



*Art From the Heart* is gearing up for its 12th year of bringing art enrichment classes to underserved children in Marin County! This next year, we have many fun and creative projects in store for our students hoping to give them the hands-on experience and exposure to the arts that every child deserves. Teaching 26 classes a month you may think might get somewhat repetitive, but the smiles, excitement and success we see with each and every student makes every class a joy. Thank you for continuing to make our mission a reality and for helping us foster a love of the arts in the lives of our students.

Kathy Eggert & Sheila Jones

## YEAR IN REVIEW

Mexican bark paintings, Navajo Indian sand paintings, paper Molas from Panama, Jim Dine Confetti Hearts, Gustav Klimt's Tree of Life, Casita textile designs on banners, tie die art designs, 3-D underwater drawings and Claude Monet's Water lily tissue art designs . . . these are just a few of our art projects this year! We worked with sand, oil pastels, chalk pastels, water colors, tissue paper, acrylic paints and fabrics, giving our students the opportunity to work with many mediums and supplies. The students' final projects reflected art at its best.



## ART DAY at SHORT ELEMENTARY

This past year, we worked with the fourth and fifth grade students at Short Elementary School. Sadly, the lower grades did not have art classes on a regular basis. In May, AFTH organized an Art Day where each grade level had a class creating different projects. The students and the teachers loved it! As a result we are adding a Fall and Spring Art Day for the lower grades at Short Elementary, and we will be adding the third grade students to our monthly schedule.

## SUMMER PROGRAM AT NOVATO CHILDREN'S CENTER

AFTH was asked to take on a campus beautification project at the Novato Children's Center this year. In June and July, our students created gorgeous garden flags, acrylic panels painted with Georgia O'Keeffe inspired flowers, as well as two vinyl murals! The process was very fun and the results speak for themselves.



Our **THANKS** to two very generous Novato businesses for helping us make these murals a reality . . .

Carla at *Centric Signs* for materials & Jeff at *Kelly Moore Paints* for paints

## PARTNERING WITH NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL

This year, Kathy mentored Jane Godoy, a senior at Novato High School. Jane observed and assisted during four classes at our

Novato Children's Center site. She then prepared and taught a class on Scandinavian windmill designs. The students

enjoyed designing their windmills while Jane used the experience to create her senior project presentation. It was a win-win experience, and we are hoping to do more mentoring in the future.



## HAPPENINGS AT TIMOTHY MURPHY SCHOOL

In May, we set up an art gallery in a TMS classroom exhibiting all of the boys' art work from the past year. It was extremely satisfying and exciting to see all of their beautiful work displayed – not only for the students, but for the staff, teachers, counselors and donors of Art From the Heart who came to see the students' work.

We also entered 30 pieces of art into the Marin County Fair. The boys' work was very well received! Students were awarded 10 first place ribbons, 16 second place and four third place ribbons. In addition, two special awards were given out for Best of Show (16-18 year olds) in the general art category and those awards both went to students of TMS. We will be doing a presentation of ribbons at the beginning of this school year.



**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS & SUPPORTERS!**

### The Frankie Poulos

**Foundation** has underwritten our program at the Novato Children's Center this year! This charitable foundation, created in honor of Frankie Poulos who died in a car accident in 1993, raises money to support Novato youth organizations.



**Marin Charitable** continues to support our program by awarding us a grant to enrich the lives of school-aged children in Marin County.



### Westamerica Bank

awarded AFTH a generous grant to support our work with children in Marin County.



### Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California

once again included AFTH in a grant to reach under-served, school-aged children by sponsoring our storyteller, Kirk Waller.

