



LET'S GOGH ART-Western MA/CT SINGLE SESSION ART-VENTURES

"Tara and the entire staff at Let's Gogh Art are very professional and a pleasure to work with. Tara does a great job with the children while providing them with quality art programs and keeping their interest throughout!" -Cindy M. Fisher Pesce, Recreation Supervisor, Suffield Parks and Recreation



Art skills are an essential part of a great education.

When children learn art, they think, they discover, they thrive!

Studies show that the process of creating art helps children develop the ability for self-expression, problem solving, imagination and creativity. Our workshops provide hands-on, art-based experiences enjoyed in a stress free and nurturing environment. **With a bit of whimsy and wacky we help art explorers think outside the box about art as it relates to the amazing world we live in!**



An Art-venture Workshop...

- Inspires imaginations
- Fosters creativity though broad-based exposure to artists tools, techniques and original materials.
- Promotes the value of art.
- Offers multiple unique art-based activities within a theme.
- Encourages a relaxing, non-competitive environment.
- Incorporates literature, history, culture, music and humor.
- Creates memories and masterpieces to take home.
- Is led by inspiring and talented instructors.
- Offers great value, hassle-free and simple to plan.
- Are age appropriate and kids love them.
- Are just plain FUN!

Happiness...it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort."
-Vincent van Gogh

Features and Requirements

- Workshops can be held anytime, duration: 1 to 2 hours.
- Several workshops can be joined for a multi-session series.
- Minimum of 10 students.
- Descriptive flyers with or without registration forms can be provided.
- Need a room with access to water, preferably with large tables, not individual desks.



SINGLE SESSIONS

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Edible Art Fun Shop

Yummy fun for starving artists!! Literally "make your masterpiece and eat it too" Taste the best that art has to offer. Artists start by decorating chef's hats and then make edible color wheels (and learn about primary and secondary colors), and edible mosaics. Come with your imagination and an empty stomach! Ages 5-12



Mad about Mosaics

Mosaics are fun and easy but so creative. It's amazing what a beautiful piece can be made by simply painting the surface and gluing down colorful tiles. Learn a little about the ancient art of mosaics and create a wooden mosaic picture frame using tiles and bits and gems. If time allows design a gift box with paper mosaics. Ages 5-12



The Art of Mask Making

During this fun mask-making workshop, be transformed! Learn the art of decoupage while creating animal masks using animal skin papers and other kooky materials. Then let's have a carnival by painting and decorating venetian masks with sequins, feathers, glitter, gems and more. Ages 5-12



Glow in the Dark Art-ventures

A glowingly gleeful workshop of creating with "glow in the dark" art materials. Projects might include designing a glow in the dark light switch cover for your room, creating a glowing monster mask out of clay or making necklaces or wristbands. Ages 5-12

Wicked Cool T-shirts

Learn the art of fabric design while printing, painting or stenciling your own special T-shirt. Then decorate it with all kinds of bling! Ages 5-12



Totally Cool Tie Dyed Back Packs

To die for...even if you weren't born in the 60s! Everyone loves to tie-dye and its fun to tie-up your own unique creation. Learn about diffusion by creating random and interesting tie-dye patterns on special paper shapes. Then tie up and dye your very own canvas backpack for a memory making experience. Ages 5-12

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Yummy Fun Art

While learning about the structure and design of buildings, create some unique log cabins or tents to use when camping. Now you need a campfire! Learn how to safely assemble the real thing using all things yummy! Ages 5-12

Individual projects may vary due to availability of materials but will always be a blast to do!



SINGLE SESSIONS FROM OUR CLAY ART SERIES³

Time to Clay



Play with clay and paint some ceramics in this popular workshop. Everyone learns the coil technique while making pots or baskets. Explore the art of mosaics and make a clay tile while learning about different clays. Art explorers might also paint a mini ceramic box. Ages 5-12

More Time to Clay



Clay is such a fun art material. During More Time to Clay, children create crazy cultural masks out of polymer or model magic clay, an awesome alien out of modeling clay, a pinch pot using air dry clay or a pendant made with tiles and gems. Ages 5-12

Claying Around



According to pre-Columbian legend, each person shares a common destiny with an animal that matches his or her personality. The animal is called the person's "Tona". (Think bird for someone who likes to sing or cheetah for someone who is a fast runner.) During this Mexican Folk Art workshop explorers create awesome Mexican "Tona" animal characters out of clay then paint and decorate them. Ages 5-12

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More Claying Around

Always new, always unique, art-ventures using different kinds of clay. Art explorers discover the wonders of clay while creating their very own works of art. Discoveries may include color mixing, pastel colors, shapes and under the sea life while "painting" ocean scenes with modeling magic clay. If time, create mini 3-dimensional cityscapes out of colorful plasti-clay. Ages 5-12



