

Art in the Garden

Summer Environmental Arts Program 2019

What is 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 field trips.

This program serves Somerville youth ages 6 to 11 and 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 25 youth per week.

About the Staff

Lauren Nickell is returning for her 8th year as Program Director of Art in the Garden. She's looking forward to spending another summer with fellow art and nature lovers in the Growing Center. During the school year, Lauren works for the Boston Public Schools Office of Special Education. When she's not in a classroom or at camp Lauren can be found reading, running, or exploring the city.

Michelle Finston, also returning for her 8th year, is a Theater Arts teacher at the Urban Dove Charter School II in The Bronx, as well as a visual artist, performer, and puppeteer. She received her Master's in Art Education from Tufts University and The School Museum of Fine Arts and Masters in Teaching Theatre from Emerson College. She is so excited to return to the magical Art in the Garden. When she isn't puppeteering or teaching young artists she enjoys aerial silks, singing, and riding her bike.

Additional staff include guest artists and community volunteers who lead specific workshops for the program.

2019 Art in the Garden Themes



Week 1: Emboss (July 8-11)

We will kick-off a summer devoted to printmaking—an art-form with diverse applications and techniques—many of which which we will explore this summer. During our opening week of camp we will focus on producing raised and recessed images and creating colorful prints inspired by entomology. We will conclude our investigation of the natural beauty inherent in the insect world with a trip to view the Rockefeller Beetles exhibit at the Harvard Museum of Natural History.

Week 2: Relief (July 15-18)

This week, campers will investigate connections between everyday objects and artistic expression. We will learn how to use unexpected items and recycled materials to create unique works via relief printmaking techniques. On our field trip to the Children's Museum, we will visit the *Connect, Connect, Puzzle* installation within the Japanese House Gallery Exhibit.

Week 3: Stencil (July 22-25)

Campers will spend this week investigating the concept of negative vs. positive space. We will design stencils individually and implement them collectively. Campers will contribute to a collaborative mural project. We'll end the week with a trip to the Institute of Contemporary Art to view a mural by the artist Nina Chanel Abney.

Week 4: Register (July 29-August 1)

In printmaking the term register refers to the alignment of colors; this week we will devote our attention to use of color in our artwork. Campers will create prints inspired by the awe-inspiring artifacts in *All the World Is Here: the Invention of American Anthropology* at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. We'll finish the week with a trip to view the exhibit in Harvard Square.

Week 5: Monotype (August 5-August 8)

This week our campers will learn to employ a monotype technique in order to craft their own cityscapes. Campers will be challenged to think through the components of architectural design and seek inspiration from local examples in Union Square. We'll conclude this week with a field trip to the exhibit *Drawing, Designing, Thinking: 150 of Teaching Architecture* at MIT and the MIT Museum in Cambridge.

Week 6: Process (August 12-August 15)

Our final week of Art in the Garden, as per tradition, is devoted to theatre and performing arts. We will embark on a process of developing and rehearsing an act. Simultaneously, we'll undertake the process of working cooperatively to build a spectacular show. All campers will be invited to contribute to our "End of Summer Showcase" on Thursday, August 15th.



Registration period/deadline: April 1 to May 3

Please fill out the following information for each child that will be attending Art in the Garden. **Please print clearly!**

Name of Child: _____

Male or Female: ____ Age ____ Birthday: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

Email Address: _____

If wishing to pair up with friend note name here:

Due to continued high demand for the program and our desire to reach low income families, you may only register for 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. This form will be filed separately from your registration form, thereby preserving anonymity.

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 8-11 __ Week 4: July 29-Aug 1

__ Week 2: July 15-18 __ Week 5: Aug 5-8

__ Week 3: July 22-25 __ Week 6: Aug 12-15

The Somerville Arts Council

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Questions, please contact the Somerville Arts Council.

After the registration period, your week(s) will be confirmed on May 10th, and a check and additional paperwork must be completed to ensure full registration.

Sliding scale fee structure

The fee for each week for each child will be set on 2018 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 or drop-off and the HUD form to:

Attn: 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	(\$15/week)
\$45,000 - 55,000	(\$25/week)
\$55,000 - 65,000	(\$55/week)
\$65,000 - 75,000	(\$80/week)
\$75,000 - 85,000	(\$95/week)
\$85,000 - 95,000	(\$105/week)
\$95,000 -105,000	(\$125/week)
\$105,000 -115,000	(\$145/week)
\$115,000 -125,000	(\$165/week)
\$125,000 -135,000	(\$185/week)
\$135,000 -145,000	(\$205/week)
\$145,000 -155,000	(\$225/week)
\$155,000 -165,000	(\$245/week)
\$165,000 -175,000	(\$265/week)
\$175,000 +	(\$290/week)



The Somerville Arts Council's 2019 Summer Environmental Arts Program



Art in the Garden takes place at the:
Somerville Community Growing Center
22 Vinal Avenue

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



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HUD 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 CHECK the 2018 gross annual income of your household

# of People in Household	↓	Check ONE box that indicates the gross income for your family		
_ 2 members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 39,250	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 58,450 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 58,451
_ 3 members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 44,150	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 65,750 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 65,751
_ 4 members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 49,050	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 73,050 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 73,051
_ 5 members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 53,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 78,900 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 78,901
_ 6 members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 56,900	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 84,750 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 84,751
_ 7 members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 60,850	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 90,600 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 90,601
_ 8 members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 64,750	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 96,450 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 96,451

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.

_ Single race _____ White _____ Black _____ Asian _____ American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ Native Hawaiian/Pac. Islander	Multi-Race _____ Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native & White _____ Asian & White _____ Black/African American & White _____ Amer Indian/Alaskan & Black/Afric. Amer _____ Balance/Other Multi-racial
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3/ Parent Name (Initial only your First name, Last Name i.e. GJ) _____