



Museum Learning Center E-Newsletter

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Looking for new ways to teach your students about the world around them? Look no further than the Honolulu Academy of Arts. You can use the museum's collection to teach a variety of lessons in many subjects. To get an idea of what can be learned at the Academy, we invite you to discover the story behind this important work of art. Educators can enter the Academy for free during regular museum hours by showing their school ID cards.



Animals Hunting, ca. 450-520 A.D.; mosaic of stone tesserae; Roman

While today you can view this mosaic on a wall in the Academy's Gallery 1, it was originally made to decorate the floor of an ancient Roman hunting lodge in Syria. To make this mosaic, naturally colored limestone was cut into small bits called tesserae, which were carefully arranged to create these animals.

- What creative ways could you use this mosaic to teach a lesson about ancient Rome?
- How could you use this mosaic to explain to your students the anatomies and life cycles of animals?
- How could you use this mosaic with other works of art to teach your students about the materials used to make art?
- Can you think of interactive lessons using this mosaic that would teach your students about line, shape, and pattern?
- What materials would you encourage your students to use to make their own mosaics about subjects important to them?

Letter from the Curator of Education

Dear Teachers and Principals,

Since opening in 1927, the Honolulu Academy of Arts has been committed to art education, doing all we can to bring the arts into the lives of Hawaii's keiki. The Museum Learning Center looks forward with special interest to 2008-9 as we dedicate this year to enhancing the quality of our school tours. Based on the evaluations received from teachers and students, we are focusing on our tours one at a time and improving and expanding the content. Our tours will address specific DOE Standards, and we are developing educational pre- and post-visit resources (images, lessons, activities, worksheets, etc.) to supplement the tours. These resources, which are available for free online, are intended to prepare the students for a deeper museum experience, providing a strong foundation in fine arts and other curriculum areas. Several of our school tours are being lengthened to allow students the opportunity to look at and discuss the art on their own and to participate in interactive activities that allow for a variety of learning opportunities. Each tour will be organized with specific works of art and specific interpretive exercises that every docent will use to engage the students, adding uniformity to the overall experience for all students. We have also implemented a new tour registration system with an online form you can fill out and send via mail or fax to streamline the registration process. Before you select a tour date for some popular tours, be sure to visit our website to determine if a specific date is still available. Following your tour, teachers and students can fill out a new evaluation form located on the Academy website. We sincerely hope that these enhancements to our school program will allow teachers to smoothly include a visit to the HAA in their yearly plans and utilize the Academy's collection in the classroom.

Aloha,
Betsy Forrest Robb, Curator of Education

See what else is new at the MLC

Visit us online at www.honoluluacademy.org
and click on the Education tab.



Submit your lesson plans and student work

To expand the Academy's growing collection of curriculum guides and lesson plans related to our exhibitions, we invite educators to share with us successful lesson plans and student work inspired by our collection. We will post these lessons online so that educators across the state can learn from each other and share best practices. Contact 532-8728 or teachers@honoluluacademy.org to learn more about submitting your work.

Don't forget to visit www.honoluluacademy.org/teacher to find curriculum guides and resources that will assist you in relating many of our tours to your classroom lessons.

Global Lens

High school classes are invited to participate in this year's Global Film Initiative's Education Program, which is designed as a classroom and in-theater experience allowing students to gain a deeper understanding of different cultural points of view through award winning films from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

This year, the Academy is screening four films, each followed by a discussion with the Academy's Curator of Film. Each film begins at 9:30 am. Sign up your class by submitting the tour request form found on our [website](http://www.honoluluacademy.org). Find details on the films at www.globalfilm.org.education.htm.

