



Tools For Tomorrow

Free, on-site after school literacy enrichment programs in writing, drama, art and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children grades 3-5.

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MARY T. ROCHE HONORED WITH VISION OF THE FUTURE AWARD

The exuberant performance by the children at the Vision of the Future Award Luncheon reflected the spirit of the day as members of the community, city councilmen, mayors, friends and admirers, and past awardees Lee Appel and Jackie Lee Houston, gathered to honor Mary Roche and Honorary Chairman, Jean Ann Hirschi. The "Vision For the Future" Award is presented annually to an individual whose "vision for the future" has enhanced the quality, culture and educational life and opportunities in the desert community.



Mary T. Roche

Thanks to Kimberly Klink and her committee: Marge Dodge, Julia DeVries, Diane Lucas, Anne Hopkins and Mary Lynn Rose; Stacy Jacob for her film presentation, and Kate Porter, official TFT photographer. Thanks also to TFT teacher, Terry Forrest for his presentation and explanation



Mary Roche, Jean Ann Hirschi with T.F.T. Exec. Director, Ed DiNicola

NEW TFT OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

Mary Roche: Chairman
Rachel Druten: President
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Diane Fox: Secretary



Students waiting to perform at Vision Luncheon

of the children's work, and to volunteers, actors Joyce Bulifant and Roger Perry for their terrific work with the children's presentation; to Operations Mgr. Andrea Hecht; and finally to Executive Director, Ed DiNicola for his brief but inspirational comments about Tools For Tomorrow.

More pictures of the Vision Luncheon on page 5.

"It is said that the longest journey is between the head and the heart. The children in Tools For Tomorrow complete that journey time and time again." Ed DiNicola, Executive Director

DIANE FOX ADOPTS MECCA SCHOOL

Diane Fox, TFT Board member, adopted Mecca Elementary, a school in the heart of one of the poorest areas in our Coachella Valley. When teacher Mary Well's letter requesting Tools For Tomorrow was printed in the Desert Sun (11/16/09), readers responded by donating enough funds to open the program. Diane, believing, as does the Board of Directors, that it is important to sustain what we have started, volunteered to continue future support. Diane has been part of the Adopt A School program since it began in 2007.



Diane Fox with Mecca student

Tools for Tomorrow provides free, on-site, integrated "hands-on" arts literacy programs to "at risk" children. The program is designed to supplement the children's daily educational experience, nurture their creativity, enhance their self-esteem, build character, expand their intellectual and cultural horizons, providing a coping mechanism for the future, and a vision of what their lives can become.

JOYCE BULIFANTE & ROGER PERRY INITIATE GUEST ARTIST PROGRAM



“This program is the best thing that has happened to my child in the four years he has been in school. It has given him such a sense of self and really boosted his confidence.” That endorsement was overheard at the Vision For the Future Luncheon from a mother of a Gerald Ford student in the TFT Guest Artist Theater program initiated by

Joyce Bulifante and Roger Perry.

You may recognize actors Joyce Bulifante and Roger Perry from their successful careers in movies, television and stage, but their deepest most enduring passion is for children, all children, but especially those who are dyslexic, have autism or are abused. They know first hand the impact an arts literacy program has on the learning, social and emotional lives of these children. Joyce and Roger are the first volunteers in a program which TFT hopes to expand using professional artists, musicians and writers to teach classes.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

To meet the challenge of these tough economic times our Executive Director and teachers, committed to the importance of the TFT mission, voluntarily took a cut in compensation this past year.

Tools For Tomorrow has always run a “lean machine” with only a paid Executive Director and Operations Manager. A percentage of overhead costs are covered by the income from an endowment trust. Currently our board is involved in reassessing our processes and procedures and strategic planning. We are honing our marketing skills and developing business collaborations that will strengthen our financial base. And, we are continuing to partner with organizations that share and enhance our mission.

JEAN AND MAURY KEMP UNDERWRITE TFT NEWSLETTER

“I like to give to causes that matter,” Maury said. “You all work so hard we’re glad to do it.” High praise from a pair whose names are associated with just about every worthwhile cultural and educational cause in the Coachella Valley. Jean is a member of the TFT Board. But here’s a secret that some may not know: Jean is not only an accomplished artist, but earned a law degree, and has her pilot’s license....although on that score her co-pilot, Maury, claims to have saved the day more than once.

