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## SAVE THESE DATES!

### A+ Fall Mini-Institute for Principals and Coordinators

Sept. 23 (evening) and Sept. 24 (daytime)  
Location TBA

### A+ Regional Networking Meetings

Tulsa: Oct. 16, 2010  
OKC: Nov. 6, 2010

### [Creativity World Forum](#)

Nov. 15-17, Oklahoma City

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](mailto:aplusmail@uco.edu).

## Coming Soon ...

### The Tom & Judy Love Creative Students Competition

Creative Oklahoma, Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, and The Oklahoman's Newspapers in Education will be hosting a state-wide creativity competition for K-12 students, with winners to be announced at the 2010 Creativity World Forum in November in Oklahoma City. Student entries may include essays, videos, and other artistic and creative forms. Prizes will include a college tuition waiver, cash awards (including \$5,000 for your classroom!), and gift certificates. Stay tuned for more information. Details will be unveiled in mid September on the [Creative Oklahoma](#) and [Newspapers in Education](#) web sites. [View the flyer here](#).

## AUGUST & SEPTEMBER ...

### Sunday Twilight Concert Series on the lawn at Stage Center

Aug. 29 The Non - Experimental/Ambient  
For more information, visit [www.ArtsCouncilOKC.com](http://www.ArtsCouncilOKC.com) or call 405-270-4848.

### **Young Choirs of Central Oklahoma**

Auditions and enrollment continue on August 30 and September 2, 4:30-6:30, at the First Christian Church, 201 E. 2nd Street, Edmond. Founded in 2009 by UCO Professor and Vocal Music Education Program Coordinator, Dr. Darla Eshelman, the program is designed to provide diverse, challenging, quality, and exciting singing experiences for children in preschool (ages 3-5) and 3rd-9th graders from schools in central Oklahoma. The program is divided into three choirs. For additional information or to schedule a special appointment, contact Dr. Darla Eshelman at 405-974-5754 OR [click here](#) to fill out the form.

### **Philbrook Art Museum presents *To Live Forever: Egyptian Treasures***

through Sept 12, 2727 South Rockford Road, Tulsa

This fabulous [exhibit](#) of treasures from the Brooklyn Museum explores, through jewelry, statuary, funerary vessels, and other objects, how the ancient Egyptians sought to conquer death and create a rich afterlife. [Click here](#) for information on the corresponding workshop *Explore Hieroglyphics*, offered on Sept 4 for children aged 6-12.

### **Living Arts of Tulsa presents the *VisionMakers 2010* exhibition**

Sept 3-30, Opens Fri, Sept 3, 5-9pm with Public Reception on Sat, Sept 11, 6-9pm

307 E. Brady Street, Tulsa

Sponsored by the Brady Craft Alliance, *VisionMakers 2010* will feature 23 Oklahoma artists. Following nearly two decades of Oklahoma City exhibitions, the prominent event returns to the city where it was founded. [Click here](#) for more information. [Living Arts web site](#).

### **A Spoken Word Poetry Event Featuring Tulsa's Finest Spoken Word Artists and Showcasing Detroit-Region Champion, FUTURE**

Friday, Sept 3; Show starts at 9:00pm.

Liggett Studios, 314 S. Kenosha, Tulsa

[Click here](#) for more information.

### **Oklahoma City Storytelling Festival**

September 10-11, 2010

Kerr Auditorium at the SandRidge Energy Tower

Continuing the tradition begun at the WinterTales Storytelling Festivals of the past, this year's festival features two entertaining evening performances and a late-night session of ghost stories, along with professional workshops that can teach anyone to build better communication skills. There are also kid-friendly events such as the family matinee and the Community Outreach Program, which provides free performances to at-risk youth. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Septemberfest at the Governor's Mansion and the Oklahoma History Center**

September 11, 2010

Enjoy kid-friendly and creative activities on the lawn of the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion. The event features activity booths, entertainment, storytelling and food. Across the street the Oklahoma History Center offers free admission to the museum all day long (10:00 to 4:00) and fun, family-friendly, hands-on activities and entertainment, both indoors and out. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for the Septemberfest street map.

### **The Celebrate Diversity Newspaper In Education Program**

Help your students learn the importance of tolerance and respect while being given the tools to recognize and celebrate diversity in the world around them. Sign up now to receive this free newspaper program in your classroom, complete with a downloadable teacher's guide including PASS correlations. Delivery of classroom sets of student workbooks starts on Sept. 20. Digital delivery of the Thursday edition of *The Oklahoman* runs from Sept. 23 to Oct. 28, with each of the six editions containing in-paper program lessons. [Sign-up form/flyer](#); contact [jjenkins@oklahoman.com](mailto:jjenkins@oklahoman.com)

### **Leadership UCO presents *Especially For Educators***

Sept. 28 at the University of Central Oklahoma

Another incredible national speaker is coming to UCO! Remember Rick Wormeli in 2009...Ron Clark in 2008...and many more before them? By popular demand, Dr. Sally Reis will be here to speak on "Boosting Achievement for All Children through Differentiated Instruction while Creating Effective Learning Environments." Dr. Reis will be presenting two times on Sept. 28, with the same presentation at each session, so you can choose the time most convenient for you. Thanks to our generous partners your ticket price is only \$20 per person! Additionally, if you are sending at least 20 people on the same purchase order, you may request a discounted price. [Click here](#) to see a brochure about your day with Dr. Sally Reis. To reserve your spot, register online at [www.uco.edu/efe](http://www.uco.edu/efe) by Sept. 24! Contact: Karen

Youngblood, 405-974-5599, [KYoungblood2@uco.edu](mailto:KYoungblood2@uco.edu).

