



ART DOCENTS OF LOS GATOS

May Canvas

"A picture is a poem without words." (Horace)

The Mission of the Art Docents is to expand a child's educational and cultural experiences in order to foster the development of more flexible, innovative and creative individuals. This is accomplished through ongoing programs and activities in art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and art techniques.

Countdown!!!!

Since our program year began in September, the 90+ Art Docent members have volunteered over 2500 hours in the school district! We've visited every K-5 class once a month for 5 months, presenting art history lessons on a wide range of topics. Collectively we've invested hundreds of hours preparing our lesson plans, training new docents, hosting monthly planning meetings, planning and leading over 100 hands-on art workshops to over 2800 students, and much, much, more.

But, it's not over yet.

STILL TO COME...

5th grade Digital Photography Workshop This is a brand new hands-on lesson that we've been developing for the past 18 months. We're rolling it out this month and continuing through June. Every 5th grader in our district will be learning basic composition skills practiced by master photographers through an in-class print presentation. Students are divided into groups, given digital cameras and head out into "the field" to take photos of their surroundings. During a second session, they'll manipulate their images using digital technology and print and frame their final piece. Say "cheese!"

Guest Artist Program (GAP) Each year we scout exciting local, working artists and invite them to set-up shop for the day in each of our schools. Every class is invited to meet the artist and watch them create their artwork. It's another highlight of our program year and we invite you to join us and experience the fun for yourself. *Upcoming GAP dates: Van Meter, Fri. May 23; Fisher Middle School, Tues. May 27; Lexington, Wed. May 28. We completed the The GAP program at Daves and Blossom Hill schools earlier in the school year.*

The Annual Student Art Show a gallery showcase of over 3000 pieces of student artwork. This is the culmination of our year-long program and one of the highlights of your student's school year. We invite you to visit the gallery and experience this wonderful display of talent and creativity firsthand.

Annual Student Art Show

May 7-9 & May 12-14

9am-4pm daily -- 9am - 1pm, Friday, May 14th (closing day)

Raymond Fisher Middle School Cafeteria

19195 Fisher Avenue

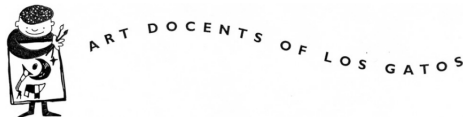
Evening Reception, Thursday, May 8, 5:30pm-7:30pm.

History of the Art Docents of Los Gatos, Inc.

The Art Docents of Los Gatos was founded in 1973 by district art-teacher Emma Rau and community member Em Hopp, when they applied for and received backing from the Los Gatos Union School District's Board of Trustees. The program began with one full-time paid director, a volunteer chairperson, and twelve community volunteers. In 1980, faced with budget cuts from the school district necessitated by Proposition 13, the program incorporated as a non-profit organization. Funding assistance from members of the community and the Town of Los Gatos allowed the group to continue operations. The group faced a series of moves in the 1980's, until it purchased a modular building and located it on its current site near Fisher Middle School. Thanks to a supportive community, the organization has continued to grow in scope and number of services. With over 80 trained volunteer members, the Art Docents provide a standards-based visual-arts program encompassing art history, art appreciation, aesthetics and art techniques to over 2800 students.

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Thank you all!



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