



September 13, 2006

## eNews and Views

### Arts Partners Artists' Showcase Friday, October 13, 2006

**Session I: 10:30 to noon - Session II: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

Teachers, curriculum specialists and administrators are invited to the annual Arts Partners Artists' Showcase, which will be held on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in Room 200S at the Joyce Focht Instructional Support Center (JFISC).

Arts Partners staff, artists, and partnering organizations will provide information on new artists and programs, curriculum connections, reaching learners with diverse learning styles, and professional development opportunities. Arts Partners artists will discuss/demonstrate their programs. There will be a display of children's books and books about integrating the arts across the curriculum.

The Showcase is important to developing your school's Arts Partners plan. Arts Partners schools and schools interested in learning more about Arts Partners should send 1-5+ teachers (generally the school's Arts Partners liaison and planning team). Sign up on My Learning Plan at <http://www.mylearningplan.com>.

## Arts Partners

### Free Professional Development Workshops

**Thursday, September 28 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**ARTS PARTNERS - POETRY AND PICTURES:**

**Enhance poetry writing through visual art activities**

Instructor: Rose Boundy, Arts Partners teaching artist

Description: This workshop will include projects integrating poetry writing with visual art activities. Participants will engage in writing different forms of poetry with the aid of various styles of artwork. Whether looking at professional art prints, illustrations from books, or individual/personal artwork, your students will be able to write descriptive poetry more easily. Participants will also engage in hands-on visual art experiences to enhance their poetry writing. (Gr. 3-8, but can be modified for younger/older grades)

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### Quotation of the Month

The creative industries are the high-octane fuel that drives the 'information economy' - the fastest growing segment of the nation's economy. As of January 2006, Kansas is home to 4,126 arts-related businesses that employ 20,410 people.

*The Creative Industries in Kansas  
A Report from Americans for the Arts*  
<http://aftadc.brinkster.net/Kansas/Kansas.pdf>

## Upcoming Community Events

### *Art Books for Art Educators*

Saturday, Sept. 16

As part of its Teacher Appreciation Day on Saturday (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Watermark Books is presenting a special session on Art Books for Art Educators from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The bookstore is located at 4701 E. Douglas.

### *New Children's Literature Discussion Group*

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Come and discuss children's books in an informal gathering. The first meeting of the Children's Literature Group will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 16, at the Alford Branch Library, 3447 S. Meridian. The group will meet on the third Saturday morning of the month. Come and help decide the direction of the group, which could include meetings that focus on specific genres, titles, or authors, and sharing your own recent discoveries.

### *Prairie Earth Workshop at the Wichita Art Museum*

Saturday, October 7, from 10 am to Noon

Enroll in this introduction to the new Living Room exhibition *Prairie Earth: An Installation Exploring the Kansas Native Landscape and Urban Sprawl*. Learn about the Kansas prairie and the constant threat of urbanization that the prairie faces. Living Room artists Marguerite Perret and Bruce Scherting will lead the workshop discussing numerous ways to connect this hands-on exhibition to your curriculum. Attendees will receive a packet that includes information on the exhibition and slides. Sign up at <http://www.mylearningplan.com>.

## Web Site of the Month: Arts Partners

<http://artspartnerswichita.org/>

We are delighted to announce that Arts Partners has a new Web site. We are still adding to it, but right now, you'll find information about Arts Partners (About Us), FAQs and links to arts-in-education resources (Info Center) and Academic Superstore (Our Storefront) where students, teachers and schools can get great prices on software and hardware.

You can download your own copies of the Elementary and Secondary editions of the *2006-2007 Arts Partners Program and Community Resources Directory* at <http://artspartnerswichita.org/search/directory.html>.

## Bon Voyage!



Arts Partners Program Coordinator Mary Lou Martin has retired. We will miss Mary Lou and her husband, Carl, one of our dedicated volunteers, but we are looking forward to hearing all about their trips. This month, they are traveling to Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland, focusing on the fine arts, music and architecture.

## More Arts Partners Free Professional Development Workshops

Saturday, October 14 – 9:30 a.m. to noon

**Arts Partners - PUBLIC ART AS WRITING PROMPTS** - Pocket park on Douglas Avenue, located between Market and Broadway in downtown Wichita

Thursday, October 26 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. - JFISC

**Arts Partners - ADVANCED READER'S THEATRE**

Thursday, November 2, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. - JFISC

**Arts Partners - CHARACTER EDUCATION THROUGH STORYTELLING**

Thursday, January 18 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. - JFISC

**Arts Partners - MATH + ART = GEOMETRY + CREATIVITY**

**Integrating Concepts and Vocabulary of Math and Visual Art**

Thursday, February 1 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. - JFISC

**Arts Partners - MUSIC AND MOVEMENT AS WRITING PROMPTS**

Thursday, February 22 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. - JFISC

**Arts Partners - DRUMMING IN THE CLASSROOM**

Thursday, March 29 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. - JFISC

**Arts Partners - INFORMAL CLASSROOM DRAMA**

Thursday, April 19 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. - JFISC

**Arts Partners - INTEGRATING LITERATURE AND THE ARTS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**

## Earn Professional Development Credit or Graduate Credit by Attending the Arts Partners Workshops

Sign up on My Learning Plan: <http://www.mylearningplan.com> for professional development credit. If you would prefer to get one hour of graduate credit for attending a minimum of six Arts Partners 2½-hour workshops during the 2006-2007 school year, contact Liz Kennedy, Arts Partners program director, at 262-4771 or [liz@artspartnerswichita.org](mailto:liz@artspartnerswichita.org) for the WSU fees and other details.

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