J.H.

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Drawing a Mission is not only a basic architecture drawing lesson, but also a brief introduction to the world of the California missions. The product contains mission history, drawing instruction geared perfectly to the fourth-grade level, where the missions are part of the California state framework, and a short bonus section. The materials needed for this drawing project are basic—paper, pencil and eraser-which lends the work to most every classroom.

The lesson is designed for students to follow along with, and includes pause moments to allow students to catch up.

Useful concepts, such as measuring with a pencil, perspective and crosshatching lines, are included, and add depth to the lesson.

The mission history section expands the usefulness of the DVD, so it can be used by a classroom teacher in need of an art lesson, or by an art teacher in need of the background information. Throughout the film, vocabulary words are highlighted and defined. The bonus section provides ideas for extending the project, including putting the mission in a context, adding color, using symbols in art and sharing examples of finished student drawings.

The contrast in the drawing used as the model is not as striking as it might be, and raises the question of using a basic drawing as the model for learning to draw. One might consider using a three-dimensional model of a mission, or a good photograph of the same view, as the reference point.-P.H.

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(2010; \$24.95), by Paul Martineau. Getty Publications.

The still life as the subject for art has a long tradition. During the 17th century, artists created compositions of beauty and complexity, bringing together a variety of objects. It was at this time the French Academy included still life in the hierarchy of recognized genres.

Most dictionaries define still life as a picture or composition consisting predominantly of inanimate forms, such as fruit, flowers, other still forms and vessels. The first known still-life photograph was created around 1827, before word of photography's invention was announced.

This is a book written by Paul Martineau, assistant curator in the Department of Photography at the J. Paul Getty Museum. It would be a useful resource for all grade levels. His introductory essay surveying the history of still life in photography would make excellent reading for secondary-school students.

The real strength in this book is the excellent photographic plates. Beautiful examples of photographs by Irving Penn, André Kertész, Walker Evans, Edward Weston, Imogen Cunningham, Man Ray, Eugene Atget and Paul Strand are included, along with many others.

Teachers seeking to initiate art activities need look no further than objects in our environment. Drawings, paintings, prints and collages can be developed using the photographs as a starting point. Writing activities can be initiated, telling stories of ordinary objects in our lives. Of course, students can bring in their own cameras and photograph still-life arrangements!—J.J.H.

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RENOIR'S COLORS (2010; \$16.95), by Marie Sellier. Getty Publications.

This is a book appropriate for preschool or first-grade children. The quality of the eight reproductions of Renoir paintings is excellent. All of the pages in the book are heavy cardboard, and are able to withstand direct usage by children. Attention is focused on a particular color (pink, red, blue, etc.) by the use of a flap that can be lifted to reveal the detail of a work. Students can realize that each color exists in a variety of shades. Eight Renoir paintings are included: Claude Renoir Playing; Strawberries; Le Moulin de la Galette; The Clown; Gabrielle and Jean; The Swing; La Promenade; and The Portrait of Julie Manet. A brief poem accompanies each image.

Calling attention to "a color" can help children understand there is a virtual infinity of colors. "Red" is a generalization that covers many varieties of red. In their works, artists help us see and realize the pleasures in experiencing the range of colors in our surroundings. This book can serve as a beginning experience in coming to that realization.—J.J.H.

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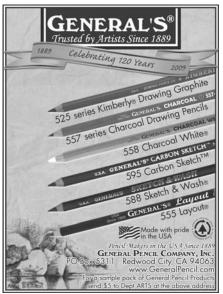
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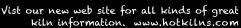
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... when the Imagination soars! by Barbara Herberholz

hat shall I draw? I don't know what to draw!" Have you heard this soulful cry from your elementary art students?

There's good news: Children can be motivated to transform their thoughts, feelings and perceptions into visual expressions for drawing and painting.

A variety of means are available to help them produce diverse and creative artworks. Here are a few challenging ideas to get your class whizzing along.

CHANGING THE FORMAT By changing the size or shape of the paper, the child's thinking is redirected from

holding hands in a circle game, riding a Ferris wheel, birds in a birdbath, looking into a fishbowl, an electric train, or ice skating on the pond.

FANTASY Encourage children to be curious and imagine, going beyond the daily ritual of reality. They are free to be fanciful, absurd, silly and witty. Think of pretend and makebelieve situations.

Examples: the goofy animal I would like to have in my yard; magic flowers; inside of a clock or television set; an elephant who swallowed a bouquet of flowers; quilted turtles; a girl wearing a hat full of birds; a dizzy world; trees that chase squirrels; the the picture and make a story about it.

Examples: I made a snowman; I ran into a tree on my new bike: Dad and I saw a zebra at the zoo; my brother and I sat in a boat and caught a fish; I learned to swim and jumped off the diving board; or I blew out the candles on my birthday cake.

FANCIFUL CHARACTERS AND MAKE-BELIEVE ANIMALS Make a list of words and phrases that do the following:

- **1.** Describe a character: long-haired, tall, thin, mean, ugly, huge, striped, short, fat or polka-dotted;
- 2. List characters: dancer, mermaid, king/queen, knight, astronaut, ball player or robot;
- 3. Describe action: catching a fish, riding a horse, jumping rope, waving a flag, juggling five apples or holding an umbrella:
- **4.** Indicate where action takes place: beneath a flock of birds, near a river full of fish, under a rainbow, in a swing, under a bridge or on a boat.

Or, make a list of the heads of various creatures, such as a lion, moose, elephant, alligator or cockatoo.

Then, make a list of different bodies, perhaps a turtle, zebra, leopard, camel, armadillo or porcupine. And then a list of tails, such as a fish, fox, pig, beaver, turkey or raccoon; and lastly, the legs of a llama, frog, hippo, duck, horse or stork.

Students choose one from each of the four categories and make a composite drawing or painting.

Encourage your students to be curious and to imagine ... going beyond the daily ritual of reality.

the usual 12" x 18" or 9" x 12" paper. Cut these pieces in half vertically to create a 6" x 18" or a 4.5" x 12" drawing surface, thus creating a long and narrow, or tall and narrow, format.

Ideas for the long and narrow paper: a family of tightrope walkers, a parade of elephants, cars in a long tunnel, a game of tug-of-war, dressed-up alligators, a crazy caterpillar, a street with a row of houses, or a whole train from engine to caboose.

Ideas for the tall and narrow paper: bears climbing a ladder, a tree house, a tall building, a giraffe eating leaves on a tree, the interior of a rocket ship, a weird alien from outer space, or what I look like inside.

A round piece of paper offers possibilities for encouraging flexible and fluent thinking. Examples: a carpet of flowers, being on a merry-go-round,

tooth fairy; a snicklegoose; or riding on the back of a hummingbird.

IF I WERE ... Students are encouraged to identify with people and things, thus helping them project their thoughts, feelings and perceptions into another person or object.

Social awareness is sparked. Examples: If I were ... a balloon man; a grasshopper; a lizard or butterfly; a scarecrow; a robot; a scuba- or skydiver; a helicopter pilot; the president of the U.S.; a peacock; an alien from outer space, or a singer at the microphone on a television show.

CATALOG CLIPPINGS Cut out faces, boots, wheels and more from catalogs. Have each child choose one or two, paste them onto paper, and use colored markers or crayons to complete Barbara Herberholz is an art-education consultant in Sacramento, Calif., and an Arts & Activities Contributing Editor. She and her late husband, Donald Herberholz, Ed.D., wrote the book, "Artworks for Elementary Teachers," now in its Ninth Edition (McGraw-Hill: 2002).

by Jerome J. Hausman

In general, history is made up of accounts and analyses that help us understand who we are and how we have come to where we are. Oftentimes, we speak of "the history of art educators," but there's no simple narrative that tells the full story. These are histories. When you come down to it, our history is made up of accounts of people and institutions—their actions and ideas. As the years go by, I frequently pause to think about individuals who've influenced me. These thoughts and memories serve as the basis for this series, "Art Teachers I Have Known."—J.J.H.

t was in the early 1950s when I joined the faculty of Ohio State University. My closest professional associate was Manuel Barkan, who previously had worked at the Toledo Museum of Art. Hence, it was no accident Manny and I visited that museum frequently. On one such visit, we met Kathryn Bloom, who headed the museum's education program.

