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## Grants in the Arts

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#### **Ecology of Virginia Tile Mural**

Arlington Science Focus School  
1501 North Lincoln Street, Arlington, Va. 22201; 703-228-7670;  
FAX 703-525-2452  
Submitted by: Linda Williams and Joe Puzzo

This is an art project where students work with local ceramics artists to create a three hundred square foot tile mural on the ecology of Virginia's five regions. Students will develop a deeper understanding of Virginia's ecology and the varying topographies and native species.

#### **Musical Theater (Too Cool!) After School**

Ashlawn Elementary School  
5950 North 8th Road, Arlington, Va. 22205; 703-228-5270;  
FAX 703-534-3685  
Submitted by: Janie V. Rigotti and Jerilyn Levi

This after school program is for students to participate in three performances of Val Cheatham's "Trial of the Big, Bad Wolf." Students of all backgrounds will receive an opportunity to participate in the arts, experience success and gain self-confidence.

#### **Making Pottery to Help the Community**

Long Branch Elementary School  
33 North Filmore Street, Arlington, Va. 22201; 703-228-4220;  
FAX 703-875-2868  
Submitted by: Gwenn Zaberer

A community service project that gives fourth grade students the opportunity to make pottery bowls and auction them off to benefit charitable programs that feed the hungry. This experience teaches the importance of community service and incorporates art as a learning tool.

#### **McKinley Children's Theater**

McKinley Elementary School  
1030 North McKinley Road, Arlington, Va. 22205;  
703-228-5280; FAX 703-538-4982  
Submitted by: Krislyn Keller

Based upon literature from their curriculum, second through fifth grade students will create their own musical production in collaboration with Educational Theater Company. This project provides opportunities for creative thinking and self-expression and exposes children to the beauty of music, dance, literature and art.

#### **Clay Animation Workshop**

Flint Hill School  
10409 Academic Drive, Oakton, Va. 22124; 703-242-0705;  
FAX 703-242-0718  
Submitted by: Christian Sullivan

This workshop provides a basic understanding of the process of clay animation for fifth grade students. Students sculpt original characters, develop a story line and work in small groups to produce short animated videos with sound. Thinking creatively and incorporating knowledge of visual arts, language, drama and technical skills are skills students will gain from this project.

#### **A Monumental Gathering: Music! Words! Opera! Partnership**

Haycock Elementary School  
6616 Haycock Road, Falls Church, Va. 22043; 703-531-4000;  
FAX 703-531-4097  
Submitted by: Linda White, Teresa Blackwell and Julie Koz

Sixty third grade students will study monuments, symbols, and national treasures of the United States. Then they will create and perform an original opera. This project fosters positive attitudes toward opera and the arts in general, preparing students to be supporters of the arts.

#### **Mosaic Garden**

Herndon Elementary School  
630 Dranesville Road, Herndon, Va. 20170; 703-326-3100;  
FAX 703-326-3197  
Submitted by: Kenneth Henry

Renovating the outdoor courtyard at Herndon Elementary School will create an inviting environment for students to partake in more instructional outdoor activities. The sixth grade students will be encouraged to take responsibility for the design and creation of the outdoor space.

### **Looking Through an Artist's Eyes: Walt Bartman on "A Figure in Space"**

Oakton High School  
2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, Va. 22181; 703-319-2700;  
FAX 703-319-2797

Submitted by: Laura Conley

Artist Walt Bartman will spend two days providing drawing demonstrations, slide shows, art and portfolio critique and career and lifestyle discussions to upper level art students at Oakton High School. Art students will be inspired to achieve higher levels of creativity and skills and develop an appreciation of the arts.

### **Writing to Learn**

Sunrise Valley Elementary School  
10824 Cross School Road, Reston, Va. 20191; 703-715-3800;  
FAX 703-715-3897

Submitted by: Cheryl Freeman

Professional poet and writer Sandord Lyne will conduct workshops to improve the writing skills of third, fifth and sixth grade students while incorporating life experiences and teaching about historical periods. Through this program, students enhance their writing skills and learn how to use creative writing as a vehicle for understanding history.

