

Art in the Garden

Summer Environmental Arts Program 2017

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.

Breakfast and lunch are provided by Somerville Food Services, except on field trip days.

About the Staff

Lauren Nickell is returning for her 6th 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 in the special education department at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. When she's not in the classroom or at camp Lauren can be found reading, writing, running, or exploring the city.

Michelle Finston, also returning for her 6th 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.

2017 Art in the Garden Themes



Week 1: Lift Every Voice and Sing (July 10- 13)

This summer's Art in the Garden curriculum takes inspiration from the canon of popular songs about collective action. Week 1's theme, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" asks our young artists to explore how individuals and communities can raise their voices and make themselves heard. Campers will create works that will be displayed at Somerville's annual ArtBeat festival in Davis Sq. On Thursday we'll visit the Museum of Fine Arts to see works by artists like Kara Walker and Jenny Holzer in "Beyond Limits", an installation that examines that relationship between personal creative expression and the world outside ourselves.

Week 2: This Land is Your Land (July 17- 20)

During our second week campers will engage in projects inspired by Jamaican found-object artist Nari Ward. We'll construct works that reflect on the physical space around us using materials from the garden environment as well as items and ideas gathered from around our neighborhood. Our Thursday field trip will feature a viewing of Nari Ward's "Sun Splashed" exhibit at the Institute of Contemporary Art.

Week 3: Bread & Roses (July 24- 27)

Where does art belong? Is art only for galleries or college classrooms, or should all people have access to artistic pursuits? Can art help us build a better world? These are questions we'll take up as we engage in projects that help us understand the role of creative skill and imagination in everyday life. On this week's field trip we'll view the "Social Museum Collection", as well as other works relevant to our theme, at the Fogg Museum in Cambridge.

Week 4: This Little Light of Mine (July 31- Aug 3)

During week 4 campers will rely on one of the Growing Center's shining natural resources: light! We'll use the rays and shadows around us to create artwork as we simultaneously learn about the role sunlight plays in the ecological life of the garden. We'll visit the MIT Museum's exhibit on Holography where we'll explore how the interplay between our eyes, brains, and light creates three-dimensional space.

Week 5: If I Had a Hammer (Aug 7- 10)

From the vibrant ceramics of South America, to the ornamental vessels of North Africa, to the elaborate canoes of Native North Americans--there are examples across all cultures of commonplace tools designed with great artistry. This week we'll undertake projects inspired by archaeology. On Thursday we'll see artifacts from around the world up-close when we visit the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnography in Cambridge.

Week 6: Everyday People (Aug 14- 17)

During our final week at Art in the Garden campers will prepare a performance that reveals the often-hidden talents each ordinary kid possesses. Week 6 will conclude with an end-of-Summer showcase in which campers will display acts they've cultivated throughout the week. This week's field trip will give campers a chance to practice their acts in a more public venue and also to relax and let loose before the day of their big show. We'll travel to Cambridge Commons where a guest artist will host a mini-workshop focused on performance. Campers will then get to unwind at the beautiful Alexander W. Kemp Playground adjacent to the Common. During the final week our field trip will take place on Wednesday; on Thursday friends and family will be invited to attend the end-of-summer showcase.



The Somerville Arts Council

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Questions, please contact the Somerville Arts Council

Registration period/deadline: April 3 to May 2

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 9th, 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: _____
 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 10- 13 ___ Week 4: July 31- Aug 3
 ___ Week 2: July 17- 20 ___ Week 5: Aug 7- 10
 ___ Week 3: July 24- 27 ___ Week 6: Aug 14- 17

Sliding scale fee structure

The fee for each week for each child will be set on 2016 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

Income

- 0 - \$35,000
- \$35,000 - 45,000
- \$45,000 - 55,000
- \$55,000 - 65,000
- \$65,000 - 75,000
- \$75,000 - 85,000
- \$85,000 - 95,000
- \$95,000 -105,000
- \$105,000 -115,000
- \$115,000 -125,000
- \$125,000 -135,000
- \$135,000 -145,000
- \$145,000 -155,000
- \$155,000 -165,000
- \$165,000 -175,000
- \$175,000 +

For Each Week payment

- (\$5/week)
- (\$10/week)
- (\$15/week)
- (\$25/week)
- (\$45/week)
- (\$60/week)
- (\$75/week)
- (\$90/week)
- (\$110/week)
- (\$125/week)
- (\$150/week)
- (\$175/week)
- (\$200/week)
- (\$225/week)
- (\$250/week)
- (\$275/week)



The Somerville Arts Council's 2017 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 2016 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) _____