What developed was an instant friendship. Kathy enjoyed pushing the limits of what could be known about works of art. She was drawn to a larger perspective: how engaging with art could be generalized to understanding our encounters with everyday experience.

No wonder! She had been a student at the University of Minnesota when the Owatonna Art Project was initiated in the 1930s. Funded by a Carnegie Foundation grant, a group of art educators

that the Office of Education had given scant attention to the arts. Francis Keppel, then commissioner of education, appointed Kathy as director of the Arts and Humanities branch.

With Keppel in a position to deal directly with President Kennedy, and Kathy in a position to deal with Keppel (and his successor, Harold Howe), her influence and that of the branch was great. With the passage of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act, it became greater still, for Title IV of the act provided about \$11 million for research in art education over the next five years.

From the outset, Kathryn Bloom set out to develop comprehensive plans for instruction in each of the arts disciplines. Major seminars were organized in music, dance, drama and the visual arts. One such seminar was the 1965

in education with the very practical needs of implementation. She was an art teacher who moved easily in the world of government and foundations.

Perhaps it was her early experiences in Owatonna or the Toledo Museum of Art; perhaps it was her work in differing levels of operation, namely classroom teaching, meeting with community leaders or working at the highest levels of government. Kathy Bloom always had that ability to grasp and articulate strategies for getting things done.

But alas, life has a way of imposing



Kathryn Bloom was Director of the JDR 3rd Fund Arts in Education Program, 1968-78. Courtesy of the Rockefeller Archive Center.

unanticipated and unwanted events upon us. John D. Rockefeller III was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Soon after, in 1978, the JDR 3rd Fund Arts in Education Program was terminated. Kathryn Bloom retired and moved to a small and remote rural community in northern Michigan, where she died.

Photograph by C. Grayson, 1972.

Kathryn Bloom

from the University of Minnesota took up residence in rural Owatonna, Minn.

The project was an organized effort to place the arts into the fabric of everyday living. The project team worked in schools, hospitals, libraries and other community centers. They organized workshops, lectures and other public events. The idea was to establish "art as a way of life."

Following Toledo, Kathy served as a consultant for the Association of Junior Leagues. In this position she worked directly in two areas: developing cooperative community relationships for planning and implementing art education, and securing financial support for these services. She was a "community organizer" for the arts.

In 1962, she was named the director of the Arts and Humanities Program of the U.S. Office of Education. This was a period of change in developing governmental leadership on a national level. August Heckscher (1965) observed Seminar in Art Education for Research and Curriculum Development, held at Pennsylvania State University. It involved participants from art education, psychology, sociology, art history, art criticism and educational research.

The Aesthetic Education Program (CEMREL) is one of the outcomes of the Penn State seminar. In later years, the J. Paul Getty Program for fostering discipline-based art education grew from these beginnings.

In 1967, Kathy Bloom took on a consulting assignment for John D. Rockefeller 3rd. Her task was to develop several pilot projects that would explore ways to make the arts more central in our schools. This led to the formation of the JDR 3rd Fund Arts in Education Program, which she directed between 1968 and 1978.

What I always found to be so powerful and persuasive about the positions taken by Kathryn Bloom was her ability to balance a larger view of the arts

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LEARNING from EXHIBITIONS

There are many tales in the history of baseball. Some, even about the founding of baseball itself. It's widely believed that baseball was invented by Abner Doubleday in Cooperstown, N.Y., in the mid 1800s.

According to Kadir Nelson, author and illustrator of *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* (Hyperion, 2008), however, "That is just another tall tale, 'cause no one really knows for sure."

But one thing is certain: Soon after that, baseball was played just about everywhere in this country, by all sorts of people, including African Americans. Ultimately, teams were organized and then they became professional.

The origins of Negro League baseball can be traced as

far back as the post-Civil War period, all the way to 1947, when the great Jackie Robinson signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers and helped propel the team to a National League pennant. In this first year of major league baseball, he also earned the honor of National League Rookie of the Year.

From the mid-19th century through the mid-20th century, professional baseball was segregated, forcing African Americans to form their own teams and leagues. In the late 1900s there were more than 200 black independent teams throughout the country.

By the 1920s, black baseball had become the most popular entertainment for urban African Americans.



SHIP: The Story of Negro League Baseball

- by Mark M. Johnson
- < The Homestead Grays, 2005.*
- ∨ Night Baseball, 2006.*



The Negro National League was formed in 1920 with eight teams from the Midwest, followed by the formation of the Negro Southern League and the Eastern Colored League.

The history of Negro League Baseball, along with painted illustrations, entitled *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*, with text and paintings by Kadir Nelson, was published in 2008. Nelson spent seven years researching, writing and creating the art to document the long and involved history of Negro League Baseball.

He interviewed former players, traveled to museums, studied old photographs, and collected baseball memorabilia, uniforms and sports equipment to put himself into the shoes of a former Negro League player, and to re-create an authentic depiction of life in the Negro Leagues. The author dedicated this and, by extension, the exhibition, to the preservation of the history of the Negro Baseball Leagues.

The book and the exhibition present the history of the Negro Leagues, a story of gifted athletes and determined owners; of racial discrimination and international sportsmanship; of fortunes won and lost; of triumphs and defeats on and off the field.

It is also a mirror of the social and political history of black America in the first half of the 20th century. But most of all, according to Nelson, "... the story of the Negro Leagues is about hundreds of unsung heroes who overcame segregation, hatred,

terrible conditions, and low pay to do the one thing they loved more than anything else in the world: play ball."

The New York Times praised We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball as one of the Best Illustrated Children's Books of 2008. Kadir Nelson was also named the 2009 Coretta Scott King Book Award Recipient.

Nelson is the award-winning illustrator of several children's books, including *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* by

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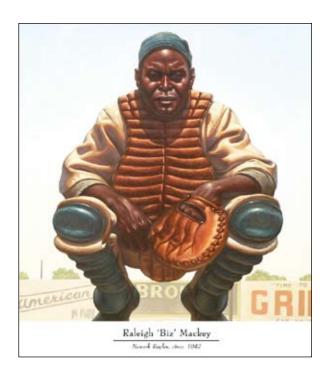
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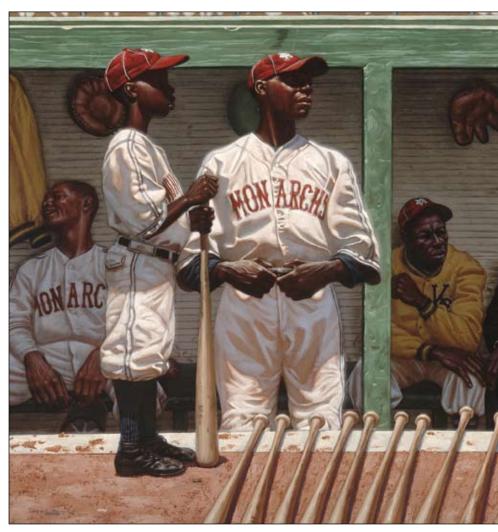
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"We are the ship; all else the sea."
—Rube Foster, founder of the Negro National League,

—Rube Foster, founder of the Negro National League, owner of the Chicago American Giants.



HISTORY THROUGH ART

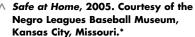
From ancient times to the present, artists have observed and documented civilizations, religions, society, individuals and important events in a variety of media.

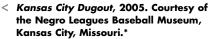
The history of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome is visually documented in sculptures, reliefs, mosaics, paintings and architecture. Medieval cathedrals—through sculptures and stained-glass windows—visually tell the stories from the Bible.

Impressive paintings document kings, emperors, presidents, heroes and even everyday people at work and play. In modern times, photographers capture images of wars, disasters, politics, sports and celebrations for almost instantaneous reproduction in print, television or the Internet.

Kadir Nelson is connected to this long lineage of visual reporting. His painted illustrations, based on years of research, document Negro League Baseball. Some images are based on visual evidence; others are interpretations drawn from a variety of documents. This author/illustrator has created a visual history that will inform current and future generations of an important historical aspect of American life. It's a story that deserves to be documented and needs to be told.—M.M.J.





