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JACKIE LEE HOUSTON VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARDEE

Jean Daman enthusiastically agreed to be Honorary Chair for an evening of GLITTER, GITZ AND GLAM honoring Jackie Lee Houston with the VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD. The award will be presented on Friday, February 8, at the Weston Mission Hills Resort and Spa, in an evening of cocktails, dinner and entertainment featuring Kaye Ballard and Peter Marshall.

Jackie Lee Houston's "vision for the future" has changed the face of the Coachella Valley. It is doubtful there is a worthy charity in the desert community that has not received her support. No one is more appropriate, nor deserving than she to receive Tools For Tomorrow's second annual Vision For The Future Award. And who better to be Honorary Chairman of the event than Jean Daman, herself a humanitarian icon who has supported Tools For Tomorrow from the beginning, both as a member of the Board of Directors and as an Affiliate.

Tools For Tomorrow is honored to recognize these two outstanding woman. Sponsors of the event: Glitter: \$5,000 will be given a table for 10, Glitz: \$3,000 will be given a table for 8, Glam: \$2,000 will be given a table for six; and all will be recognized in the program. Those wishing to become a sponsor or purchase tickets - \$250 each - should send their contribution to:

GLITTER GLITZ and GLAM:

Tools For Tomorrow: 42-800 Bob Hope Drive, Suite 209 N - Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

For Information call: 760-340-4980

Invitations will be mailed in early December.

100% of monies raised from this event go directly to serving the children.



Jackie Lee Houston



Katherine J. Andrews

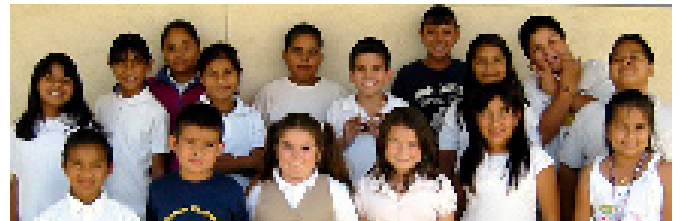
ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAM INITIATED

The Katherine J. Andrews Foundation has adopted Van Buren Elementary in Indio and Diane Fox, a member of the TFT Board of Directors, has adopted Peter Pendleton Elementary in Coachella, giving this program a jump start. Hearing about TFT's exciting new project, Mary Lou Doty asked to adopt a school in LaQuinta. Each has committed \$10,000 a year to provide instruction, all supplies, musical equipment and snacks to sustain the TFT program in each of these three schools. It is through the generosity and imagination of individuals like Katherine Andrews, Diane Fox and Mary Lou Doty that Tools For Tomorrow will soon reach its ultimate goal of making the program available to every elementary school child, grades 2 through 5, in our Coachella Valley.



Diane Fox

These three charter members of the Adopt A School Program hope that their donations will inspire other individuals, businesses and corporations to join in this innovative and exciting partnership.



Some of the students at Van Buren Elementary

If you are interested in participating in the ADOPT A SCHOOL program call: 760-340-4980 or write ADOPT A SCHOOL, Tools For Tomorrow 42-800 Bob Hope Dr., suite 209 N, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

MISSION STATEMENT: To make available free, on-site, after school literacy enrichment programs that integrate writing, drama, art and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children.

The Tools For Tomorrow program is designed to supplement the children's daily educational experience, nurture their creativity, enhance their self-esteem, build character, and expand their intellectual and cultural horizons, giving them a vision of what their lives can become.

Check out our website: www.afterschooltools.org



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We extend a warm welcome to new Tools for Tomorrow board members, Stacey Jacobs, Linda Thibault and Bob Hopkins. In addition to board membership, Stacy is the newly installed President of Friends of TFT. Bob is also TFT Treasurer. We appreciate their willingness to serve.

Special recognition and thanks go to TFT Board member, Diane Fox and the Katherine J. Andrews Foundation for being the first to adopt schools in the new ADOPT A SCHOOL program. Their innovative commitment and generosity is an inspiration to us all.

Finally, congratulations to the Friends of Tools for Tomorrow for their beautiful and successful Fall Fiesta and special thanks to Jackie Lee and Jim Houston for underwriting the party.

Now it's up to all of you! When the need for Tools For Tomorrow is even greater we call on each of you to offer your financial support, great and small, and to spread the word of this integrated arts program that has become so vital to the children of our Coachella Valley (And, don't forget Glitter, Glitz and Glam Gala February 8!) *Jim Reed, Chairman Board of Directors*

SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN TFT STUDENTS

Six deserving Tools For Tomorrow students received scholarships to attend two-week sessions at the Idyllwild Arts Academy this past summer. Four scholarships were donated by the Academy, one by the Friends of TFT with a matching scholarship given by Jan Goldberg, President of the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Academy, and her husband, Dr. Richard Goldberg.

