

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ART CLASSES- WORLD-WIDE IMAGINATION VACATION & MORE

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Children's artwork displayed at the Ocean County Artists Guild

As the school year is rapidly coming to an end, area visual arts non-profit organizations are gearing up for a great beginning of creative summer fun with children's art classes. One wonderful new program in particular to be launched in the beginning of July is the Ocean County Artist Guild's World-wide Imagination Vacation. Children are invited to experience a World-wide Imagination Vacation through the magic of creativity and the Guild's young artists' art classes. Director Alison Amelchenko has created a weekly children's cultural program highlighting several countries with a variety of art projects, techniques and materials. The Guild's young artists will enjoy new adventures and places as they explore the world of drawing, painting, and sculpture through acrylic paint, colored pencils, markers, crayons and sculptural material:



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Week One (July 5, 6). The children will travel to the Caribbean to encounter pirates, hidden treasures, and draw and paint sea creatures through their art.

Week Two (July 12, 13). Young artists will head to the Jersey boardwalk where their art will capture waves and the beach, carousel horses, and roller coaster rides.

Week Three (July 19, 20). The art classes travel to South

America to create primitive instruments inspired by sound of the wild.

Week Four (July 26, 27). Children will design Grand Prix race cars to compete with the fastest cars in the world.

Week Five (August 2, 3). The Guild's Imagination Vacation will fly the creative

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minds to England seeking out wizards, magical dragons, and princesses in faraway castles.

Week Six (August 9, 10). The art classes will travel to Africa creating their drawings and paintings based on a safari journey and original jungle animals.

Week Seven (August 16, 17). The Guild's young travelers will imagine flying to Asia, building bamboo and fiber sculptures, and visiting friendly panda bears.

Week Eight (August 23, 24). The final Imagination Vacation will be to Australia where the surf is always UP! Surfboards and flip flops in the land down under.

Many other children's summer art educational offerings are also available in various areas around the county. Please see the Event Listings for offerings from several organizations, such as Pine Shores Art Association, the Strand Center for the Arts, and Tuckerton Seaport, or visit websites of the area arts organizations, such as Long Beach Island Foundation, for more details and a full listing of classes and events for all ages.

The Guild's children's summer cultural program encourages creative expression in a safe and fun environment. Children's classes are offered Tuesday and Wednesday through July and August. Registration is required. An afternoon walk-in class on Wednesday is offered during the summer for non-registered students. Please call for class, times and fees. Director Alison Amelchenko may be reached at 732-892-3797 or please call the Guild at 732-270-3111. website: **www.ocartistsguild.org**.

If you are...

- Seeking more information about arts and cultural classes and workshops for all ages
- New to the area
- Visiting the area

You might want to check out the following organization websites for more information:

Garden State Philharmonic - www.gardenstatephilharmonic.com

Laurelton Art Society – www.laureltonart.com

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences –
www.lbifoundation.org

M.T. Burton Clay Studio & Gallery- www.mtburtongallery.com

Ocean County Artists Guild - www.ocartistsguild.org

Ocean County Museums - www.co.ocean.nj.us/museums/index.htm

Pine Shores Art Association - www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Plumsted Township Council for the Arts - www.plumstedartscouncil.org

Stafford Township Arts Center - www.njstac.org

Stafford Township Historical Society - www.staffordhistory.org

Strand Center for the Arts - www.strand.org

Surflight Theatre - www.surflight.org

Swellcolors Glass Studio - www.swellcolors.com

Tuckerton Seaport - www.tuckertonseaport.org

Artstarved Blog & Ezine - www.artstarvedezine.blogspot.com/