

Art in the Garden

Summer Environmental Arts Program 2014

What is the Art in the Garden?

Art in the Garden is a summer art and nature program coordinated by the Somerville Arts Council. Each week we explore a specific theme through fine arts, gardening, nature exploration and fieldtrips.

This program, serving Somerville resident youth from ages 6 to 11, is held at the beautiful Community Growing Center on Vinal Avenue (between Summer and Highland streets, just outside of Union Square). The summer program takes place Monday through Thursday, from 9am to 3pm. The program is limited to 22 youth per week.

Breakfast and lunch are provided by the Somerville Food Service, except on fieldtrip days.

About the Staff

Lauren Nickell is returning for her 3rd year at Art in the Garden and could not be more excited to spend the summer teaching, learning, and creating art in the Growing Center. During the school year Lauren teaches ELA and humanities at the John F. Kennedy School in Somerville. When she's not in the classroom or at camp Lauren spends her time reading, running, and studying for her M.Ed. at Lesley University.

Michelle Finston, returning for her 3rd year as well, is a stop-motion animation and playmaking teacher at the Acera School in Winchester, as well as a performer and puppeteer. She received her Masters in Art Education from Tufts University and The School Museum of Fine Arts and is currently attending Emerson College for her Masters in Teaching Theatre. When she isn't puppeteering or teaching young artists she enjoys aerial silks, singing, and riding her bike.

Additional staff include high school camp counselors, interns, guest artists, and community volunteers who lead specific workshops for the program.

2014 Art in the Garden Themes



Week 1: Incubate

During our first week of Art in the Garden we'll explore what it means to nurture, encourage, and cultivate ideas through artistic process. We'll visit the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum where we'll get the chance to use imagination and critical thinking skills to help us understand the pieces we'll view during the "Thinking Through Art" tour.

Week 2: Hatch!

Hatch! is the theme of this year's ArtBeat festival and our theme for Week 2 of Art in the Garden. We'll allow our creativity to come out of its' shell as we prepare projects that will be displayed in Davis Square during the ArtBeat festivities on Saturday July 19th. We'll also take a trip to the Butterfly Garden at the Museum of Science where we'll investigate the life cycle of these fascinating insects.

Week 3: Grow

Art in the Garden's home, the Growing Center, is the perfect location to delve into our Week 3 theme. We'll create artworks inspired by the diverse botanical life growing around us. Our artistic skills will continue to flourish on our trip to the Museum of Fine Arts, where we'll participate in the museum's "Artful Adventures" program.

Week 4: Adapt

During Week 4 Art in the Garden students will refashion, remodel and reconstruct old objects and ideas into something vibrant and new! On our visit to the Harvard Museum of Natural History, participants will learn how animals adapt to their environments and participate in a sketching workshop devoted to studying bird adaptations.

Week 5: Morph

The concept of transformation will guide our learning during Week 5. We'll watch our ideas take new shape as we explore the significance of "morphing" in both science and art. Our budding artists will observe how the medium of painting has changed over time on our field trip to the Institute of Contemporary Art to see the "Expanding the Field of Painting" exhibit.

Week 6: Reveal

Our final week of Art in the Garden will be centered around revealing our talents. We'll prepare performances for our end-of-summer showcase, to which families and friends of Art in the Garden campers will be invited. We'll explore the art of performing on our field trip to the Puppet Showplace Theatre.



The Somerville Arts Council
617.625.6600, x2985

(If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the
Somerville Arts Council.)

Registration period/deadline: April 14 to May 12
Confirmation will be sent: May 14

Please fill out the following information for **each** child that will
be attending Art in the Garden. After the registration period, your
week(s) will be confirmed on the 14th, and a check and additional
paperwork must be completed to ensure full registration. (Please
print clearly!)

Name of Child: _____
Male or Female: _____ Age _____ Birthday: _____
Name of parent/guardian: _____
Address: _____ Zip _____
School Attending _____
Best phone number to reach you: _____
Email Address: _____

Due to continued high demand for the program and our desire to
reach low income families, you may register for only up to four weeks.
Depending on demand, and your income status, you might receive all
four weeks or less. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

In addition, you must fill out and return with this registration the
HUD household income form, please intial this form but do not provide
your full name. In addition, this HUD form will remain and be filed
separtely from your registration form, thereby preserving anominity.

What is the maximum number of weeks for which you would like to
register?: _ 1; _ 2; _ 3; _ 4

Please indicate, next to each week, your priority (i.e. place a 1 next to
your first choice, 2 second choice, etc.).

Prioritize only the weeks that your schedule is open. You may rank all
six weeks in order of preference, but may receive at most, 4 weeks.

___ Week 1: July 7-10 ___ Week 4: July 28 - July 31
___ Week 2: July 14-17 ___ Week 5: August 4 - 7
___ Week 3: July 21-24 ___ Week 6: August 11 - 14

Sliding scale fee structure

The fee for each week for each child will be set on 2013 gross
household income (before deductions) below. DO NOT send check now;
once your week(s) are confirmed you will need to send check and
additional forms to complete your registration.

Mail this form and the HUD form to:

Art in the Garden
Somerville Arts Council
50 Evergreen Avenue
Somerville, MA 02145

Income	For Each Week payment
0 - \$35,000	(\$5/week)
\$35,000 - 45,000	(\$10/week)
\$45,000 - 55,000	(\$15/week)
\$55,000 - 65,000	(\$25/week)
\$65,000 - 75,000	(\$35/week)
\$75,000 - 85,000	(\$45/week)
\$85,000 - 95,000	(\$60/week)
\$95,000 -105,000	(\$75/week)
\$105,000 -115,000	(\$90/week)
\$115,000 -125,000	(\$105/week)
\$125,000 -135,000	(\$120/week)
\$135,000 -145,000	(\$135/week)
\$145,000 -155,000	(\$150/week)
\$155,000 -165,000	(\$165/week)
\$165,000 -175,000	(\$180/week)
\$175,000 +	(\$200/week)



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**Art in the Garden takes place at:
The Somerville Community
Growing Center
22 Vinal Ave
Somerville**

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



ART IN THE GARDEN 2014 GRANT DATA SHEET

DEAR PARENTS

The Arts Council receives grant funding that requires us to track income and demographics about our participants. **This information will remain anonymous and separate from other forms.** This form is required to participate; please fill out when registering.

1/ Please CIRCLE the 2013 gross annual income of your household

Less than \$25,000	\$95,000- 105,000
\$25,000- 35,000	\$105,000- 115,000
\$35,000- 45,000	\$115,000- 125,000
\$45,000- 55,000	\$125,000- 135,000
\$55,000- 65,000	\$135,000- 145,000
\$65,000- 75,000	\$145,000- 155,000
\$75,000- 85,000	\$155,000 –165,000
\$85,000- 95,000	\$165,000 –175,000
	\$175,000 +

The following categories come from the grant report, please feel free to use “other”

2/ How many people are in your household? Place number next to your ethnicity.

Black/ African-American # _____ Hispanic # _____
Cape Verdean # _____ Asian/ Pacific Islander # _____
American Indian/ Alaskan Native # _____ White # _____
Latin American # _____ Central American # _____
South American # _____
Other: _____ # _____ # _____

3/ Parent Name (Initial only your First name, Last Name i.e. GJ) _____