Tools For Tomorrow is ever grateful to Jean and Maury Kemp for their generous support and encouragement over the years and for their commitment to the future by participating in this new program of TFT newsletter sponsorship initiated by Madeline Kuhn in the fall of 2009.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The program in Mecca Elementary which has been added this semester has really taken off. The teacher, Julia Cisneros, has concentrated on the Native American curriculum, and her students have created sacred stones and spirit gourds, dream-catchers and Kachinas using their totem animals. Board members visiting the program were impressed with the caliber of the students work, and the understanding of



the program projected by this wonderful teacher. This class will continue thanks to the Adopt A School program and Diane Fox.



The Idyllwild Arts Academy has once again offered Tools

For Tomorrow four, two week, all expense paid scholarships to their Summer Arts Program. Palm Springs Art Museum is offering eight ½ day scholarships for their summer arts camp. Teachers and principals are in the process of identifying worthy TFT students to receive these awards for what will be a life-changing experience. We are grateful to the Academy and the Museum for partnering with us to expand the horizons and vision for these deserving children.



And finally, we especially thank actors, Joyce Bulifante and Roger Perry for offering the children an exciting experience in music, drama and dance as part of the Guest Artist program. Not only are the children developing skills, but they are learning to work together as a team, expand their creativity, express their imaginations and enhance their self-esteem....all of

which is what Tools For Tomorrow is about.

E. DiNicola, Executive Director





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The paper cutout art on this page was inspired by a Native American story, *The Girl Who Talked to Horses*.



Artist: Delia T. age 9



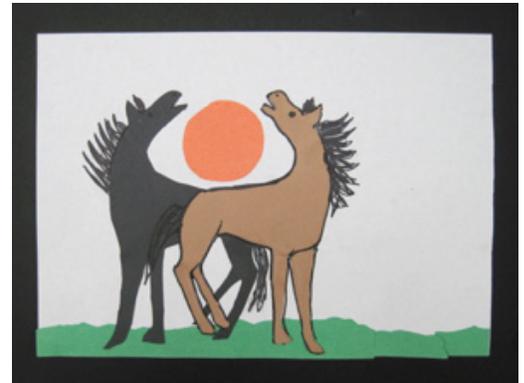
Artist: Liliana D. age 8

Buford the mighty bighorn had big sharp horns. He went up the mountains and looked at his beautiful mountain land. He saw a little baby fox sitting on a rock and a big strong mountain lion came to have the fox for lunch.

Buford said, "Oh, no." So he came running down the hill and he pushed the mountain lion into the rushing river. He pushed the rock to the water.

The baby said, "thank you, my hero." And the fox went back to her family.

And Buford became Hero of the mountain.
Ariana S.



Unsigned: third grade



Artist: Ariana C. age 8



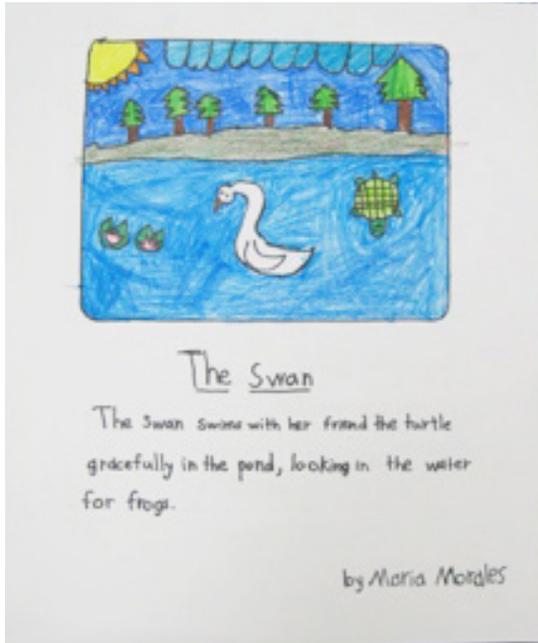
Unsigned: third grade

Once there was a bighorn named Buford. Buford the mighty, strong and brave. One day he went to the mountains and suddenly he finds a gorgeous and friendly mate. Then Buford walks up to her and he says, "Would you be my mate?"

And she says, "Yes."

The End

Sebastian G.



The Swan

The swan swims with her friend the turtle gracefully in the pond, looking in the water for frogs.

By Maria age 9

The art and poetry on this page was inspired by Saint-Saens, *Carnival of the Animals*.



