

# Art in the Garden

Summer Environmental Arts Program 2018

## 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 7th 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 Somerville Community Growing Center. During the school year Lauren works for the Boston Public Schools Office of Special Education. When she's not in the classroom or at camp Lauren spends her time learning about science and history, reading, cooking, and exploring the city.

**Michelle Finston**, also returning for her 7th year, 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.

## 2018 Art in the Garden



### Week 1: Imprint (July 9-12)

When newly hatched birds arrive in the world they learn to identify themselves and their surroundings through the process of *imprinting*. We'll spend our initial week of camp developing self-knowledge through exploration of all aspects of the Growing Center environment—from people and plants to creatures and crafts. Our kick-off field trip for the summer will be a visit to the Boston Children's Museum on Thursday.

### Week 2: Camouflage (July 16-19)

From insects impersonating herbs to a mantis masked as moss, this week campers will explore the art of disguise in the animal kingdom. We'll investigate—through multiple mediums—how birds of the sky, beasts of the land, and all creatures in between employ this fascinating adaptation! We'll conclude our studies with a trip to the Harvard Museum of Natural History in Cambridge on Thursday.

### Week 3: Signal (July 23-26)

When a wolf howls it relays a message to its pack—but a lupine cry simultaneously serves as a warning to retreat for critters who may become the wolf's prey! This week our artwork and activities will explore communication rituals that mutually benefit us all. We'll delve deeper into our theme during our visit to Wangechi Mutu's installation "A Promise to Communicate" featured at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston.

### Week 4: Forage (July 30-August 2)

Otters open stubborn shellfish with stones and corvids cultivate poles for pulling larvae from logs; across species animals innovate ways to sustain themselves through the use of tools. This week our plans and projects will center around the process of foraging. We'll explore both the history of human toolmaking and representations of animal behavior in Indigenous art of the Peabody Museum of Ethnology and Archaeology in Cambridge.

### Week 5: Mimic (August 6-9)

A hoverfly is harmless, but mimes a menacing wasp; an octopus is innocuous, but it's likeness to the lionfish persuades predators! The ability of animals to mimic one another is the inspiration for this week's creative work and play. On Thursday we will investigate the topic of mimicry in art and science during a trip to the MIT Museum in Cambridge.

### Week 6: Emit (August 13-16)

Animals use the movement of their bodies and the production of sound to emit information to fellow occupants of their environment. This week campers will use their bodies and voices (among other means!) to communicate a message to an audience. Week 6 campers will participate in a theatre workshop hosted in the Growing Center and will contribute to the much-anticipated annual End of Summer Showcase. Families and friends are invited to attend the festivities on the final Thursday of Art in the Garden.



The Somerville Arts Council

617.625.6600, x2985

Questions, please contact the Somerville Arts Council

**Registration period/deadline: April 6 to May 3**

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 May 11th, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If wishing to pair up with friend note name here:  
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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 9-12                      \_\_ Week 4: July 30-Aug 2

\_\_ Week 2: July 16-19                    \_\_ Week 5: Aug 6-9

\_\_ Week 3: July 23-26                    \_\_ Week 6: Aug 13-16

Sliding scale fee structure

The fee for each week for each child will be set on 2017 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:**

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

**or drop-off at our temporary location at:**

Somerville Recreation Building  
19 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor

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 2018 Summer Environmental Arts Program



Art in the Garden takes place at

The Somerville Community  
Growing Center  
22 Vinal Avenue

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



# ART IN THE GARDEN 2018

## 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 2017 gross annual income of your household**

<b># of People in Household</b>	↓	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) \_\_\_\_\_