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Community Happenings and Resources for Educators

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SAVE THESE DATES!

Capitol Celebration - Join us in welcoming our 5 new schools!

May 12, 2010, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Second Floor Rotunda, Oklahoma State Capitol Building

Oklahoma A+ Schools Statewide Conference

August 21, 2010

Check out these creative activities, events and resources across the state!

If you would like to have your information considered for publication, please contact us at aplusmail@uco.edu.

 Forward to a Friend

THIS MONTH ...

THE OKLAHOMA CITY MUSEUM OF ART PRESENTS *Sketch to Screen: The Art of Hollywood Costume Design and associated events* ... [click](#) for more details. Visit www.okcmoa.com or call (405) 236-3100.

MAY 7. A.K.A. GALLERY, IN THE PASEO, PRESENTS AN OUT OF THE ORDINARY ART SHOW, OPEN TO ALL ... Friday, May 7, 2010 at 6:00pm. Location: [a.k.a. gallery](#) 3001 Paseo, OKC, OK

GREAT DEPRESSION ART EXHIBIT RUNS THROUGH MAY 11 - *Revisiting the New Deal: Government Patronage and the Fine Arts 1933-1943* runs through May 11 at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. This exhibit surveys the large collection of painting, sculpture, and prints that the museum acquired between 1935-43. For additional information, please visit the museum's [website](#).

MAY 15 APPLICATION DEADLINE. ARTS COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA CITY ACCEPTING TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL [APPLICATIONS](#).

MAY 15. OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER PRESENTS THE 3rd ANNUAL [CALL TO ARMS](#), a unique hands-on program for the entire family. Witness the living history of soldiers and civilians from

the American Revolution thru WWII ... Mark your calendars and load up the family for a hands-on incursion into the past at the Oklahoma History Center, May 15, 2010. [Click](#) for more information.

MAY 22. 6TH ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN LEARNERS CONFERENCE ... The 6th Annual American Indian Learners Conference will be hosted at the [University of Central Oklahoma](#), May 22, 2010. Registration fee includes all meals and supplies. Guest speaker is Enoch Kelly Haney. This one-day conference addresses the issues of American Indian students and their relationships with faculty, curriculum content, and their school. Explore how these relationships affect the facilitation of learning for these students. [Click](#) to view brochure.

LIGHTS. CAMERAS. ART. CITY ARTS CENTER IS GEARING UP FOR SUMMER FUN FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS!! ... Youth Hands on Summer Camp, May 24 - August 13. [Click](#) to view City Arts Center brochure with detailed class information and registration form.

Adult classes and workshops will be offered in two sessions: Session I- May 24 to July 2 and Session II- July 12 to September 3. Click for [class](#) and [workshop](#) details and schedules, or visit their [website](#).

TOYOTA INTERNATIONAL TEACHER PROGRAM [APPLICATION](#) DEADLINE MAY 26 - Travel opportunity for Secondary Teachers. The Toyota International Teacher Program, administered by the Institute of International Education, is offering U.S. secondary school educators a unique opportunity to travel to the Galapagos Islands from November 20 through December 4, 2010. [Visit](#) the program's website to learn more about this opportunity and submit an online application.

LOOKING AHEAD

2010 A PASS ODYSSEY, PRESENTED BY 2010 OKLAHOMA PASSages STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REGIONAL CURRICULUM CONFERENCE, is scheduled for the third week of June. [Click](#) for conference dates, locations and to register.

[LOST IN TIME!](#) OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS SUMMER THEATRE CAMPS ... Camps begin June 1 - August 13 for children between the ages of 3 and 16. Taught by amazing theatre, magic, film and dance professionals from around the state and around the world! [Click](#) for more information or call Rozz at 405-606-7003.

UCO SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOP 2010, June 14-18 ... A one-week intensive dance workshop taught by UCO dance faculty with classes in ballet, modern, jazz and hip hop. [Click](#) for information, or contact the Department of Dance, (405) 974-5231, jjacobson@uco.edu.

RED EARTH YOUTH ART COMPETITION, June 18, 19, & 20, 2010, Cox Convention Center - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Click for [contest rules](#) and [registration](#).

ONGOING...

CREATIVE THINKING ... PROBLEM SOLVING ... A POSITIVE SELF-CONCEPT ...recognizing that each of us has unique gifts...all goals for students encouraged by A+ teachers every day. Dr. Cheryl Steele, career educator and children's author, would love to visit your classroom and/or school to share her children's books, which support these same goals. Students enjoy hearing the stories and interacting around the content, and your academic goals are reinforced at the same time. All three books have free audio downloads and free teaching suggestions. A+ schools can schedule a visit by contacting Dr. Steele at csauthor1@cox.net. She is happy to meet with parents, too, if there is a message you would like your students' parents to hear. Students and teachers in A+ schools may purchase Dr. Steele's books at a special discounted price when she visits. For additional information, check out Dr. Steele's website at www.specialtimepress.com.

Mount Vernon Education Newsletter... Resources and links for your Oklahoma classroom
Plus how to bring George Washington Teaching Ambassador Jan McClaren to your school
[Read More About Mount Vernon](#)

[Read George Washington Wired](#)

Philbrook Museum of Art MyMuseum Program and Free Second Saturdays

Philbrook Museum of Art, 2727 South Rockford Road, Tulsa, OK 74114

MyMuseum program for families and free second Saturdays

Contact: Cindy Williams, Museum Educator, at (918) 749-7941

or cwilliams@philbrook.org Website: <http://www.philbrook.org/>

Bring Colonial American History to Life for Your Students! Community Colonial Days
www.colonialday.org is a comprehensive web site of tips and resources for creating a Colonial Day event in your School District or Community.

- ◆ Large and small-group activities
- ◆ Location ideas
- ◆ Funding sources
- ◆ Colonial costume ideas
- ◆ Historical documents
- ◆ Helpful links and lesson plans
- ◆ Colonial games and educational materials for checkout
- ◆ Historical characters/Speakers

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A NEW WEBSITE. A NEW RESOURCE... www.ArtForSmallHands.com. A word about the host. Julie Voigt taught art at the Hong Kong International School and more recently at the Elementary Workshop Montessori School in Wilmington, Delaware. She is widely recognized as an outstanding teacher and mentor. She has now started a blog to share her art lessons more broadly as a resource for elementary and middle school teachers. The site features art lessons for children aged three to thirteen that she found to be especially successful in her twenty-five years of teaching. Each lesson is self-contained and intended for use in school art programs. She will be adding a new lesson every two weeks.

LYRIC THEATRE AND DEVON PRESENT *1776 INTERACTIVE: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE* ... The *1776 Interactive* acting troupe will offer FREE performances from September 2010 through May 2011. [Click](#) to learn how to bring this production to your school.

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