

Arts for Learning San Diego

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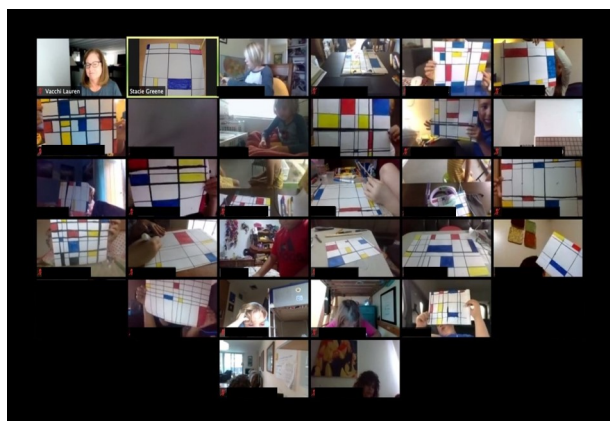


Dear Friends, I hope you are doing well, staying healthy and safe during this unprecedented time. Through this newsletter, we wanted update you on all the wonderful things happening here at Arts for Learning San Diego. With the arrival of the holiday season comes excitement and anticipation. While this year's celebrations will be decidedly different, we know that there will be bright spots to carry us through. Here are a few from us.



Program Spotlight - Dazzling Distance Learning

Beginning in mid-March, our Teaching Artists began delivering their arts-based lessons via technology and we're continuing to do that in the current school year, supporting our schools and families. Visual Artist Stacie Birky Greene has been working with 4th graders at Ocean Beach Elementary on basic art techniques, diving into the style of some masters to help budding artists develop their very own approach to art-making. Here's a peek into their virtual classroom where students are creating works modeled after Dutch artist Piet Mondrian, a pioneer in abstract art.



A Special Holiday Fundraiser



Airplane Nativity



Rabbit Nativity



Fantasy Ocean Nativity



Sacred Family



Pottery Nativity

Arts for Learning San Diego has launched our own line of inspiring holiday cards, featuring Nativity scenes hand-crafted by artisans in Mexico. These unique and beautiful artworks are from the collection of A4LSD board member Barbara Garcia and her husband David.

Proceeds will go to support A4LSD online programming for students and their families.

To purchase, visit our website: www.artsforlearningsd.org.

Exciting News! Celebrating Generosity

In July we received word from the Ruth and Joseph C. Reed Foundation for the Arts that they would support our visual arts programs in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools with a \$10K grant! Mrs. Reed says, *"Because of an unexpected experience with the arts in my early life, I later realized what a profound impact such an awakening can have in shaping and enriching one's future."* Isn't that what it's all about? – giving young people the opportunity to tap into their creativity and give them a gift for life. Thank you, Mrs. Reed, for your generosity. We are so grateful for their support of our most vulnerable students.

We have also received a \$5,000 grant from both the **DeFalco Family Foundation and Jill Hall** to support our general operations. We so appreciate their support and belief in what we do.



Congratulations to Teaching Artist Sharon DuBois!

Sharon is our first Teaching Artist to earn her YA National Residency Teaching Artist Credential! This process was very intense and articulates what effective, high quality teaching artistry looks like in K-12 school-based residencies. Applicants were evaluated on excellence in four competency areas: Artistry, Instruction, Planning & Preparation, and Community. Sharon shares her passion for jazz and blues music with students throughout San Diego County, teaching them the history of these art forms and songwriting skills. Congrats, Sharon! We're so proud of you!! Check out her website: <https://sharondubois.com/>.

We've Moved!



Like so many businesses, we found that holding on to an office space just didn't make sense for us. With our lease coming to an end, we decided to leave our office space and continue working from home. After shredding piles of old paper, donating art supplies to San Diego Unified (Visual Art Resource Teacher, Marty Stegeman is pictured here) and other items to support local non-profits; we also made new friends in the community selling surplus furniture and made multiple trips to Goodwill. We are pleased with the results of our major purge. Please make note of our new mailing address; we'll look forward to receiving your holiday cards and other correspondence here:

1286 University Ave., #267, San Diego, CA 92103

And we are grateful for all of you for keeping in touch with us, sending us your positive thoughts and supporting our efforts. We keep doing what we do because we know you're behind us. We appreciate you all!

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay creative.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adrienne Valencia".

Adrienne Valencia, Executive Director
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