

New Boston Academy to Give Children Arts Education in Open Air

The new Plein-Air Art Academy launches to encourage art and life skills in children and young adults. Based in Boston, this new art studio centers its work around plein-air outings to help children of all ages connect with their surroundings.

December 19, 2012 (FPRC) -- Boston, Massachusetts - Diana Stelin, the accomplished artist, gallery manager and teacher, is pleased to announce the launch of her latest venture, the Plein-Air Art Academy. The new art school aims to encourage and foster art skills, along with important life skills, in children of all ages by the use of open air art classes in addition to studio work.

The term “en plein air” comes from a French expression which means “in the open air.” The term is most often used in connection with outdoor painting. Diana is using this method as a way to combine children’s art education and the care for the outdoors. The school has been designed to develop and educate children and young adults in a fun and practical way.

The school is based around small plein-air outings that are held, weather permitting, in and around Boston with the aim of showing and teaching children the skills needed to observe, connect and interact with the beauty of the outdoors.

When New England’s climate doesn’t allow for outings, the Boston based boutique studio is used to allow the children to experiment with different art materials including pastels, collages, watercolor and wax.

“My desire is for the academy to reach the children of Boston and help them connect with their surroundings,” said Diana Stelin, founder of the Plein-Air Art Academy. “The classes are fun, instructive and don’t just teach children about art, but they also help them develop life skills like curiosity, concentration, organization, communication and thinking outside of the box.”

The plein air outings include locations such as the Fenway Rose Garden, the Harvard Arboretum and the Franklin Park Zoo. The zoo, for example, is fun and yet instructive in areas like anatomy and movement. During cooler months the children will also visit the inner courtyard at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

The Plein-Air Art Academy teaches art education to children with the help of art therapists and child development psychologists. The classes are also augmented with art history lessons and museum trips.

About the Plein-Air Art Academy

Diana Stelin is an accomplished painter and has shown her work at the Johnson Museum of Art as well as at numerous exhibits around the country. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Painting from Cornell University and a Master’s Degree in Arts Administration from Boston University. Diana has studied abroad in Paris, Rome, Moscow, London and Sydney.

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