



Garden Art Program

Request for Proposal

St. Louis Children's Hospital is looking for six artists to teach/lead patients in creating an original work of art in a garden setting every other month in 2011. The art activity should inspire the children to create their **own original art**. The Horticulture Department at SLCH supports these activities and weather permitting will be held in the garden, so themes should be relating to the seasons or nature.

All proposal must be postmarked by December 31, 2010.

- The artist will work with children & teens ages approximately 4-18 years of age.
- Artist should plan to have materials available for about 20 patients/children.
- The children will be a both patients and their siblings. Artist may want to designate a different activity or materials for younger and older children depending on skill level.
- Artist can demonstrate/teach a technique to the children or may provide a variety of materials and explain to the children how to create their own art work.

MATERIALS FOR THE ART PROJECT

- Artist should plan materials for 20 children.
- Artist will submit a detailed description of all materials that will be used in the project. A budget sheet is attached. **(all unused materials will remain at SLCH)**.
- The materials must be non toxic. NO glue guns, no flammable materials, such as adhesives or rubber cement, and no latex products are permitted. *
- **Artists will be reimbursed up to, but not exceeding \$150.00 for materials and will receive a set stipend of \$150.00 for time/labor.**

If you have questions about appropriate materials please contact :
Julie Gant at (314) 454-2758 or via email at jxg1201@bjc.org.

* SLCH will provide these materials if needed: crayons, glue (standard white or glue sticks), markers, scissors, construction paper or white copy paper. These items should not be included in the cost of the project.

SCHEDULE

- Sessions will begin with the artist arriving at least a ½ hour before the activity is to begin, in order to set up and explain their art activity to volunteers and staff.
- Arrangements to deliver/send a sample of completed artwork in advance of scheduled date is optimal for “advertising” the activity and may contribute positively to drawing a larger number of patients to participate.
- The art activity will run for 1.5 hours and clean up takes place after the activity, so total time commitment is approximately 2½ hours (time for shopping & preparation is on your own).

- The patients/children will be encouraged to arrive promptly for the activity, but attendance is optional for all eligible patients and typically patients are used to coming and going as they please. In other words, a captured audience is not realistic to expect and flexibility is imperative, since patients have no guarantees of how they feel, even from minute to minute.
- Dates and times of activities in 2011 to follow under heading “Dates and Times”.

LOCATION

- The garden art workshops will be held in the Olson Family Garden (for a virtual tour of the garden, follow this link:
http://www.stlouischildrens.org/VirtualTour/virtualltour/tourfiles/flash/index_fs.html
 The Olson Garden is a rooftop garden located on the 8th floor. It is a lovely setting with trees, flowers, water fountains, and ponds.
- In the event of inclement weather, the activity will be held in the Child Life playroom.

DATES and TIMES

The dates of the 2011 art activities are:

- Thursday, January 27, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
- Thursday, March 24, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
- Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
- Thursday, July 28, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
- Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
- Tuesday, November 8, 2011 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

Please designate date(s) interested in or clarify if open to any date we choose in proposal.

*If the time frame of 1:30 – 3:00 is not feasible, special arrangements might be possible at these alternate timeframes: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 or 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND ADDRESSES

- Artists may submit an activity for a specific date listed above (if activity is theme-specific to the season or the only date the artist can schedule) or designate if our committee can choose which date to have the activity on. Please also designate the preferred timeframe.
- Artists may submit as many proposals as they see fitting the criteria above and may be chosen to do more than one activity in our garden, if multiple submissions are made.

Send all completed proposals, including completed budget sheet (see attached) to:

Julie Gant, Art Therapy Program

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Child Life Department

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OR e-mail submission to Julie Gant at: jxg1201@bjc.org

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