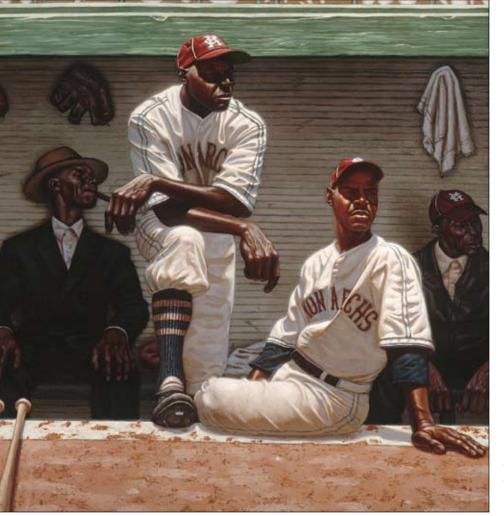


Carole Boston Weatherford (Hyperion, 2006), *Ellington Was Not a Street* by Ntozake Shange (Simon & Schuster, 2004), and *Just the Two of Us* by Will Smith (Scholastic, 2005), among others.

We Are the Ship is the first book he has both authored and illustrated. The paintings used in the book as illustrations are now the subject of a traveling exhibition of the same title. The exhibition, containing 33 paintings and 13 sketches, originated in 2009 and will travel to museums across America through 2013.

The exhibition, We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball, was developed and managed by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, an exhibition tour development company in Kansas City, Mo.

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There's nothing like the upcoming summer to bring on a good art and science lesson that's bounding with creativity! My students and I were going to study the sun and some of its qualities in science. I knew the students would relate to this topic and remember the material better and for a longer period of time—plus it would be more meaningful for them—if they were able to combine the science lesson with a hands-on art project!

I used the wonderfully creative suns shown on the Sunday edition of "The CBS Morning Show" to give the students fodder for thought. I flashed images I had recorded of the suns on the white board, followed by some scientific facts via a fast-paced, eye-catching PowerPoint presentation. The students were raring to go with their art! I also gave them access to a computer site I created that had the facts and figures I covered in class, plus images, to get them excited about creating themes for their suns.

We weren't talking small potatoes here. I encouraged the students to work on a large scale. I wanted them to develop a theme, and have fun creating their own unique, one-of-a-kind suns!

THE REALITY OF THE SUN The sun is 400 times farther away from the earth than the moon. Every so often, the moon passes between the sun and the earth. This is called a solar eclipse. I relayed my experience of making a pinhole camera and looking at a solar eclipse with it. The kids thought that was wonderful.

The sun rises in the east and sets in the west. It seems like a simple fact, yet many students don't seem to know this. When a person goes outside and the sun is setting in the western sky, the person's shadow will be long and skinny. On a summer morning, a person can see his shadow on the ground because the sun is behind him in the east. When the person moves, the shadow will also move and point west.

We also discuss the many ways in which we use the sun's energy, including using solar power to heat our homes.

AN ARTISTIC BACKGROUND An assemblage is like a collage, but it moves past the two-dimensional realm. Assemblages are considered sculptures, instead of flat, two-dimensional paper works of art like collages. Collages are generally made by gluing together bits of paper, magazine pages and more to make a statement. Assemblages use discarded, recycled, found or even new items to create a three-dimensional composition. There isn't a set number of items a person can use in an assemblage. The creator sets the tone or theme of the assemblage,

Here Comes the Sun ... and I Say,

by Karen Skophammer "It's an Assemble

and decides upon the materials he will use.

I showed the students several photos of sculptures made by John Chamberlain, who welded pieces of wrecked automobiles together to form his assemblages. The students were quite impressed.

Next, I flashed images that I had photographed myself of Louise Nevelson's work. She is an American artist who is known for grouping boxes together to form assemblages. My photos showed discarded boxes formed together to create new shapes with other discarded items, such as spools glued within the boxes. Some of the assemblages are painted all white, some all black, and some remain neutral in color.

Robert Rauschenberg's work spans six decades. I showed the students some of his works in which he combined such things as quilts, paint, animal horns and more. Rauschenberg, especially in his younger years, created assemblages using materials that were available to him—out of necessity. Not having lots of money available to him at the time, he might use the very quilt off his bed to begin his assemblage.

MOVING ON TO ASSEMBLAGES The kids were now ready to create! The first thing each student had to consider was their theme. Did he want his sun to convey a cartoonish feeling? Or perhaps the feeling that the sun is

a wicked thing that will one day destroy the earth because it is too hot? Did the student wish to bring in a conglomeration of discarded materials and then choose a theme, after seeing which items would mesh together and

Aztec Sun

"Wow, It's Hot Outside Sun"; 2.5' x 2.5'.

"Silver Sun, Shine On"; 3.5' x 4'.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upper-elementary and middle-school students will ...

- understand how the communication of ideas relates to the media, techniques and processes used.
- understand how visual, spatial, temporal and functional values of artworks are tempered by culture and history.
- understand how the characteristics and structures of art are used to accomplish commercial, personal, communal or other artistic intentions.
- understand how elements, materials, techniques, artistic processes and organized principles are used in similar and distinctive ways.
- look at assemblages made by famous artists and classmates, and interpret them for the individual meanings and craftsmanship.
- apply media, techniques and processes with sufficient skill, confidence and sensitivity that one's intentions are carried out in the assemblage.
- apply various subjects, symbols and ideas in their assemblages.

MATERIALS

- Examples of creative suns in art and examples of assemblages
- Various found materials
- Various art media

shapes. These were then designed/tooled with a stylus to make interesting patterns. The eyes were made from

the inside pop out of the buffer, and spray-

painted gold.

Old watch faces were used for the insides of the eyes, and the eyelashes were cut from the watchband. The mouth was created from the natural hole

in the buffer, and outlined with beads from an old bracelet. All items were held in place with hot glue.

This shiny silver sun shows that we like things to be spic and span. The sun is very clean looking with its sleek silver coloring, and its body is made from part of a cleaning machine.

The sun's watchful eyes are always looking for dirt and impurities in the world, and are therefore made from watch faces.

PENCIL ME IN SUN The round part of the sun was made from a rattan paper-plate holder, and the sunrays were made from sharpened colored

pencils. The eyes, nose and mouth were formed from air-dry modeling clay. All items were held in place with hot glue.

While we would like to create art all the time, sometimes we have to "pencil in" the time. The sun was mostly made from art materials, such as colored pencils and clay, and the paper-plate holder body of the sun indicated free time.

WOW, IT'S HOT OUTSIDE SUN The round part of the sun was made from a discarded kiln shelf part that was painted with acrylics. The eyes were created from polystyrene balls, with smaller balls as pupils. The sunrays were made from dowel rods that were rolled in various colors of acrylic paint to give them an abstract look.

The sun is a hot ball of gases, and the main part of this sun see sun on page 48

work to convey a message to viewers?

1.5' x 1.5'.

"Pencil Me In Sun"

"Sometimes You

Gotta Be Square

Sun": 1.5' x 1.5'.

The following day, so many items were brought to class that we had to create storage bins to fit everything. Then, the students began to lay their items out, and think about how the items would be assembled to convincingly form a sun. There was a lot of thought and imagination—plus problem solving that went into this sun assemblage unit. If someone had a problem, students would help each other figure out which items would work. It was collaboration at its finest.

SILVER SUN, SHINE ON The round part of the sun was made from the buffing part of an industrial tile-cleaning machine. (Yes, the janitor gave the student the old buffing part.) The removable, replaceable part was rinsed off and spray-painted silver.

The sunrays were made from tooling foil cut into triangular

WELCOME SUMMER with Some Festive Shirts

by Temple Skelton Moore

t's time to shed the sweaters, coats and gloves, and create a bit of fun with a festive shirt that welcomes the warm, carefree summer days ahead! My fourth-graders designed these great paper shirts.

As the first session began, students worked on designing random patterns. To prevent the designs from becoming too contrived, I decided to be a bit sneaky and not tell them these designs would eventually be used for a shirt. This caused them to focus their attention exclusively on the creation of the designs and the patterns.