Come Clay with Me

Explore color mixing and the coil technique while creating colorful cupcake sculptures inspired by the famous American artist Wayne Thiebaud. Learn more about his cake art while discovering color saturated oil pastels. You'll have a craving for cupcakes after this funshop! Ages 5-12



Claying for Keeps

Story telling is an important tradition in Native American cultures. Explore the history of daily life and use native materials to create story-teller figures or necklaces designed to tell a story. Fun and fascinating! Ages 6-12

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Vibrant "Marker" Tie Dye Ts

Another "to die for..." tie dye artshop. Learn how to create patterns while making a warm-up tie dye art form. Then on to the main event. You won't believe the brilliance of the colors after tie dyeing with Sharpie markers and applying an unconventional art technique. WOW!
Ages 5-12



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SINGLE SESSIONS FROM OUR AROUND THE WORLD CREATIVITY TOUR

Take a tour of the world, traveling among different countries. Artists get a lesson in geography, culture and art history.

Colorful Clay Creations

Originally intended as ceremonial offerings to the spirits to insure a bountiful harvest, the Huichol (weechol) people of Mexico design yarn paintings as colorful images of their cultural beliefs. Using intensely colored air dry "strings of clay" create beautiful images and designs of your own. Ages 7-12



Musical Maracas

Maracas are musical instruments native to Latin America, used to provide rhythm, especially with a Latin beat. Traditional maracas were made of gourds with dried seeds inside creating the sound. During this musical artshop paint and decorate wooden maracas and wooden beads to make a fun Latin American neck piece. Ages 5-12



Terrific Teepees

Teepee is a north American Indian name for a cone shaped tent made from animal skins and wooden poles. The Plains Indians lived in them. They painted and decorated them to depict personal experiences such as war or hunting. During this North American visit learn about life on the Plains and create terrific teepees using oil pastels and fun decorations. Ages 6-12

Whimsical Windssocks

Windssocks have their origins in China and Japan where they were made of paper or silk. During this Japanese inspired artshop, design and decorate fabric windssocks with colorful fabric paints, markers, stencils and bling. If time, learn some Japanese alphabet characters and make a shining work of art. Ages 5-12

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SINGLE SESSIONS FROM SMILING EARTH SERIES ⁵

Art explorers create a variety of pretty amazing art from natural and recycled materials. Discussions about saving the environment, the impact of recycling and using our natural resources in more effective ways are included.

Bubble Wrap T-shirts

What amazing designs and patterns can result from printing with plain old bubble wrap! Instead of throwing it away artists use it and fabric paint to print their very own T-shirts. Super fun and imaginative. Ages 5-12



Creative Creatures

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Choosing from our huge supply of recycled materials (tubes, clay, yarns, ribbons, buttons, fabrics and lots of bling), art explorers glue, tape and build crazy creative creatures...the ideas are limited only by the imagination! Ages 5-12

Gogh Green Canvas Totes

Fabric designing at its best. Landfills are over-flowing with throw away plastic bags which don't break down. Why not design your own wicked cool canvas tote to use over and over and eliminate the need for plastic. Use fabric paints, markers and decorations to create a one-of-a-kind tote. Ages 5-12

Mosaic Madness

The art of mosaics and the many uses throughout history are explored while artists use their imaginations to create an intricate and beautiful work of art out of some of our renewable natural resources. Totally engaging and tons of fun! Ages 6-12

Keep Secrets Book Box

Create something truly unique and useful using recycled materials. Rather than traditional pages, the interior of these "books" can hold secret treasures or photos collected by the creator. Explore the anatomy of a book while learning about design elements and styles. Very cool project. Ages 6-12

Dynamite Decorative Paper

Mixing art and imagination, make beautiful decorative paper with interesting and unique recycled fibers, yarns, colorful tissue, glitter and other fun stuff. Paper can be used as cards, book covers or picture frames. Then discover the art of decoupage with fabrics while creating colorful and useful pencil holders. Ages 5-12

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SINGLE SESSIONS FROM RAINFOREST SERIES

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Rainsticks for a Rain Dance

Create these cool-sounding instruments which originated centuries ago in Chile. South American tribesmen would harvest dead branches from cactus plants, fill them with small pebbles and cap the ends. They would ask the gods to send rain by tilting the branch, causing the trickle sound of falling rain. Ages 6-12



Jazzy Jungle Cats

Create a bit of mystery while hiding whimsical lions amongst overlapping jungle leaves. Each cat quickly takes on a personality of it's own (cats wearing socks with different colored toes or cats with big smiles.)

