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A SPRING FULL OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES

Muscatine Art Center announces spring schedule filled with fun for young and old

MUSCATINE, Iowa - Spring is in the air at the Muscatine Art Center, and the season will be chocked full of fun. In addition to Mini Masters for the youngest learners and Kids' Saturday Workshops for school-aged children, a variety of free spring break activities and events for families are on the calendar.

Spring Break

Families can drop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. March 17-19 during "Spring Break Boredom Busters." Katy Loos, Program Coordinator at the Muscatine Art Center, will present a different theme each afternoon starting with St. Patrick's Day fun, art games and scavenger hunts, and science meets art. A light snack and juice will provided. Reservations are not required but it is intended that an adult will accompany children during this free program.

Also during Spring Break, families can drop in for Open Studio. Activities appropriate for children ages 2 to 10 will be offered from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on March 18. There is no fee, and

families can come and go as they please. The “Learn to Look” Gallery for children will also be open.

Family Events

The Muscatine Art Center will celebrate National Children’s Craft Day from 1-4 p.m. on March 14. Families can stop by any time and open their child’s eyes to the world of crafts. Craft supplies will be provided, and the project can be completed at the Muscatine Art Center or at home. No registration is required for this free event.

Families are also invited to celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by crafting a “green” project using only recycled materials. Families can drop by anytime between 1:30 and 4 p.m. No registration is required for this free event

Children and their moms (or grandmothers, aunts, neighbors) are invited to celebrate Mother’s Day with a special party at the Muscatine Art Center on May 8. The day will be filled with tasty treats, games, dress-up, a craft to commemorate mom, and a special Teddy Bear or other stuffed toy for kids. Registration is required, and space is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Three times are offered including 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Activities will last approximately 75 minutes, but participants are welcome to play longer in the “Learn to Look” Gallery. A donation of \$5 per person is appreciated but not required. Thank you to AnnsArts for gifting the Teddy Bears for this event!

Reoccurring Activities

Starting February 29, school-aged children and younger can pick up a “take and make” project at the Front Desk when they visit on Saturday or Sunday. These free projects are presented in a bag and require only a few standard supplies to complete. Weekend hours are 1 to 5 p.m., and please take only one project bag per child per visit.

For children as young as two-years-old, the Muscatine Art Center offers a variety of classes to help build skills and make memories. Children's classes are free this spring thanks to a grant from Muscatine Charities.



The family-favorite, Mini Masters (ages 2 to 7), will continue to be held Wednesdays 9:30-10:15 a.m. and Thursdays 3:30-4:15 p.m. Each class features story time and two art projects. The theme for March is "Dr. Seuss". Children will learn about the beloved author and share in his delightful stories. In April, little cowpokes will travel to the Wild West for a rootin', tootin' good time. The theme for May is "Animals at Night" when children will be able to explore the world at night and "meet" animals that only come out after we

have gone to bed. No registration is required for individuals, but groups of four or more should call one week in advance. There will be no Mini Masters class on March 18 or March 19.

Kid's Saturday Workshop (ages 7 to 14) will celebrate a famous birthday and two holidays this spring. On March 7, Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, is the subject. Students will make a "Seussical"-style animal to mount on their wall. On April 4, participants will make and decorate sugar eggs just in time for Easter. On May 2, Cinco de Mayo is the topic, and the group will commemorate Mexico's victory at the Battle of Puebla by making Ojo de Dios weavings. Taught by Julie Lear, Kid's Saturday Workshops are held once per month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by the Friday before class.



ABOUT THE ART CENTER - The Muscatine Art Center is located at 1314 Mulberry Avenue in Muscatine, Iowa. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday evenings until 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Donations are appreciated. Visit www.muscatineartcenter.org for more information about programs and events



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