Students brainstormed possible designs. We drew as many examples as possible on the board to create a visual bank of design ideas. We discussed the use of small, medium and large designs, which would create variety in the patterns.

Then, each student received three sheets of copy paper, and was instructed to create a sheet of large designs, a sheet of medium designs and a sheet of small designs. They had the option of using the design bank on the board or inventing their own designs.

ing their own designs.

Students were then given three *more* sheets of copy paper for creating patterns. Using the earlier design sheets for tracing, students created three different random—but

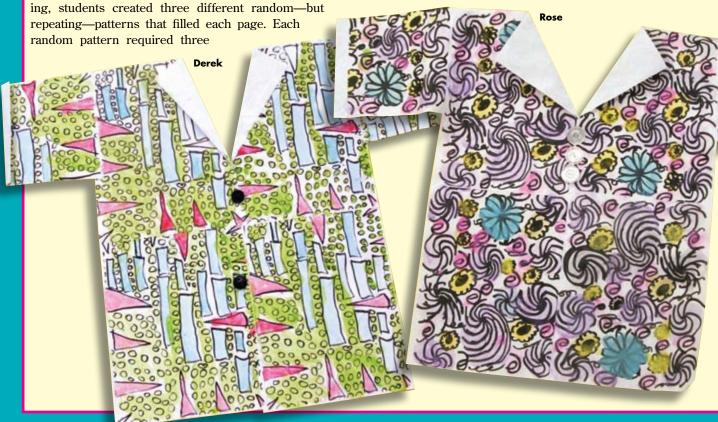
different designs in three different sizes.

Students used broad-tipped permanent black markers to trace the small, medium and large designs onto the pattern pages. The large nib keeps the designs simple and bold, and the tracing keeps the design size uniform.

Once the three different pattern pages were complete, each student chose his or her best pattern page to leave with me while they took the other two pattern pages home. Before our second class session, I made six copies of each student's pattern. (You could use five copies and the original as the sixth, but I wanted them to have the original as a record of the starting point of the process.)

At the beginning of the second session, excitement grew as students received the copies of their patterns. Students watched as I demonstrated how to assemble the shirt.

First, four pattern sheets are glued together vertically





LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Elementary students will ...

- identify student-created patterns.
- investigate the connection between patterns and rhythm.
- create variety using different-sized designs.
- discuss personal artwork and the artwork of others.

MATERIALS

- White copy paper
- Black broad-tipped markers
- Cool-melt glue guns and glue
- White glue
- Copy machine
- Watercolors
- Buttons

to make the body of the shirt. The collar is formed by leaving a slit at the top and folding the corners back.

For the sleeves, we tried cutting a copy page in half, but this makes them too skinny and out of proportion to the rest of the shirt. Instead, a sleeve template was made. And just like sewing, students

used two pattern pages with their right sides turned together. Next, the sleeve template was placed on the paper "fabric," and cut out to form the sleeves.

The shirts were glued with white glue. Students were encouraged to use the glue sparingly. (One student asked if he could iron his shirt if it got a wrinkle!)

Once glued together, students used watercolor paint to add some color to the shirt patterns. I prefer to set out watered-down, custom-mixed tempera paint in muffin tins. It's beneficial for students to see color possibilities outside of the traditional primary colors that art-supply companies offer in student-grade paint.

During the final session, students added buttons to complete the shirt. (I bought a huge can of buttons at a flea market for pennies. Buttons are also available through art-supply catalogs.) The kids had a blast searching for the right color and style of button that would complement their shirt. They used a cool-melt glue gun and attached the buttons to the shirt.

With the remaining time in class, we discussed the feeling the shirts had. Which one would you wear? Why? Which one would sell the most? How come? Does one look more masculine or feminine? What makes you think so? We also discussed how fashion designers make a living creating art.

These unique and colorful shirts made quite the display in the halls. Parents and teachers alike marveled while "shopping" through these specially designed shirts. I probably should have pinned the paper shirt to the designer and taken a picture. There's an idea for next year!

Temple Skelton Moore is an art teacher at Prairie Grove (Ark.) Primary School.



Cam Langley (American; b. 1944). *Melon Bouquet*, 1999. Free-blown glass; 19.375" x 11.75" x 13". Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Montgomery, Alabama. Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Purchase.

Pure visual art is a silent communicator. The people who make it have something to say, yet they don't always say it out loud. They count on others to look at their art, and to gather meaning from materials and forms arranged to pluck familiar and unfamiliar chords.

Some artists have the gift of gab. They are sociable and outspoken. Those artists often become teachers.

Other artists communicate only by doing what they do best: creating art. They do not care to instruct nor guide nor influence anyone. Sure, they might be willing to demonstrate what they do, but they are not inclined to the public eye. Their art speaks for them. So be it.

So it is with artist Cam Langley (b. 1944), who created the work to your left and seen on the cover of this month's issue.

Langley is an artist who prefers to work alone. He is a self-declared "loner" in his studio. He has engineered his work to fit an independent artistic lifestyle, and *Melon Bouquet* is the product of such preferences.

The work, which stands almost 20 inches high, consists of 12 different parts. Ten stems—four flowers and six tendrils—surround a pod-like baby watermelon of sorts. They are all contained within a clear vase that has transparent green stripes rotating in a loose spiral around its belly. The green on the vase is an expanded version of the green veins in the curly, thick vines reaching outward for their next stronghold.

Each individual piece of the "bouquet" is small enough that Langley can create it alone in his furnace, and place it in his annealing kiln by himself. When all the component pieces are cooled, Langley arranges them in a specific configuration, which he photographs for reference by a prospective owner.

Langley tells the story of his first glass bouquet. It all began with love. He had a studio in Homewood, Ala., and he "... would make vases and take them down to a local florist and trade the vases for cut flowers. One Valentine's Day they didn't want any more vases so I went back to my studio and made flowers out of the glass for my wife."

That desire to share, that motivation, that unstoppable determination,

by Tara Cady Sartorius

is what led Langley to making glass in the first place. He grew up in Norfolk, Va., and often visited the Chrysler Museum of Art, where he especially appreciated the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933) and Emile Gallé (1846–1904).

Langley went to college at Virginia Tech and graduated with an engineering degree in 1970. He worked for 10 years in that field, mostly designing water treatment and conveyance systems. Then he decided it was time for a change. He applied for jobs in glass-blowing facilities, but in order to be eligible, he would have had to join the union. His "loner" self prevailed.

Determined to learn about glass-blowing, Langley contacted "the man who wrote the book" on glass (literally and figuratively), Harvey Littleton. In 1972 Littleton wrote the book, *Glass Blowing: A Search for Form*, but he is also credited with initiating the American Studio Glass movement in Toledo in 1962. Prior to Littleton's encouragement of artistic experimentation with glass forms in small studio settings, most American glass production was factory-made for functional purposes.

Littleton and his students (Dale Chihuly, Marvin Lipofsky and others) brought energy to the rising debate between art and craft. In response to the ongoing questions concerning form and content, Littleton coined the phrase, "technique is cheap." Once



Melon Bouquet as seen from the back.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Project: Colorful References.

Key Skill: Creating connections with words and images.

ana images.

Materials: Pencil, paper.

Procedure: A bouquet of melons is an almost impossible thing. Write a paragraph about what Cam Langley means, besides the literal description of melon, by titling his work *Melon Bouquet*. Why does he refer to it as having "Southern belle" characteristics?

For Grades: 6-12.

VISUAL ART

Project: Pinks and Greens.

Key Skill: Creating a "still-life" image.

Materials: Any material, two- or
three-dimensional.

Procedure: Look at Langley's Melon Bouquet, then ask students to draw, paint or sculpt their own "bouquet" of any objects—not necessarily flowers—using pinks and greens as the predominant colors.

For Grades: 8-12.

MATH

Project: Calculating the Curve.

Key Skill: Seeing the relationship between math and nature.

Materials: Internet, discussion in class.

Procedure: The spirals and curly elements in Langley's work are also reflected in nature. Such curves can be analyzed mathematically. Have students look up the work of Fibonacci to understand how the growth of plants supports his theories.

For Grades: 3–12. (You may need to show younger students examples such as pine cones, sunflowers, etc., whereas older students can do their own research.)

the physical challenges are mastered, it's what one creates with one's skill that counts.

