



Honolulu Academy of Arts

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.



Asafo Flag, No. 2 Company; created by Akwa Osei; Ghana, Fante people; c. 1900; Cotton and rayon, embroidery and appliqué

In the exhibition *African Art from the Academy's Collection*, which is on display until May 31, 2009, your students will view this flag, which was used by a paramilitary group in Ghana known as an Asafo Company. The colors of this flag represent this company's identity, and the motifs reflect the company's power and strength. This flag also speaks to moral issues by expressing the proverb, "When a child plucks (plays with) pepper it hurts his eye." The red figure at the right is rubbing his eye after touching the very hot West African pepper tree depicted in yellow stitchery. The warning message here is "one must know how to handle the enemy before going to war."

- What creative ways could you use this flag to teach a lesson about Ghana?
- How could you use this flag to explain to your students the cultural importance of art?
- How could you use this flag with other works of art to teach your students about the materials used to make art?
- Can you think of interactive lessons using this flag that would teach your students about line, shape, and pattern?
- What materials would you encourage your students to use to make their own identity flags?

Letter from the Director — Closing of the Lending Collection

Dear Educators,

It is with regret that I inform you that the Academy is closing its Lending Collection, effective March 31, 2009. Unfortunately, the severe financial constraints facing the Academy have made this action a necessity.

We are deeply aware that the Lending Collection has long been a community educational resource. For this reason we are now researching possible alternatives, including re-opening the collection on a limited-hours basis.

We welcome your feedback on the matter, however, at this time no loans may be generated after March 1, and all circulating material must be returned to the collection by March 15, 2009. We cannot make any exceptions.

Should our review of options permit re-opening the Lending Collection with reduced hours, we will immediately notify you and all members of the Academy community. We value your support in this challenging period, and we appreciate your understanding as we take other measures that will ensure the Academy's long-term viability.

Sincerely,
Stephen Little, Director

See what else is new at the MLC

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



The image shows a 'Request Form' for school tours. It includes fields for 'Requester Name', 'School Name', 'Contact Information', and 'Tour Dates'. There is also a table for 'Tour Details' with columns for 'Date', 'Time', and 'Availability'. The form is titled 'Honolulu Academy of Arts' and 'Request Form'.

School Tours for Spring 2009

If you would like to schedule a school tour of the Academy, please submit your request form at least three weeks before your preferred date. Our Docent-led School Tours are already full for March and for all Tuesdays in April and May, although we have some availability for No Docent School Tours on those dates. Due to the popularity of our school tours, we may not be able to accommodate all requests, so be sure to submit your form as soon as possible.

You can download request forms at www.honoluluacademy.org/tourrequest.

Academy Art Center

Explore your creative side with a wide range of studio art classes at the Academy Art Center at Linekona, located across the street from the Honolulu Academy of Arts. There are classes for both adults and young people. Among the courses offered are drawing, painting, Chinese brush painting, printmaking, jewelry, ceramics, weaving, and special workshops. While Spring classes are already underway, be sure to sign up for a class this Summer. Course schedules will be available in mid-April.

The Art Center is home to *Art To Go*, the Honolulu Academy of Arts' non-profit outreach program specifically designed to serve Hawaii's youth at risk. A typical *Art to Go* program meets after-school once a week. Upon completion of a ten-week session, an exhibition of student artwork is installed at the host site.

The Art Center also hosts frequent exhibitions of both local and international artists. Admission to these exhibitions is free.

For more information on the Art Center, visit www.honoluluacademy.org and click on the "Art Center" drop down link.

African Art from the Academy's Collection

We invite you to take your students on a No Docent School Tour of this amazing exhibition, with which you can teach your students about the art of various ethnic groups from the world's second largest continent. *African Art from the Academy's Collection* is open until May 31, 2009.

You can download request forms at www.honoluluacademy.org/tourrequest.
You can download a FREE curriculum guide at www.honoluluacademy.org/teacher.

Teacher Preview this Summer

To introduce educators to the amazing opportunities available at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, the Museum Learning Center is planning a FREE Teacher Preview of our Educational Programming. The Preview will be on a weekday near the end of summer vacation. You will get a head start on planning your curriculum by visiting with our Education Department to learn about

School Tours • Ambassador Program • Permanent Collection • Curriculum Guides
Family Programs • Teacher Benefits • Best Practices

As we plan this event, we want to hear from you. Please email teachers@honoluluacademy.org with suggestions for what you would like to have at the Teacher Preview. Look for more details in the next E-Newsletter, which will be sent in late May, 2009.



MLC Exhibitions and Teacher Workshops

Teacher Preview

Late summer vacation, 2009. See details above.

All About Art - Textiles

This exhibition is open in the Museum Learning Center's Gallery 31 until August 9, 2009.

School tours are available for students in grades 2-12. Download a request form at www.honoluluacademy.org/tourrequest.

African Art from the Academy's Collection

This exhibition is open in Gallery 22 until May 31, 2009

Docent-led School Tours are not available, but you can request a No Docent School Tour at www.honoluluacademy.org/tourrequest.

Upcoming Bank of Hawaii Family Sundays (11am-5pm)

March 15 / RHYTHM of Life

April 12 / In UNITY

May 17 / A Wide VARIETY



Academy's Social Networks

Stay connected to the Academy through the following online communities

AloHAA

www.honoluluacademy.org/blog

Facebook

www.facebook.com/pages/Honolulu-HI/Honolulu-Academy-of-Arts/44690356664

MySpace

www.myspace.com/honoluluacademy

Twitter

twitter.com/honoluluacademy

Flickr

www.flickr.com/photos/honoluluacademy

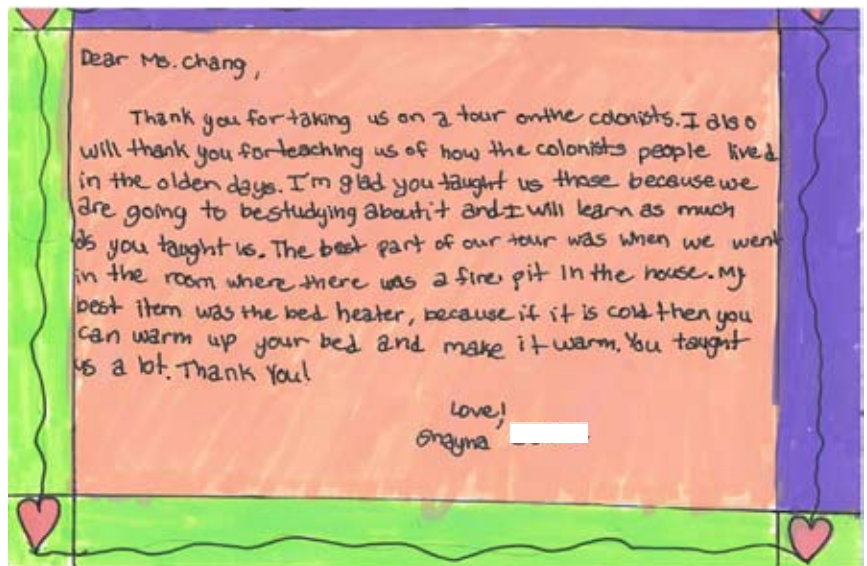
YouTube

www.youtube.com/haa0900



We regularly receive thank you notes from students who have attended our school tours. These two students wrote to thank our docents for the interactive 5th grade tour *Art and Life in Colonial America*.

Submit your students' thank you notes and artworks for a chance to be published in the MLC E-Newsletter or on our website.



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