The Bet Collector (Philippines) - October 20

Fish Fall in Love (Iran) - October 21

The Kite (Lebanon) - December 1

Let the Wind Blow (India) - December 2



Lending Library

Did you know, that the Academy's Lending and Slide Collection includes more than 12,000 objects and artifacts representing world culture, plus 55,000 slides and 5,000 reference books, pamphlets and periodicals? Educators and non-profit organizations can borrow these objects for free for up to three weeks. The Collection is open from 1pm-5pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and from 9am-2pm on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and Fridays. Special viewings may be arranged by appointment. The Lending Collection will be closed on holidays, and from now until September 6th, 2008.

Please call (808) 532-8736 for more information.



Invitation to become a member of the Academy

Teachers receive free admission to the Academy during normal museum hours by showing their school ID cards. However, by becoming a member, you can get additional benefits. The Academy offers one- and two-year membership options for Individuals, Families, Students, and non-Oahu residents. Portions of membership dues are tax-deductible. All members receive:

- « Free museum admission and benefits
- « Free bi-monthly subscription to Calendar News
- « Free frame-quality Membership Series Poster
- « Invitations to opening-night exhibition previews
- « 10% savings at The Academy Shop and The Pavilion Café
- « Discounts on most films, concerts, and lectures at The Academy Theater
- « Reduced rates on Academy Art Center classes

Please call Membership Services at (808) 532-8724 for more information.



Upcoming Exhibitions and Teacher Workshops

The Museum Learning Center is excited to announce the following exhibitions and teacher workshops:

Art and Life in Colonial America (5th grade)

August 18 to November 21, 2008 and
January 13 to March 20, 2009

*Teacher Workshop on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

All About Art - Textiles (2nd - 12th grades)

September 16, 2008 to August 9, 2009

*Teacher Workshop on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Global Lens

October 20, October 21, December 1, and December 2, 2009

Film screenings at 9:30 am each day

Upcoming Bank of Hawaii Family Sundays

September 21 / A Feel for TEXTURE

October 19 / ORANGE You Happy to See Me?

November 16/ A Great VALUE

All About Art - Textiles (opening September 16, 2008)

3rd year of successful exhibition

All About Art - Textiles follows a model that began in the Museum Learning Center when Gallery 31 opened in 2006 with its inaugural exhibition, *All About Art*. The premise behind the exhibition is to introduce visitors to the elements of art through an interactive experience. *All About Art* served as the foundation for a school tour of the same name, which quickly became a favorite with teachers because it addressed standards in their art curriculum. Riding on the success of *All About Art*, the MLC staff applied the concept to *How's Your House*, a companion exhibition to *Hawaii Modern: The Architecture of Vladimir Ossipoff* that opened in the fall of 2007. This time, architecture from Hawaii and around the world was used as the backdrop to present the elements of art in a practical and visual way. This year, textiles is the theme for this popular exhibition.

All About Art - Textiles, which serves as an interpretive tool to textiles found throughout the museum, opens on September 16th and coincides with the Textile Society of America's national symposium, which will be held in Honolulu on September 24th-27th. *All About Art - Textiles* will not only focus on the textile as a cultural artifact and art object, but also on the materials, processes, and techniques used to make textiles. The exhibition includes an interactive area where visitors are encouraged to touch, feel, and participate in creative processes and information on the importance of textiles for cultures around the world. The Art Studio will also be open for textile-related art projects.

All About Art - Textiles will be open to the public on Wednesdays from noon to 4 pm, and on Saturdays and Sundays during museum hours. School tours are available at additional times. To book a school tour, please complete a request form at www.honoluluacademy.org/schooltours. Please Join us for our **Free Workshop and Preview for Teachers** on September 20 from 8 am to 1 pm. To register, contact 532-8728 or teachers@honoluluacademy.org.

Creatively Christmas!

Now for families

New this year, the *Creatively Christmas!* program will be offered as an event for families. The magical encounter with one of Santa's helpers will be offered five times daily on

December 3, 6, 7, 14, 20, 21, and 23. *Creatively Christmas!*



is included with general museum admission and will be available to a limited number by tickets available at the front

desk. The museum is open to the public for free on December 3 and 21, and members and children 12 and under are always admitted for free.