In 1979, however, what Langley needed was technique, cheap or not. His phone call to Littleton resulted in an invitation to Littleton's studio. At the conclusion of their four-hour visit, Littleton "sent me down to the Penland School and he told me to tell them that Harvey sent me, and I was blowing glass in three days."

Langley began by making vessels, goblets and other functional pieces. Over the years, as his technique improved, he invented his own sculptural compositions: primarily gestural floral arrangements, in glass. His experiments with color and form are what led to *Melon Bouquet*.

In this piece, which Langley

SCIENCE

Project: What's a Watermelon?

Key Skill: Understanding plant "evolution."

Materials: Internet, discussion in class.

Procedure: Did you know several watermelon seeds were found in Tutankhamen's tomb? How did watermelon get to America?

Have students research watermelon varieties and present three unusual facts (historical, nutritional or other) about this beloved fruit.

For Grades: 6–12.

describes as having "Southern belle types of colors," he carries hues from one component to another, mixing and blending so the individual pieces appear to have sprung from a cluster of 11 related seeds. Langley's use of colored glass powders, especially the white that appears on the backs of many of his blossoms, is masterful. Yellow, pink and green all somehow work together in a natural-seeming tangle of twists and turns before flaring out to each fruit, flower or vine.

The whole impression of *Melon Bouquet* vacillates between a shiny underwater anemone-like organism, and an imaginary, temptingly slick, watermelon plant, silently beckoning for assistance with pollination. It's a still life in 3-D, but with no decaying fruit or foliage as in Dutch or Flemish *vanitas* still-life paintings.

Langley lets this hopeful work speak for itself, and lucky for us, it will be forever fresh.

Art educator, Tara Cady Sartorius, served as Curator of Education at the Montgomery (Ala.) Museum of Fine Arts for 21 years. Prior to receiving her master's degree in sculpture and art criticism, she taught art for 10 years in public elementary schools in California.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Project: The "Ancestry" of Studio Glass. **Key Skill:** Connecting artistic influences in glass art.

Materials: Internet, paper, scissors, glue, pencil.

Procedure: Langley is a sort-of grandson of the Studio Glass movement. Have students research other studio glass artists and print thumbnail images of their work. Arrange the images in a family tree-like system, noting artists, dates, imagery and location to see how their ideas are related.

For Grades: 8-12.





Close up, Langley's melon flowers seem to ripple and swirl as though they were underwater creatures. His combination of transparent colored glass, along with strategically applied opaque white powdered glass and black accents, all add to the liveliness and depth of the blossoms.

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Robert Smithson, "Spiral Jetty," 1970

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PRIMARY

Use the Art Print to expand youngsters' knowledge of line. Show students the Art Print and have them use a finger to trace the course of the spiral. Ask students what the spiral line reminds them of. (Students might say a snake, a rope, the inside of a shell, etc.)

Next, ask students to name animals or objects in nature that form a spiral. Generate a list of all ideas. Do a Google search of "spirals in nature," where you will find hundreds of images of naturally occurring spirals, and show a selection of these pictures to the class.

To promote sensory learning, give students a handful of Wikki Stix® or yarn, and have them form a spiral shape. Next, inform them they will be creating a three-dimensional work of art that features the spiral.

Bring in a variety of natural materials, such as pebbles, leaves, feathers and shells, and give students time to play with the objects, with the goal of coming up with a final design. When students are ready, show them how to glue the pieces onto a piece of cardboard in the orientation of their design. After all pieces are completely dry, display the work alongside the Art Print.

ELEMENTARY

Share the Art Print with students and explain Smithson is known for a type of sculpture known as an earthwork. Tell students Smithson very carefully chose the sites in which he built his sculptures, such as the location of *Spiral Jetty* in the Great Salt Lake in Utah.

Take advantage of the late spring and summer weather to go on a nature walk with the goal of finding a site in which students will build small earthwork sculptures. Once a site is found (preferably on school grounds), lead students on a search for abundant natural materials that could be used to create the piece.

Students can work in pairs or small groups to collect materials, and to design and construct their sculpture. Photograph each completed earthwork, and display the images in a class gallery alongside the Art Print.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

The spiral is commonly found in the writing and iconography of many ancient cultures. Share the Art Print with students and inform them the artist, Robert Smithson, was interested in anthropology, natural history, and the symbolism of ancient art and language systems, such as

the pre-Columbian civilization, as exemplified by the Great Serpent Mound in Ohio.

Give students time to research examples of earth art from ancient civilizations. Challenge students to identify similarities and differences between the works found in their



The Great Serpent Mound. Photo © Tom Cox, all rights reserved.

research and *Spiral Jetty*. As a project, ask students to create a design for an earthwork that incorporates elements of iconography found in ancient cultures.

HIGH SCHOOL

Share the Art Print with the class, and introduce Smithson and the concept of earthworks, also known as land art or earth art. Direct students to the official website of the estate of Robert Smithson, *www.robertsmithson.com*. Once at the site, assign students to read the introduction, entitled "About Robert Smithson." This excellent reading provides extensive information on the artist's philosophical beliefs about art, and how his work relates to the process of entropy.

After students have acquired enough background information about Smithson and his seminal work, *Spiral Jetty*, divide the class into groups of four. Assign these groups the task of designing and creating "Spiral Jetty II."

Have students keep in mind they are creating an original work of art, while also paying homage to the original work and its creator. Student design proposals should take into realistic account various site options and limitations, scale, natural materials found in the area, construction challenges, and conservation issues. If possible, give groups the time to actually create their design.







Robert Smithson (American; b. 1938–1973). Spiral Jetty, 1970. Mud, precipitated salt crystals, rocks, water coil; 1,500 feet long and 15 feet wide.
Photograph by Gianfranco Gorgoni. Collection: DIA Center for the Arts,
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Scale in art by Colleen Carroll

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

"

ature does not proceed in a straight line. It is rather a sprawling development. Nature is never finished."

The words above were spoken by this month's Clip & Save featured artist, Robert Smithson (American; 1938–1973). Born in Passaic, N.J., Smithson attended the Art Students League and briefly studied at the Brooklyn Museum School.

His early work with Abstract Expressionism was short-lived. His interests quickly veered to minimalism, and then

to conceptual art. In 1963 he met and married minimalist artist, Nancy Holt.

In the late 1960s Smithson became interested in sculpture that incorporated the land, used natural and nontraditional materials, and illustrated themes such as entropy, decay and paradox.

His sculptures dovetailed with his interests in anthropology, language, ancient civilizations and natural history. "These endeavors in the land enabled Smithson to explore chaos and order—how natural forces such as wind, rain, heat

and cold, would affect the work over time." (Source: www.robertsmithson.com.)

Perhaps this idea is best expressed by the artist himself, who said, "I like landscapes that suggest prehistory. As an artist it is interesting to take on a persona of a geological agent and actually become part of that process rather than overcome it."

Tragically, Robert Smithson died at age 35 in a plane crash in 1973 while surveying sites in Texas for his earthwork, *Amarillo Ramp*.

ABOUT THE ARTWORK

s we began our look at scale in art with one of the most fascinating works of ancient art, so we conclude our survey with a monumental work from the contemporary world: Robert Smithson's earthwork, *Spiral Jetty*.

Inspired by the Great Serpent Mound in Adams County, Ohio, Smithson created his seminal work using black basalt, earth and debris from the site. The structure stretches into Utah's Great Salt Lake, and curves into a counterclockwise coil measuring 1,500 feet long and 15 feet wide.

Like Stonehenge and petroglyphs found in the American Southwest, the sheer scale of the piece is awe-inspiring, but Smithson's conception of this work went far beyond scale. The sculptor once said he sought to "place a work in the land rather than situated on it."

His interest in entropy, the natural process by which all matter tends toward disorder, is integral to *Spiral Jetty*. Time, changing water levels and exposure to the elements are constantly altering how *Spiral Jetty* appears at any given time.

