



Art Meets Science with a Partnership between West Hartford Art League and The Children's Museum

WEST HARTFORD, CT (March 15, 2017) West Hartford Art League is collaborating with The Children's Museum in West Hartford to host visiting artist workshops for parents and their children during April school vacation, April 10 – 14.

"We are very pleased to be working with the West Hartford Art League to inject more of the arts into our programs," stated Dr. Michael Werle, Executive Director of The Children's Museum. "STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts & Math) based programming is an important element of our hands-on, multi-disciplinary agenda which we are constantly looking for ways to strengthen it."



"Bringing our art programs to the Children's Museum fits right into our mission " *to educate and inspire.*" according to Roxanne Stachelek, the Art League's Executive Director. "It's a great opportunity for us to be able to reach out to children at the museum, and tie our arts education in with their science offerings. It's a great collaboration for both of us"

Each day will have a different theme that ties to an existing exhibit at The Children's Museum.

- **Monday, April 10 Monarch Butterflies** There are approximately 20,000 species of butterflies in the world, but the Monarch butterfly, with its brilliant orange and black wings, is among the most easily recognizable of the species. Learn what makes this

species unique, and create your own butterfly to take home.

- **Tuesday, April 11 Dinosaurs** Did you know Stegosaurus dinosaurs were about the size of a bus but their brains were only the size of ping pong balls? Join us as we bring dinosaurs back to life and create our own dinosaur collages with paint and collage materials.
- **Wednesday, April 12 Paper Marbling** The art of marbling was started in the 1100's when they were used for decorative purposes, and as a background for official documents. We'll show you the science and art of how to create your own marbled paper.
- **Thursday, April 13 The Night Sky** The constellation Ursa Major contains the group of stars commonly called the Big Dipper. Learn why Ursa Major is called the Great Bear, as we create your own constellation to take home.
- **Friday, April 14 Insects and Arachnids** Learn the differences between the two as we make our own spiders, ladybugs, and dragonflies.

All workshops are drop-in and will take place from noon to 3:00 pm. They are free with paid general admission or membership. The Greater Hartford Arts Council and 3M are sponsors for this program.

About West Hartford Art League

The West Hartford Art League is a 501 (c) 3 organization that offers year round art classes for all ages and levels of artists, a summer art camp, juried exhibits and monthly exhibitions showcasing local and regional artists in their two galleries on Buena Vista Road. Our galleries are always free and open to the public. Founded in 1934, they occupy three buildings in the historic Buena Vista Neighborhood. More information can be found at westhartfordart.org

About The Children's Museum

The Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for exploration and education. Home to over 100 live animals, the Museum

features hands-on exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for young children and families.

The Children's Museum and Preschool are located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and Roaring Brook Nature Center is located at 70 Gracey Road in Canton. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

For more information on sponsoring an educational exhibit or program at The Children's Museum or Roaring Brook Nature Center, please contact Renee Hartshorn at rhartshorn@thechildrensmuseumct.org or (860) 231-2830 x230.

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