

## **Tips from Art Masterpiece Training 2013 - because Art Masterpiece volunteers are the best resource!**

**Starting up or maintaining a program (e.g., recruiting volunteers, acquiring funding, resources):**

- Apply for a small grant to help with funding.
- Promote Art Masterpiece as a gift for teachers and/or students.
- Send out a recruitment flyer and/or emails to teachers and parents.
- Ask for teacher participation by asking for volunteers during curriculum or back-to-school night.
- Put a small article in the school newsletter describing projects done. Include a photo!
- Include a tab on the school website outlining program.
- Acquire funding through the PTO and/or Site Council.
- Great resources are the internet, the Phoenix Art Museum, other schools' websites, Pinterest. SEE what has been done, not only at your school, but at others. Get ideas and go!

**Ideas for incorporating Art Masterpiece into classroom curriculum/school events:**

- Have "Art in the Garden" during school garden workdays. Georgia O'Keefe and Henri Rousseau have worked well with this.
- Display artwork in the cafeteria. The students love seeing their art work in so public a space. Have work up for Open House, Spring Fling, or other school events or celebrations.
- Have each class create an art auction piece for Spring Carnival or other school event or auction. All proceeds go to the PTO to fund Art Masterpiece.
- Have an art activity at the Fall Festival or other event and a Mona Lisa photo op.
- Have an "Art Show" or an "Art Walk" with the students' art work. Have the students bring in their family and friends and roam the hallways showing

off and enjoying work that they have done in their classes. Have each Art Masterpiece volunteer put up a display on a lesson her or she did. Have a different decorative theme each year.

- Have Art Masterpiece displays at school music nights.

**Great activities and projects students have enjoyed:**

- Paint on wood.
- Paint over crayon.
- Create individual projects that when completed can be combined to create a mural.
- Use clay.
- Create 3D projects.
- Paint outside.
- Picasso project – Bring in a bouquet of flowers and have the students draw in cubist style emphasizing geometric shapes.
- Ida Kohlmeyer project – Reference the fun culture, music, and food found in NOLA.com and from the movie “The Princess and the Frog,” which of course the children are familiar with.
- Make geometric shape portrait collages.
- Jackson Pollock Project – Make “Pollock” style paintings using marbles.
- Make still life drawings and/or paintings using everyday objects.
- Realism vs. Impressionism – Dress up as a scuba diver (minus the tank) for “A Goldfish” presentation. Go on an underwater adventure! Talk about real life looking sea creatures (realism) vs. Impressionism. When lecture is over, pull out a real dead fish from a cooler so the kids can see what a real fish looks like. Then use a black scratch board to reveal color underneath and have the kids “scratch” an underwater scene.