One main reason Smithson chose the site was the effects the water composition had on the water color. "... Smithson was no doubt drawn to its astonishing and constantly changing colors. He selected a site ... because of the bacteria, brine shrimp and algae growing there, which turn the water close to the piece.) When it reappeared in 2002 after 30 years of lying hidden beneath the surface, it had changed into something Smithson surely anticipated: The black basalt had become encrusted with salt. An interesting article about the reemergence of *Spiral Jetty* can be read at: www.nytimes.com/2002/10/13/

"I am for an art that takes into account the direct effect of the elements as they exist from day to day apart from representation." -Robert Smithson

shore the color of pale blood. Yet, within any given hour, the water transforms to bright turquoise or coppery brown, pea soup green or cobalt blue. Clearly, this offers the perfect setting for an exploration of time, space and mutability." (Source: www.sculpture.org.)

Two years after its construction in 1970, *Spiral Jetty* submerged completely, only to reemerge a few times over the years. (Lake water levels must be less than 4,195 feet to see

magazine/13PHENOM.html.

In 1999, the Dia Foundation acquired *Spiral Jetty* as a gift from the artist's estate. In 2009, Dia and the Getty Conservation Institute began a documentation project in an effort to understand how to best conserve this treasure of American sculpture for future generations. To learn more about this Dia collaboration, visit *www.getty.edu/conservation/publications/videos/focus/spiral_jetty.html*.



've certainly enjoyed our collaboration on color throughout the school year, and sincerely hope you and your students have enjoyed *Arts & Activities*' special 10-part series. Color can be intimidating for any aspiring artist, so I hope this series has made the principles of color easier for your students to grasp.

HOW IT WORKS As with our previous monthly assignments, please invite your students to learn more about color harmony and painting by going to our special student Web page at *www.artsandactivities.com*. They'll spend a few minutes learning about the month's two featured images.

Next, they'll download and print the "Quiz Me" docu-

ment, write in their answers to three short questions, and hand it in to you. This can be done as a homework assignment or for extra credit.

Each month, the correct answers are shown on this page (for your eyes only) and, the following month, those same answers will be shared with your students on the student Web page at *www.artsandactivities.com*.

Thanks again for your classes' participation this year, and have a wonderful summer!

Color expert Dan Bartges is the author/artist of the book, "Color Is Everything" (www.coloriseverything.net). Visit his website at www.danbartges.com.



Stanislas Lépine (French, 1836–1892). The Dock at La Villette, Paris, ca. 1876–80. Oil on canvas; 20.125" x 36". Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond. Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon. Photo: Katherine Wetzel. © Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

COLOR SCHEME Tetrad





Dan Bartges. Trout Pond, Early Morning. Oil.



COLOR SCHEME

TEACHER'S ANSWERS TO THIS MONTH'S STUDENT QUESTIONS:

1 Q What color scheme did I use for *Trout Pond*, *Early Morning*?

1 A It's a triad using orange, green and violet. Note that in the waves in the foreground, I pushed the orange to the edge of becoming red-orange, creating some tension among the colors. Sometimes, a bit of color-scheme edginess will enhance a painting.

2 Q In the foreground of Lépine's The Dock at La Villette, Paris, are both men sitting in the rowboat?

 $2 \mid A$ No, they are not. One is standing up. The rowboat is probably a water taxi, and the man standing is most likely a paying passenger, maybe the captain of one of the cargo ships.

3 Q What color scheme did Lépine choose for this painting?

3 A Although mostly complementary blues and oranges, the painting's color scheme is actually a tetrad, including greens and reds. Look carefully; the greens and reds are subtly, but effectively, intermingled throughout this superb painting.

Making a Difference with Poster Design

by Irv Osterer

There are few projects I will repeat, but this is one I do because it gives our kids an opportunity to contribute to a very worthy cause.

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) encourages schools to participate in their annual fundraising campaign by submitting designs to their poster contest. Each year, this is assigned to my junior class art students.

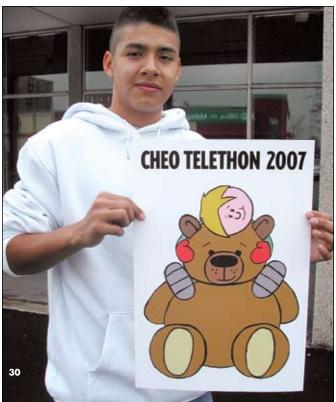
A panel of media professionals examines the artwork submitted each year, and chooses the signature image for the year's fund-raising campaign. Each design is required to include a teddy bear, which is part of CHEO's corporate image.

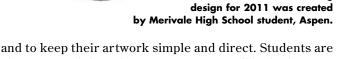
People who live in the Ottawa-Carleton region recognize the outstanding work CHEO does for our community. In fact, many Merivale students have been to CHEO for treatment during their formative years and know firsthand how important the institution is to our city.

ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESS The process begins with reviewing the elements that combine to make a successful poster. Students are told the posters have to communicate from a distance, and are advised to use bright colors



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also informed the selection committee will be looking for gender-free artwork that features a teddy bear character, and their creations have to reflect the hospital's theme, which changes each year.

With these design parameters in mind, the students

started by doing a series of exercises in their sketchbooks using teddy bears brought to class to serve as still-life samples. The excercises include:

- quick 60-second pencil sketches of a teddy bear done head-on:
- quick 60-second pencil sketches of a bear done from another angle;
- detailed sketches of all or part of a bear that must include the face;
- simplified, "cartoon-like" drawings of a bear in either pencil or ink;
- sketches of a teddy bear in an "action pose";
- sketches of part of a bear, including the face, coming out of a picture frame;

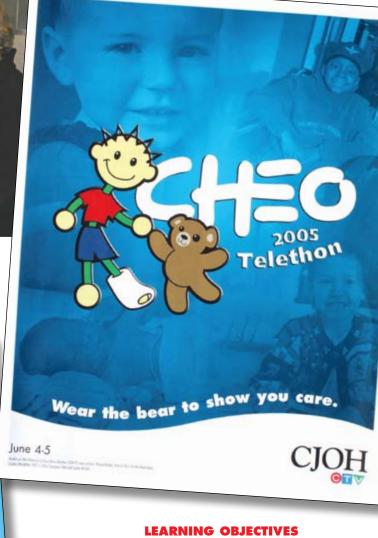
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The winning





- 2005 winner, Katherine, displays her poster design A with Norma Lamont of the CHEO Foundation.
- Telethon poster featuring 2005's design. CHEO > sometimes makes minor adjustments to the images.
 - Finished poster for 2006 CHEO telethon. V



Telethon



High-school students will ...

- learn about poster design and create a poster for a fund-raising campaign.
- make a generous creative contribution to their community.

MATERIALS

- Sketchbooks and pencils
- Teddy bears for visual reference
- Acrylic paint
- #10 round brush
- 26" x 20" cover stock



Inspired By Nevelson

ouise Nevelson's circu-■lar assemblage, Collegiate School (1972), was the inspiration for an art class with the preschoolers at the Kent Children's Center.

Nevelson (1899-1988) was the ultimate "found art" artist. Finding interesting throwaway objects, in and out of trash bins. she constructed assemblages that completely changed their former use. After put-

ting objects together in a form that pleased her, she painted them black, white or gold. Some of her assemblages filled an entire room.

Our assemblages were to be much more modest in scope. I gathered odds and ends from the art room. A red plastic lid was used as a base. Using glue to affix the "found objects" to the lid, the students proceeded to glue wood scraps, buttons, beads, puzzle pieces and other objects in a manner pleasing to them.

Departing from Nevelson's work, we decided to leave the assemblages in their natural colors. One of our main learning objectives—to create a work of art from found objects—was realized by each individual student.

By the example of Louise Nevelson, and creative thinking, another objective was learned: that objects may have another use other than what they were meant for.

Recycled objects may be turned into works of art.

Barbara Egenes is an art therapist/ consultant at the Kent (Conn.) Children's Center.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Preschool children will ...

- learn about Louise Nevelson, her assemblages and sculpture.
- learn that art can be made from cast-off and found objects.
- create an assemblage from found objects in the style of Louise Nevelson.
- expand their creative thinking.





love art because it lets me express who I am. When I'm happy, I draw something exciting with vibrant colors. When I'm sad, I draw something bold

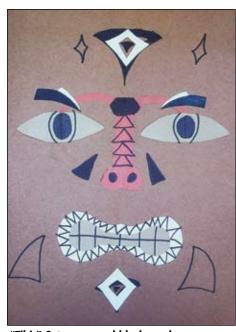


with dark, dreary colors. No matter how I feel when I start an art project, by the time I finish, I feel great.

