

The Docents Thank Our PTAs

Summer is just around the corner. The Los Altos Art Docents want to use this final issue of *The Easel* to thank the school PTAs for all their support of the Art Docents over the years. Your contributions allow us to inspire your children with art and creativity!

This year marks our 40th Anniversary of bringing art to the elementary school children of the Los Altos district. Your PTA dollars are put to use bringing 800 classes into the classroom. Seventy-two dedicated volunteers make it possible for us to teach sixty art appreciation and hands-on units from Kindergarten to sixth grade.

We also put on a Student Art Show every year. The docents hang one piece of artwork created by every student in the district - that's over 6000 masterpieces! This year, the children also enjoyed the hands-on projects set up as part of the Art Show. The kids made felt faces, made embossed foil art, and painted landscapes with found materials!



Become An Art Docent!

Won't you join us in the coming 2010-11 school year? We will have an information table set up at your school on the first day of school for parents who

would like to join our group. We will also have an informational coffee on August 25th to give you the details about our program.

If you are able to join us, plan on a weekly Wednesday morning training session. You will spend the morning learning a new hands-on art technique as well enjoying an art appreciation lesson. As an additional enticement we provide delicious homemade breakfast foods at all training sessions!

While training we encourage our volunteers to go into the classroom and assist the docents for some on-the-job experience.

The children and the teachers love to see us in their classrooms. It's an incredibly rewarding experience. Remember, happiness is often the result of being too busy to be miserable.

For more information about the Los Altos Art Docents, visit our website: losaltosartdocents.org or call (650) 947-1195.

LOOK
until you
SEE

Exciting Art Opportunities!

San Jose Discovery Museum

180 Woz Way
San Jose, CA 95110
(408) 298-5437

The Museum's exhibit philosophy is rooted in its mission and responds to the distinctive need for children to learn through concrete interactions — touching, exploring, manipulating and experimenting.

Over 28,000 square feet of semi-permanent and travelling exhibits address the educational and cultural needs of CDM's audience through the themes of Connections, Community and Creativity.

Oakland Museum of CA

1000 Oak St.
Oakland, CA 94607

The Monthly Family Explorations! program is an opportunity for children and adults alike to creatively explore California's heritage through hands-on science and art activities, story-telling, and performances.

Check the on-line calendar for details. Children 8 and under free.

San Jose Museum of Art

110 South Market Street
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 271-6840
<http://www.sjmusart.org/>

Wayne Thiebaud Exhibit

Children enjoy the whimsical pop-art, through July 4th. Children 6 and under free.

San Jose Tech Museum

201 South Market Street
San Jose, CA 95113-2008
(408) 294-8324
www.thetech.org

Genghis Khan Exhibit

Learn the truth about the conqueror Genghis Khan. This will be the only west coast appearance of this exhibition.

Opens May 22 for a limited engagement.