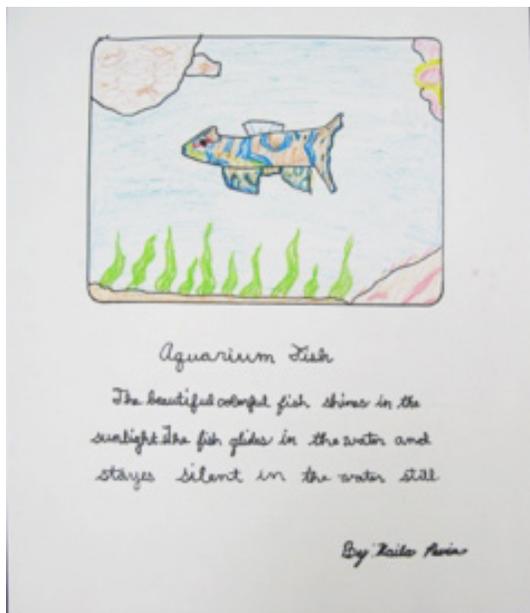
Artist: Maria M. age 9



Blue Bird

Blue birds fly up up in the sky. Flying fast they pass. They are blue like sky blue. Their nests are the best.

By: Itzel age 8



Aquarium Fish

The beautiful colorful fish shines in the sunlight. The fish glides in the water and stays silent in the water still.

By Kaila age 9



Artist: Joey M. age 8



TFT HONORS AFFILIATES AND SPECIAL DONORS

The Tools For Tomorrow Board of Directors honored Affiliates and Special Donors in the Palm Desert home of TFT President and Founder, Rachel Druten. In addition to the honored guests, Rachel thanked out-going Board President, Kimberly Klink, who will remain on the Board, and acknowledged the ten years of dedicated service of retiring Chairman, Jim Reed, now Chairman Emeritus. A brief program by Executive Director, Ed DiNicola, "Where we've been, where we are, where we're going," was followed by an elegant sit-down brunch prepared by two members of the Friends, Marge Dodge and Julia DeVries.



VISION FOR THE FUTURE LUNCHEON



THE LAST WORD

Mary Roche joined the TFT Board of Directors because, in her words, "she felt she could make a difference." Already she has, as the newly elected Chairman. She is a woman of action, and the board has responded. Her name adds confidence and prestige to our important mission. People trust our cause because they trust her. I look forward to working with Mary this coming year, and making her as proud of Tools for Tomorrow as we are of her.

Rachel Druten, President/Founder

THE FRIENDS

PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



With great pleasure I welcome the new Friends Cochairs: Elaine Prukop and Hal Haver. Longtime supporters, they both bring such great enthusiasm and diverse knowledge to our organization. They already have so many great ideas for the coming season.

Special thanks to the current Friends board: Marge Dodge, Janet Alfafara, MaryLynn Rose, Pauletta Smith, and Linda Thibault as well as my gratitude to Nancy Shuma, Julia DeVries, Kimberly Klink and Andrea Hecht. Their efforts and expertise were apparent in the many fun events Friends hosted this season, including our "Day of Fun and Games", chaired by Pauletta Smith with assistance by Nancy Shuma and their committee of MaryLynn, Marge, and Kimberly; and those who opened their homes on April 9th, Phyllis Brock, Jean Kemp, Louise LaNouette and Emily Carlin, and Rose & Mario Hernandez in whose beautiful home we had a Friends meeting. And not to be forgotten: Marge Dodge's fabulous cooking, always a highlight of our Friends meetings.

I am honored to have been Chairman of Friends these past two years. Our "Friends" group, however, reaches far beyond those on the board and the names above. To all of the Friends members who support our events, who support us financially, and who share with others the importance of the Tools for Tomorrow program, thank YOU!

Affectionately,
Stacy Jacob

MARCH MEETING

The other 40 were camera shy!!



Elaine Prukop and Hal Haver



SNIPS & SNAILS..... We are grateful for the following support

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Please forgive any inaccuracies or omissions. If you let us know, they will be corrected in the next newsletter.

Tools For Tomorrow collaborates with: The Unified School Districts of Palm Springs, Desert Sands and Coachella; Palm Springs Art Museum; and Idyllwild Arts Academy.



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How do we operate?

We employ qualified instructors in each subject using a professionally designed curriculum.

Where are classes held?

Classes are held five days a week at individual schools, after regular school hours.

What is the cost to each child?

Classes are FREE! All supplies, musical equipment and snacks are provided by **Tools for Tomorrow**.

Which schools can we serve?

All Coachella Valley elementary schools are eligible. We are currently operating programs in Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and Rancho Mirage.

What are the program costs?

\$10,000 supports the full program in a school for one school year.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FRIENDS

Supper & Speaker - 5:30 -7:30

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 - Tuesday, January 11

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - Tuesday, May 10, 2011

FALL FETE : Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Tools For Tomorrow Programs are in the following schools:

Cathedral City:

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