My favorite kind of art has to be painting. When I paint, I feel like I'm in a whole different world. Art is my passion. I cannot wait to learn more ways to express myself through art.

Abigail Brown

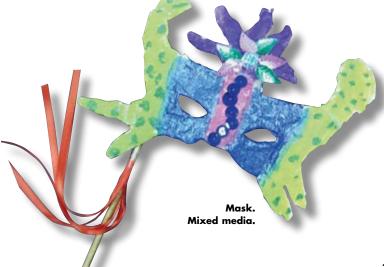
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"Tiki." Cut paper and black marker.



"Mexican Sun." Oil pastels.



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LS&SPHERES

by George Székely

y granddaughter Emilie could hardly walk, but she stumbled with confidence, following a rolling ball. Once she got to the ball, she pushed it again, watching its rhythmic bounce, as her curiosity was energized and her interest sharpened.

After sharing this story, I showed my class a giant trunk filled with balls made from suede, exotic painted fabrics and reflective surfaces. This hall of fame is a collection of all the balls my children used to play with.

Yes, I collected them all, not knowing that someday it would lead to this art lesson. I tell future art teachers, "You know that the subject of an art lesson is important when it can be verified by a grand collection." I encourage young art teachers to collect and learn from children's toys.

ROUND CANVASES Finishing a scribble drawing over a banana, Emilie's magical marker takes flight over a fresh orange. She follows the bumps and curves of the fruit, drawing free-flowing lines. Then, she picks a bigger target—her yellow beach ball.

The next day, I bring

students to inspect. We decide to collect other sphere canvases. Over the next few sessions, my students share such canvas discoveries as vintage globes, old baseballs and a light bulb.

With a proliferation of rolling canvases in the art room, we search the area for stabilizing bases—a mug, a revolving monitor stand and a bright yellow vase. A volleyball is taped inside a creased volleyball net, like an egg in a nest, in preparation for painting.

As the painting begins, one student applies nail polish on Ping Pong balls, which she then glued into ice-cream cones. This inspired another to paint on tennis balls resting on top of white porcelain light sockets. Each student found an interesting way to set up the canvas. Spheres move art away from a rectangular canvas into a dimension that requires new planning and painting.

> **ACTIVE PAINTING TOOLS** To promote art education at a "Final Four" basketball game long ago, I set up a booth in Rupp Arena, home of the University of Kentucky Wildcats. I thought it appropriate to have fans make art by dunking basketballs into paint buckets and bouncing them on sheets of white

paper on the floor. After the game, participants eagerly claimed their energetic paintings. These bouncing "brushes" inspired many adaptations for my future art classes.

Brushes are stored away in my painting class, so children can use other means to play with paints and colors. I show the film of the Rupp Arena event and defer to my eager young problem solvers for new ideas. They brainstorm with amazing results. New ideas for ball brushes emerge in

be the hairiest and best paint-absorbing

Tennis balls and balloons serve as intriquing canvases.

brushes. High bouncers leave the liveliest marks. The weight of softballs leaves unusually detailed impressions. Koosh Balls with their web of tangled rubbery strands and suction cups leave a variety of lines. Kids are full of life, and as action painters like Jackson Pollock, they should be armed for action.

BALL PRINTERS Textured balls make wonderful printers. In my art class I keep a carrying tote filled with golf balls to roll on stamp pads. Inked Wiffle balls leave weaving trails of textures. Students form amazing print patterns with footballs. Soccer balls are inked, than wrapped up for printing. Basketballs are rubbed after they are gift-wrapped in soft rice papers. Rolling printers leave a stream of textures and patterns that add great interest to printmaking experiments.

BALLOONS Emilie judges the quality of a supermarket by the offerings at the door. Kroger is Emilie's favorite market because she gets generously sized metallic balloons. After shopping, balloons often float into my studio where all art tools are standing by for her makeover. When she is finished with her art, Emilie ties the decorated balloon lines to the holes of our white laundry basket and, with a look of creative satisfaction, climbs aboard.

Balloon art has become a family affair since I often join Emilie in the fun, painting my own balloons and adding them to her floating bouquet. Home is a place for children to make art and for art teachers to discover the best art lessons. When home art becomes school art, it is more likely to be embraced by children.

With May's arrival of the Kentucky Derby, there is always feverish

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spherical canvases.

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an you hear a photograph or work of art? "Look closely ... what do you hear?" This was my question as I showed my students a photo of a babbling brook in an otherwise quiet nature scene. I asked them to get completely quiet and study the photograph, saying, "Listen to the photograph. What do you hear?"

After studying the first photo in this manner, students wanted to do more. Instead, I sent them out on an assignment with a list of sounds to capture on film to help get them started.

Because they were high-schoolers with signed releases from their parents allowing them to drive into the city, students were free to explore for our classes' block of time. They also could continue on their own time.

I believe silence, life and music combine naturally. If we really look around, we can artistically capture that beauty in such a way that people can look at our art and "hear" it.

Viewing art in museums, I've often "heard" distant noises and sounds from many years ago—horse carriages and footsteps on old brick roads. I could conjure up the sounds of laughing children by a stream as they skipped stones into the water, and hear bells chiming in distant towers in countries

I'd never visited. Simply because the artist had made the image so vivid and evocative, I felt I was there.

Music, sound and visual art affect people. Have you been moved to tears at a concert? Heard a song on the radio and been transported back in time and felt nostalgic?

We often relate songs to particular events happening when we first heard it. If it was an exhilarating happening, we may feel elevated when hearing the song. If the occurrence was something that brought us down, the song may sadden us when we hear it.

The same can be true for sounds in art and photos. If we've had a really great time at a carnival, then we view art that portrays a carnival and "hear" the carnival, we may feel very good or have our mood elevated. If we relate the experience to something sad or an event that was not necessarily good, our mood may be brought down when we "hear" the carnival art.

Visual and musical experiences—if they are "good" experiences—can bring about a significant reduction in depression, pain and fear. So, most students, when sent out to photograph sounds, are going to photograph scenes that are pleasant, even if it is done subconsciously.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

High-school students will ...

- understand how the characteristics and structures of art are used to accomplish commercial, personal and communal artistic intentions.
- understand the effectiveness of various artworks in terms of organizational structures and functions.
- identify the intentions of those creating artworks.
- understand how various interpretations can be used to understand and evaluate works of art.
- understand some of the implications of intent and purpose in particular works of art.
- understand how imagination, craftsmanship and organizational principles (unity and variety, repetition and contrast) are used in similar and distinctive ways in photography.
- < Clouds through pillars: "Majestically quiet, floating."
- > OPPOSITE PAGE Band playing indoors: "Noisy, exciting, pounding rhythm."



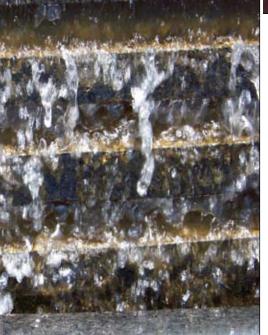
Photographing sounds is one of the most creative and thought-provoking assignments I've given my high-school students! It not only brought forth outstanding work, but it created a meaningful dialogue amongst us all.

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HEAR your PHOTOGRAPHS

by Karen Skophammer



- Water running down a wall: "Rushed A yet quiet sound, rhythm of the water steadily running, hushed feeling."
- Squirrel: "Quiet patter of feet, soft > chirping and chattering noises, subtle munching and gnawing sound."

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preparation for the traditional hot-air balloon race, mim-

icked in our home hangar. I felt this would be the year to unleash Emilie's secret balloon art in my school.

It was like a holiday. Everyone in school was on the lawn in the back of the building. In class, students constructed unusual gondolas with handcrafted passengers and their personal cargo. Outside, the gondolas were attached to helium balloons the children painted. Against a backdrop of helium containers and cheering children, the painted balloons lifted off into the air. The paintings became increasingly smaller, just dots of color against the vast canvas of a clear blue sky.