### **Egyptian Beads**

Sunrise Valley Elementary School  
10824 Cross School Road, Reston, Va. 20191; 703-715-3800;  
FAX 703-715-3897

Submitted by: Kate Shanley

Egyptian Beads is a project where third grade students are instructed on the Egyptians' use of objects made from fired clay as early as 3000 B.C. In addition, students are guided in creating beads, amulets and gold foil cartouches using Egyptian symbols. This project teaches students about the Egyptian culture by integrating art from that period.

### **Unity and Diversity Mural**

Terra Centre Elementary School  
6000 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, Va. 22015; 703-249-1400;  
FAX 703 249-1497

Submitted by: Jean-Marie Galing

This project involves the installation of a ceramic mural on the exterior wall of Terra Centre Elementary School. Every student in kindergarten through sixth grade will be involved in this project. The mural will celebrate the diversity of Terra Centre while promoting cooperation and unity among students as they collaborate in the design and execution of the project.

### **Basket Weaving**

Terraset Elementary School  
11411 Ridge Heights Road, Reston, Va. 20191; 703-390-5600;  
FAX 703-390-5697

Submitted by: Mary Wehle

As part of their social studies curriculum on Native Americans and the colonial crafts people, fourth grade students will weave a basket. Through this program, students will develop an appreciation and understanding of Native Americans and their contributions to traditional basket making.

### **I See Rhythm**

Woodburn Elementary School  
3401 Hemlock Drive, Falls Church, Va. 22042; 703-641-8200;  
FAX 703-641-8297

Submitted by: Thana Vance and Allison Lane

This is a multicultural program for the third through sixth grade students. They will explore the art of storytelling by examining poetry, art and music. Students will learn about oral, visual and dramatic traditions of different cultures.

### **Family and School Quilting Project**

Mt. Daniel Elementary School  
2328 North Oak Street, Falls Church, Va. 22046; 703-248-5655;  
FAX 703-248-5642

Submitted by: Amy Harding, Michelle Marquedant, Luly Maceo, Mary Ann Graves and Norma Pfaff

An intergenerational project involving children, teachers, and families working together to create a quilt. The importance of a strong and supportive community is explored during this project. In addition, students will enhance their motor and communication skills and learn about the importance of teamwork.

### **Wild Waterford - Where Art Meets Nature in the Field and in the Class**

Waterford Elementary School  
15513 Loyalty Road, Waterford, Va. 20197; 703-771-6660;  
FAX 703-771-6662

Submitted by: Susan Verdin

This artist-in-residence program is designed to bring creative dimensions to the science curriculum. Kindergarten through sixth grade students will study local plants and wildlife, then turn sketches into 3-D works of art and exhibit them in a community exhibition. Through this program, students increase their knowledge of local wildlife, plants and their habitats through the application of a variety of artistic techniques.

### **Something Old, Something New, Beautiful Chairs That Tell About You**

Bull Run Middle School  
6308 Catharpin Road, Gainesville, Va. 20155; 703-753-9699;  
FAX 703-753-9610

Submitted by: Kay Brady

Eighth grade students will artistically refurbish wooden chairs. Upon completion of the project, the chairs will be presented as a gift to Prince William Hospital's children's ward. Providing students with this artistic and community service oriented project will help them gain self-esteem and learn the value of time management while fostering organizational, social, and interactive skills.

### **Poetry Fair**

Woodbridge Senior High School  
3001 Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge, Va. 22192; 703-497-8000;  
FAX 703-497-8117

Submitted by: Patricia Dengel and Catherine Turner

The Poetry Fair will include booths, exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, interactive displays and performances celebrating poets. The students will develop the ideas for this two day event. This project is designed to teach students a variety of techniques used to create poetry and challenges the critical thinking skills necessary to design a thematic poetry presentation.

### **Transparency Making**

North Stafford High School  
839 Garrisonville Road, Stafford, Va. 22554; 540-658-6150;  
FAX 540-659-5312

Submitted by: Brenda Douglas

Using digital cameras students will capture images of multicultural objects. Then the students will research specific cultures associated with given multicultural objects. Technological proficiency, composition and design skills as well as broadening students' understanding of multiculturalism are skills the students will gain from this program.

