

*Arts in the Middle
will:*

- Give statewide visibility to the fine arts and promote the arts among middle school students
- Provide opportunities for art students from diverse backgrounds to work together
- Offer middle school art students high caliber artistic challenges
- Give art teachers opportunities to create their own work

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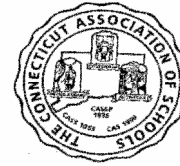
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*The Connecticut Association
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*Ninth Annual
Middle School Arts Conference*



"Hands on Workshop"

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

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200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

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Schedule

Registration	8:30
Workshop Session I	9:00-11:15
Lunch (provided) & check-in with chaperone	11:15-12:15
Workshop Session II	12:15-2:30
Collect Art & Departure	2:30

Feel free to bring a snack and beverage
Lunch will be provided

Workshops

Each participant may choose 4 workshops and will be assigned 2. Workshop assignments will be made on a space available basis and every effort will be made to select at least one top choice. Have everyone's choices ready before beginning the online registration. Choose from:

A. Photogram

Create abstract color photos without using negatives.

B. Book Making

Participants will make 3 books-a journal and 2 versions of an accordion folded book. A variety of painting techniques will be used for the covers and simple sewing for embellishing with beads, buttons, and ribbon. Students should bring words to a favorite song or poem.

C. Computer Photoshoph

An introduction to the basics and techniques of Adobe Photoshop. Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own un-retouched digital photos (.tif or .jpg files) to create their own monochromatic artwork.

D. Plein Aire

Learn methods for outdoor landscape painting with emphasis on spontaneous impression, capturing light and mood.

E. Wacky, Whimsical Wire Sculptures

Students will create 3-D sculptures, including a "Fantasy Tree", using wire, beads, and found objects. Projects will encourage creativity and reflect individual personalities.

F. Sculpture

Students will be introduced to realistic portraiture as an art form. Covering unique properties and "language" of working in three-dimension giving students the opportunity to create small clay portrait busts.

G. Water Color

Above the water and below the water. Learn four watercolor techniques and apply them to either a seascape or underwater sea life.

H. Pen and Ink

Use ink the old fashioned way! Dip your ink nib into an ink well and learn techniques like cross hatching and stippling to capture the influence of light and form.

I. Stuck On You

Discover the possibilities and pleasures of creating original folding wallets with colorful Duct tape. These extraordinary, functional and water resistant items will hold money, keys, photos or iPods. The structure, appearance and function of Product Design will be discussed. Stick around for an optional extra sculpture project!

J. African Spirit Masks

Students will be inspired by African ceremony masks (and other cultures) and create masks that represent their own personal power and meaning. Students will use tin and aluminum cans, along with other found objects, to understand that art can be made from the simplest of materials while learning about others cultures.

K. Cartooning

Working from a storyline, develop a cartoon character to be put into a comic strip created by each artist.

L. Self Portraits

Create a self portrait using collage materials & techniques.

M. Drawing

Expressive drawing with line and rhythm. Drawing with a live model.

N. Printmaking

Participants will design and print note cards using linoleum blocks and ink.

Online Registration ONLY

Arts in the Middle

The conference is designed for teams of three to five students plus one teacher from CAS member schools. The fee is **\$25.00 per attendee**. While there are no restrictions on the number of teams from each school, the conference is primarily for students, and registrations cannot be accepted from teachers only. Participants from non-member schools are welcome with the payment of an additional \$100.00 per school. Please complete one online form per team.

Online registration at:
www.casciac.org/register

Any questions or problems with registration, call Barbara at 203-250-1111 ext. 3901 or email at boconnor@casciac.org

Registration Deadline
APRIL 22, 2011

Please mail payment to:

Arts in the Middle Conference
Connecticut Association of Schools
30 Realty Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410



Working artists will lead all these workshops! They'll be bringing examples of their own work or portfolios. Pick a medium you've never tried before or pick a medium you enjoy and want to learn more about. Be prepared to do some great artwork, meet other artists and have fun!! And...you need not bring supplies with you...just **BRING A SMOCK!**