### **[Artspace] at Untitled - *Altered Books* exhibition**

1 NE 3rd Street, Oklahoma City

On view through October 9, *Altered Books* features book art by artists from across the United States and Canada. Don't miss this amazing exhibit that focuses on the book as object in a primarily sculptural sense. Complimenting the exhibit is *On Reading: Selections from the Photographic Society of America Collection* featuring 21 photographic prints portraying humanity's love affair with books. [Click here](#) for more information and a peek at the exhibit. [\[Artspace\] at Untitled](#) is open to the public Thursday and Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Admission is free.

### **Red Earth Museum - *RETROspective* Exhibit**

6 Santa Fe Plaza in downtown Oklahoma City

The museum's current exhibit, *RETROspective*, is a compilation of art from the museum's permanent collection that has rarely been seen by the public. The show, on view through October 31, features the artwork of prominent American Indian artists. The Red Earth Museum & Gallery is free of charge, open Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. With advance scheduling, Red Earth staff will provide special tours for school groups and home school students, as well as assist students and adults in utilizing the resources of their research library. [Click here](#) for more information or call 405-427-5228.

### **City Arts Center at Fair Park**

3000 General Pershing Blvd., Oklahoma City

Enrollment for Fall Classes (Adult and Youth) and Children's Fall and Winter Camps is now open! [Click here](#) for information or call 405-951-0000.

### **Oklahoma Children's Theatre**

2501 North Blackwelder, Oklahoma City

Fall Classes Begin in September. [Click here](#) for information or call 405 606-7003. [oklahomachildrenstheatre.org](http://oklahomachildrenstheatre.org)

## **LOOKING AHEAD...**

### **The Teaching Artist Toolbox - Free Workshops for Teaching Artists**

*Process vs. Product in Arts Education* - 5:30 p.m., Nov. 9, at City Arts Center

Presented by The Arts Council of Oklahoma City and City Arts Center, this workshop will offer professional development, networking, and opportunities for teaching artists to learn from each other and hear from different groups that provide arts education programming in Oklahoma City.

For more information, call Jennifer Barron, Arts Council of Oklahoma City Community Arts Program Director, 405-270-4848, or Josh Buss, City Arts Center Education Director, 405-951-0000. [Register online](#).

## **ONGOING...**

### ***Gilcrease Goes to School and Art Sparks***

Do you want the Gilcrease Museum to come to your school? Then this is the program for you! Through the *Gilcrease Goes to School* program, docents visit your school to present the program of your choice as it relates to the Americas and its inhabitants. Presentations are written with the PASS Objectives in mind and are designed to complement history and art curricula. With *Art Sparks*, a teaching artist will return to your classroom to engage the students in a related art activity (two separate visits to the class are required). Basic art concepts will be reviewed, as well as an exploration in materials. Programs are presented at not cost to your school! [Click here](#) for more information or contact Lanette Coppage at 918.596.2737 or [lanette-coppage@utulsa.edu](mailto:lanette-coppage@utulsa.edu). Visit the Gilcrease Museum [website](#) to learn about other opportunities, including classes, workshops, and transportation funding for school visits to the museum.

### **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 here](#) to learn how to bring this production to your school. Contact Matthew Sipress at 405-524-9310 ext. 105 or [matthew@lyrictheatreokc.com](mailto:matthew@lyrictheatreokc.com) to be entered on the waiting list for a performance in your school; performances will be added based on available funding.

**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](mailto: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. Her 4th book will be available in January, 2011. *After Dark at the Zoo...What Do the Animals Do?* is guaranteed to bring giggles and creative ideas to all readers. For additional information, visit Dr. Steele's website at [www.specialtimepress.com](http://www.specialtimepress.com).

### Mount Vernon Education Newsletter... Resources and links for your Oklahoma classroom

[Read More About Mount Vernon](#)

[Read George Washington Wired](#)

### Philbrook Museum of Art: MyMuseum Program and Free Second Saturdays

2727 South Rockford Road, Tulsa, OK 74114

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

or [cwilliams@philbrook.org](mailto:cwilliams@philbrook.org) Website: <http://www.philbrook.org/>

### Oklahoma City Museum of Art

[Click here](#) for information on school tours and bus sponsorship (first come-first served) or contact Brittany Kelly, Education Programs, at 405-236-3100 or 800-579-9278, ext. 213, or E-mail [reservations@okcmoa.com](mailto:reservations@okcmoa.com).

### Bring Colonial American History to Life for Your Students!

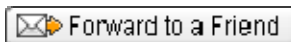
Community Colonial Days [www.colonialday.org](http://www.colonialday.org) is a comprehensive web site of tips and resources for creating a Colonial Day event in your School District or Community.

- ◆ 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

A service of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, recognizing and encouraging academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools. For more information, visit [www.ofe.org](http://www.ofe.org) or call 405-236-0006.

### An Online Resource... [www.ArtForSmallHands.com](http://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.



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