

ArtReach

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As fall approaches, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia education team is planning some unique and exciting events at the Gallery, across the province, and through on-line resources. To find out what's happening, go to our site, click on "Learn AGNS" and follow the links.

ArtReach on the Road

Our journeys begin this school year at Bridgewater Elementary in early November. This school year, we will travel to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Yarmouth, the Admiral Digby Museum, the Centre for Arts and Crafts in Sydney, the Marigold Centre in Truro, West Hants High, Hantsport, and the Civic Centre in Port Hawkesbury. During these stops, teachers and students in those areas will have opportunities to examine original Canadian artworks and create simple works by practising the art of printmaking or linking the works with school ArtsSmarts projects.



A student prepares her sketch for the creation of a print at the Fortress of Louisburg

Our Popular Workshops for Teachers

All five sessions, led by guest artists, will take place on Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm. We are requesting a small fee to offset the cost of materials and artist fees (\$30.00 for all five classes or \$7.00 per class). These workshops will offer ideas that can be adapted to all age groups and will be limited to 12 participants:

- ▶ Art Using Textiles—October 29
- ▶ Super Sculpture—December 3
- ▶ Textured Collages—Date TBA
- ▶ The Art of Bookmaking—Date TBA
- ▶ Environmental Art (in the style of Andy Goldsworthy): Meeting at Point Pleasant or the Dingle to create, using found objects—Date TBA



*Acadia University student teachers,
responding to the theme "identity"*

Continued Website Resources

We will continue to link with the best arts sites for teachers, developing lessons based on temporary and permanent collections. We welcome requests and suggestions.

Current Exhibitions at AGNS

We strongly encourage you to book your classes for tours of the remarkable current exhibitions, described on the AGNS website. Contact Enrique Ferreol at ferreoen@gov.ns.ca or at 424-6314.

We would like to invite school groups of all ages to view the Sobey Art Award exhibition in which five young artists from across Canada compete for \$50,000.00 awarded by the Sobey Art Foundation. This is an opportunity to witness trailblazing contemporary art being made in Canada. The exhibition ends on November 22nd and is a MUST see. These works will surely provoke discussion that will enrich your students' learning about artistic expression.

We are presently developing a special *Get the Most from your Gallery* guide to assist you and your students in maximizing your art gallery experiences. For example, here are some questions you might ask in order to elicit responses from students as they view art works:

- ▶ Don't think...say quickly what you see!
- ▶ Is the art amusing, sad, confusing? Why?
- ▶ What kinds of lines, shapes, textures, and patterns jump out?
- ▶ Imagine being inside this image. What is happening? Where are you?
- ▶ Can you tell what materials the artist used and how they are used?
- ▶ If you were using these same materials, what might you create?
- ▶ What music do you hear as you look at the art?
- ▶ Can you feel movement? Make your body perform that movement.



Membertou students examine a print at the Centre for Craft and Design in Sydney

Grow with Art

This program promotes the lending of art reproductions to schools—a wonderful way to introduce your students to notable images in order to stimulate questions as well as a variety of responses. For information, please contact Sandra MacLennan at 443-1180 or e-mail her at ap814@chebucto.ns.ca

Contact Us

To sign up for any or all classes for educators or to ask about linking your class up with the *ArtReach* team in any of the provincial sites listed above, contact Willie (below).

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia and the Department of Education would like to express their appreciation of schools' interest in and support of *ArtReach* education programs. We are also grateful for your feedback and suggestions.

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