### **Experience the Arts!**

Widewater Elementary School  
101 Den Rich Drive, Stafford, Va. 22554; 540-658-6380;  
FAX 540-658-6378

Submitted by: Clarissa Huffstickler, Miracle Snyder, Lisa Whitford, Gary Winger, Debbie Killen-Nugent and Kelly Raine

The school community can fully engage in the arts through storytelling during this evening event. The featured book, "The Hatseller and the Monkeys", by storyteller Baba Wagué Diakité, is the retelling of an authentic West African teaching tale. Music, dance, theater and art are incorporated into the night. Students will earn to make connections between the arts and their curriculum and have the opportunity to participate in a community activity.

### **Living Masterpieces**

Aquinas School  
13750 Mary's Way, Woodbridge, Va. 22191; 703-491-4447;  
FAX 703-492-8828

Submitted by: Suzanne Blair

Living Masterpieces is a performance based, art history and production project where students recreate a work of art and become the characters or object(s) in the masterpiece. Students will be challenged to expand their understanding of art by immersing them into the world of a particular masterpiece.

### **Commissioned Work and Composer-in-the-School**

Bishop Ireton High School  
201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, Va. 22314; 703-212-5162;  
FAX 703-212-8173

Submitted by: Garwood Whaley

Frederick Speck will be commissioned to compose a musical work for Bishop Ireton's Wind Ensemble. This work will be premiered during the ensemble's annual European pre-tour concert. This program will provide students with the highest quality learning and performance experience and develop their skills as aspiring musicians.

### **Poetic Constructions: Where I've Been; Where I Am; Where I'm Going**

Foundation School of Alexandria  
25 South Quaker Lane, Alexandria, Va. 22314; 703-212-2090;  
FAX 703-212-0465

Submitted by: Victoria Walchak

Students will collect small objects that symbolize stages of their lives. These items will be placed in a "poetry" or memory box in order to create poetic narratives. This project provides the chance for students to create a whole picture of themselves. This experience will empower students by giving them opportunity to bear witness to their personal struggles and aspirations.

### **Fiber Studies: History and Artistry**

Montessori of Northern Virginia  
6820 Pacific Lane, Annandale, Va. 22003; 703-256-9577;  
FAX 703-256-9851

Submitted by: Filiz Buckley

This series of activities and research initiatives explores fiber and natural dyes from plant sources. First through third grade students will develop an appreciation for hand-made objects and learn about the importance of the textile industry while participating in this project.

### **Renaissance Master Class: A Study in Music, Dance and History**

Notre Dame Academy  
35321 Notre Dame Lane, Middleburg, Va. 20117; 540-687-5581;  
FAX 540-687-3103

Submitted by: Michael Hughes and Susan Cary Strickland

Eighth grade students will have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the Renaissance period through music and art. Through this program, students foster a deeper understanding of the Renaissance period while expressing their own creative spirit.

### **Monumental Reflections: History through Photography & Poetry**

St. Ann School  
980 North Frederick Street, Arlington, Va. 22205; 703-525-7599;  
FAX 703-525-2687

Submitted by: Karen Jaslow and Lynn Miller

As they photograph and write about historic sites in Washington, D.C., eighth grade students will be introduced to photography and verse. This project integrates art and poetry as forms of inspirational expression and teaches students to make a connection between written feelings and visual imagery.

### **Music Dance Drama - In a Collection of Fables**

St. Rita's Catholic School  
3801 Russell Road, Alexandria, Va. 22305; 703-548-1888;  
FAX 703-519-9389

Submitted by: Laurie Burdett

This school wide drama production of "The Fabulous Fable Factory" incorporates sign language, dance, music and drama. Kindergarten through eighth grade students will learn how literature can be expressed in multiple ways and how to critically think and creatively solve a problem as they analyze the moral content of the fables.

### **8th Grade Masterpiece Tee Shirts**

St. Thomas More Cathedral School  
105 North Thomas Street, Arlington, Va. 22203; 703-528-6781;  
FAX 703-528-5048

Submitted by: Kathy Stice, Marie Flannigan, Faylinda Kodis and Mary Fran Pierce

This creative program will provide eighth grade students with the opportunity to create a tee-shirt showcasing a masterwork by an artist of their choice. The students will then present their tee-shirts to their peers and teachers. This project provides students with the chance to connect with master artists using their creative abilities and encourages an appreciation of the arts through exploration.