MARBLES When I came to class with my pockets filled with marbles, you can imagine the amazement as I revealed the secret contents. I told the story of how when we were kids, my friends and I organized the "first world championship marble games." As the story unfolded, the real stars of that great event were revealed—the beautifully aging shooters of the period. Sharing

the beauty of art in glass inspired my sphere-shape artists to learn the rules and tricks of marble playing.

To prepare for the long-overdue second world championship marble games, we started with plain glass craft-store marbles. Glass paint and glass markers allowed students to simulate the effects of vintage glass marbles, followed by a pre-game beauty contest.

AND THERE IT GOES ... From balls to many other spherical canvases that bounce, roll. float and fly, art experiences are envisioned by students. Even if adults recognize children's love for the balls they collect and play with, few recognize the secret art of beautifying balls. Perhaps it's because balls haven't yet been admitted into the pantheon of art canvases, or because decorating is still not considered art.

We need to rethink the boundaries of objects and media that encompass children's art.

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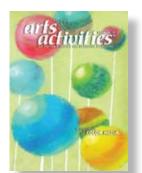




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 sketches of a teddy bear, using a #10 round brush.

After the students complete these exploratory drawings, they are free to generate more complex compositions in their sketchbooks. They are encouraged to use their exploratory exercises as a starting point in the creative process.

All projects are completed in a strong vertical format on 26" x 20" cover stock in acrylic paint, with room left on the top register to allow for the silkscreening of the CHEO text. The students consistently respond with many creative submissions, which are proudly displayed in our annual art show in time to support the fundraising efforts.

LEARNING AND PARTICIPATING Artwork by Merivale students has won this prestigious design contest in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2011. Winning images are selected from thousands of entries submitted by children of all ages in the Ottawa-Carleton region.

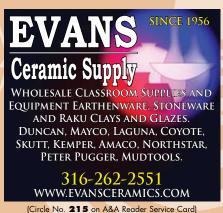
Badges, hoodies, T-shirts, golf shirts, hats and, yes, teddy bears, are produced and sold with all profits going to the hospital.

When a student wins the competition, he or she gets to host the launch of the image, which is used everywhere in Eastern Ontario-advertising venues and, of course, the set for the Telethon on TV. The design also appears in newspapers, on posters, even on buses.

To launch the fund-raiser, local newscaster Max Keeping—for whom the CHEO Telethon has been a personal project for many years—visits the school to present the winner his or her award at an assembly. It's a great day for the student, the school and the community.

This project is successful on a number of different levels. It certainly is an appropriate vehicle to teach students about poster design. More importantly, though, it allows graphic design students-and, vicariously, the entire school—an opportunity to participate in what they all recognize is a very important community event.

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SUN continued from page 19 was created from a kiln part that is fired at a very high

temperature. The eyes are popping out because we are always talking about global warming, and this sun is wondering if he is causing the global warming, or if it is people being careless.

TEXTURAL SUN (4.75' X 5') The round part of the sun was cut from textured white wallpaper, which was then colored with markers. The eves were made from Christmas tree bulbs. The nose was made from a colored paper pill cup, which was inverted and glued in place with a button glued on the surface. The mouth was made from a smooth candle jar lid. The four sunrays were made from metal tooling foil cut into triangles, and then tooled into patterns with a stylus. These patterns were then colored with permanent markers. All items were held in place with hot glue.

This sun is all about people having different textures or different layers. Sometimes a person has a tough exterior, but is very soft on the inside. This sun shows the layers or patterns of a person's life, and how it is very richly "colored" as he lives it.

SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA BE SQUARE

SUN The main part of the sun is made from an old square of wood. The top is covered with old buttons from "grandma's house." Sunrays are cut from fun foam. The eyes are made from Permoplast clay with buttons in the center for pupils, while the nose and lips are formed from colored Permoplast clay.

While most people see the sun as round, and draw and paint it as round, sometimes we have to break out of that mold and not do what others expect of us. We have to be that "square sun," and be different and stand up for what we believe in. This is carried over to the surface of the sun, where many different buttons of different colors and textures are used, showing it is fine to be different from the norm. Because, who says what is normal anyway?

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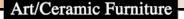
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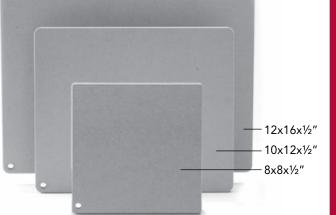
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only few weeks left until we all get to relax for the summer. While you're busy cleaning up your room and putting away materials, here are some excellent tips, ideas and lessons to do with your students.

tip #1

A PICTURE IS WORTH 17 SYLLABLES

Amelia Monroe from Pompano Beach Elementary and Endeavour Primary Learning Center in Pompano Beach, Fla., does a literary project with her third-graders. (The project can also be adapted to middle and high school.)

First is a lecture on haiku construction, a 300-year-old form of poetry from Japan. Here, the poet aims to capture the expression of a beautiful moment in time. Subject matter for haiku includes nature, seasons, human emotion, birth and death.

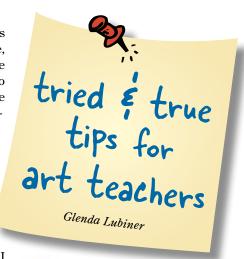
Included in this lesson are language arts, painting skills, layout skills and word processing, as Amelia has her students type their haiku on computShe also likes to have her students design word pictures. (For example, the word "fire" is written to look like fire.) These are fun activities that also integrate 2-D design. At the end of the year, her students sketch their sneakers and do right-brain activities, including upside-down drawings.

tip #4

BEFORE AND AFTER For a quick end-of-the-year, two-day lesson, I have my students fold a piece of 12" x 18" paper in half. On one side I have them draw a picture of a shoe. The next day I make them take off one of their sneakers and draw every detail. It is a great lesson to make the students draw what they see. It is always successful, even with my first-graders.

SCRAPS ARE NOT ONLY FOR THE DOG!

Here are some great ideas to use up your scrap pieces of paper that have





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is Julian Beever, who creates pavement drawings. Visit *www.julianbeever.net/pave.htm* to see many of Beever's drawings. He is well known for his anamorphic illusions, which are drawn with special distortion to create an impression of three dimensions when seen from one particular viewpoint.

Have your students try their hand

Only a Few Weeks Left ...

ers. Haiku are written, and then a font is selected and the poems are typed, then mounted and illustrated using watercolor and card stock.

tip #2

A TIME TO REMEMBER A great way to advocate for the arts and your art program is to have an end-of-the-year art show. One piece of artwork from every student can be hung, which allows a variety of media, themes and techniques to be shown.

Along with the art, I also hang lesson plans to show cross-curricular lessons. I also feature interactive "make-and-take" activities families can work on together. Tickets are sold for each activity, which then buys supplies for my program.

tip #3

SIGN HERE PLEASE! At the end of the year, Eileen Kuchinsky from Park Spring Elementary in Coral Springs, Fla., does autograph books for the upper grades.

been in your recycle bin all year long.

Torn paper collages are a great way to use up scraps. Layer the pieces to create a picture. Some themes I have used in the past are the beach, outer space and the city.

Place tissue-paper scraps on white paper and spray it with water. The ink from the paper will bleed onto the white paper, which makes for a great color theory project, too. When the paper is dry, the tissue paper will flake off and leave a beautiful abstract design. Students can enhance the design with a black permanent marker.

tip #6

IS IT REAL OR IS IT ... As you are putting all your paper and supplies away for the year, it is the perfect time to teach students about three-dimensional chalk drawings. An ideal reference for this

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at it on the sidewalk, in the parking lot or, if you are lucky enough to have an art patio, on the patio. Don't forget to photograph the results. No cleanup needed. After the first rainfall, all the chalk will disappear.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of the artists born in June. Some of my favorite artists are Christo and M.C. Escher. You may want to try a wrapping project inspired by Christo. Escher-themed tessellations are always a great project, as well.

Thank you Amelia and Eileen for your great tips this month, and thanks to *all* of the teachers who sent their tips this past year. Please continue to send them to *triedandtrue@artsandactivites.com*. Have a great summer, and let's get ready for a fabulous 2011–12 school year!

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