Ages 6-12



Let's Gogh Toucans

Toucans are birds of the rainforest with very large, brightly colored bills. Create unique and colorful works of art on canvas while learning some fun facts about Toucans. Ages 5-12



Rainforest Tribal Ceremonial Masks

Using clay, feathers, gems, sequins, beads and paints, create expressive tribal masks while learning about the symbols used for rainforest tribal ceremonies. Ages 5-12



Rainforest Turtles

Learn some fun facts about turtles that live in the rainforest while painting and decorating ceramic turtle banks. Then using colorful oil pastels create some beautiful rainforest flowers. Ages 5-12

Tigers and Parrots

Using unique glass stains create beautiful tigers in the jungle stained glass art forms. Then learn how to draw colorful and whimsical parrots. Ages 5-12



The Red Eyed Tree Frog

Sculpt red-eyed tree frogs onto light switch covers for your rooms using the ever-popular model magic clay. An everlasting memory of a rainforest art-venture. Ages 6-12



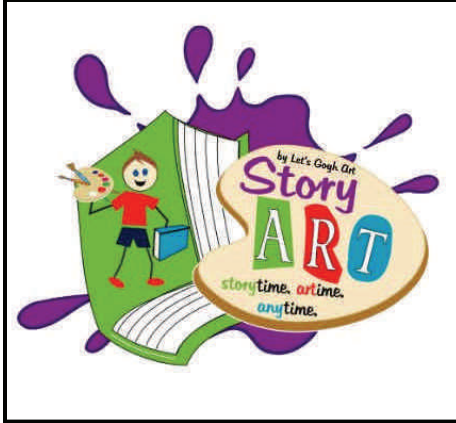
Whimsical Rainforest Snakes

Create colorful and amazing rainforest snakes inspired by the ancient art of Repousse, a metalworking technique. Soft metal is shaped by hammering from the reverse side then decorated with bright permanent inks.

These beautiful pieces are awesome to hang on your walls. Ages 6-12

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Munchkins and Masterpieces for PreK

Let's Gogh Art "creates some fun" while exposing children to a variety of artist's tools, techniques and materials. Whimsical and inspiring these StoryArt workshops include "Princesses and Pirates", "Madcap Alphabet Art-venture", "Oceans of Laughs", and dozens more. Children experience painting and decorating, collage, fabric art, ceramics or more while creating two and three dimensional art forms. PreK

Wicked Cool Adventures with Art for ages 4-8

Art adventurers explore many whimsical and original art forms and techniques while discovering clay and collage, painting and decorating, making masks or creating hot air balloons! Hear the "Legend of the Indian Paint Brush" or "Where the Wild Things Are". Create butterflies, monsters, robots or airplanes. These StoryArt classes are praised for teaching reading comprehension, while inspiring the imagination and self-expression. Explore, experiment, create. Dozens to choose from. FUN!

Ages 4-8



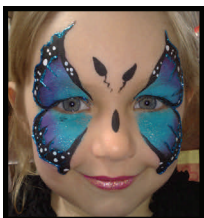
LARGE GROUP WORKSHOPS (FOR EARLY RELEASE OR VACATION DAYS)

Any of our after-school workshops, or ones not listed, can be tailored to a large group. Our high energy and experienced staff know how to "create some fun" with any size group. For larger groups we set up art activities in multiple stations which allows art explorers to move from each project to another at their own pace. All of our workshops are engaging and educational. Children will enjoy the fun and "discover how far their creativity can go!"



FOR FUNDRAISING OR SPECIAL EVENTS.

Many of the projects represented in our workshops can be provided for a fundraising event at your school or for special events, open houses etc. Our Creativity consultants can help you tailor our activities to the interests and budget of your group. Think:
**Tie dyeing T-shirts ~ Color Canvas Animals ~ Paint Ceramic Banks ~ Mask Making
 Beading ~ Wood you Paint Me? ~ Designing Backpacks, Purses ~ And More....**



FACE PAINTING IS OUR SPECIALTY.

- We only use the safest professional, FDA approved, hypoallergenic products. Everything is completely safe and nontoxic.
- Our assortment of faces is beyond compare. We do cheek art, partial face and fabulous full face art. Children love to be transformed and we love to do it!



"Thank-you to Tara and Olivia for the creative faces on Monday. The children loved it and we have some really awesome pictures for next summer's brochure to advertise the event." Mary Hannigan, Longmeadow Parks and Recreation.

ADD SOME GLIMMER TO YOUR EVENT!

New! Glitter Tattoos

- Glitter tattoos are the latest and greatest form of body art sweeping the nation!
- They are waterproof, safe for the skin, and can last up to seven days, sometimes longer!
- Glitter tattoos can add a little glitz and sparkle to any fund raising or special event.
- Not only are they enjoyed by the young, but the young at heart are enjoying the new craze that is glitter tattoos. You're sure to draw a crowd with glitter tattoos!