It was truly a vision-expanding experience for each of these children. The following is an example of the letters they wrote:

Dear well I don't know you name
Thank you for picking me to go to the Idyllwild Arts Summer it was so much fun and you loved it. I had a blast at camp and thank you for picking me to go I loved it because the counselors were so nice and I met lots of new friends they are so nice and so cool like you guys thank you so much I am wishing and hoping to go again. If they pick me again that is but in 3rd grade and soon I guess. I also liked the food over at summer camp specially the afternoon activity it is so fun.



SNIPS and SNAILS

Kudos...

....to TFT Board Member, **Lee Appel**, this year's recipient of the Ann Angel Humanitarian Award presented at the "Winter Wonderland" annual fundraising gala for the Stroke Recovery Center

TFT Board Additions

Bob Hopkins: Chief Financial Officer

Stacy Jacob: Board member - President of the Friends Support Group

Linda Thibault: Board Member - Publicity Chair

New Affiliates

Katherine J. Andrews

Mary Lou Doty



Most recent Media Support

Betty Francis for recognizing in her column Ed DiNicola's honor as the Coachella Valley's Executive Director of the Year

Unsung Heroes

Gail Reitz and her TFT Friends mailing team
Mary Lynn Rose for doing what ever TFT Friends ask

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ED DINICOLA NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

The Desert Community Foundation presented Ed DiNicola with the Executive Director of the Year Award at the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon. A grant for \$25,000 to Tools For Tomorrow accompanied the honor.

This generous grant will provide the funds to support two and a half schools in the coming year.

TFT is grateful to the Desert Community Board and staff for this singular honor and for the outstanding service this organization has given and continues to give to the Coachella Valley.



Ed DiNicola

AN AFTERNOON AT LINCOLN SCHOOL with teacher Terry Forrest



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

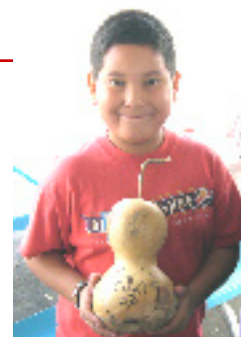
Recently a veteran third grade teacher said: "Tools For Tomorrow is the best thing that has happened in the schools in my memory." The truth of this quote is reflected in the number of students enrolled in Tools For Tomorrow (TFT) classes, an estimated 1,600 this year, with hundreds of children on the waiting list, and numerous schools requesting the program.

Once again, TFT has gotten off to a productive and exciting start in thirteen schools in the three school districts of the Coachella Valley. As students enthusiastically engage in the process of "doing" art I continue to receive comments from Principals: "... this program makes such a difference to our kids;" "... I could run this program with five hundred children in my school alone;" and requests from those desiring the program. All we need is the funds to make it happen.

Our immediate challenge is to enroll all the disappointed children who are on waiting lists in the schools where the program is already provided. To that end additional classes will be added in the February/May semester 2008. We also hope to add schools in LaQuinta and Coachella if funds are forthcoming from the LaQuinta block grant.

Most promising is the new ADOPT A SCHOOL program. Three schools have already been adopted: Van Buren Elementary in Indio, by the Katherine J. Andrews Foundation, and Peter Pendleton Elementary in Coachella by Diane Fox, and a school to be chosen in LaQuinta by Mary Lou Doty. With commitments such as these, Tools For Tomorrow will continue to grow and flourish as it provides a valuable integrated arts program to the students of the Coachella Valley.

Ed DiNicola



"Tools For Tomorrow is the best thing that ever happened in my life." Lorenzo, age 8,
Lincoln School

FRIENDS OF TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

Our new season was begun in fine fashion with a wonderful Fiesta! Grateful thanks go to **Pauletta and Tom Smith, Kimberly Klink and Marge Dodge** for putting on such a terrific party; and to **Rachel and Chuck Druten** for opening their beautiful new home to us. Not only did we make friends, we made \$10,000! Thanks to **Jackie Lee and Jim Houston's** generous donation, which underwrote the party's costs, the Friends will be able to support the entire TFT program in one school for the coming year.



Edie Thoreson, Chairman

Thanks to **Nancy Hannah** and her superb committee--and **Joni Maltzman**, whose annual Fun & Games party always exceeds possibility--the Spring Bridge Fundraiser netted \$9,125.

This year Friends provided a scholarship for a two-week session at the Idyllwild Arts Academy summer program, which was matched by another scholarship from the Idyllwild Arts Academy support group. Together we were able to give two more deserving children a new and exciting experience in the arts that would otherwise not have been available to them.

This will be my last message to all of you. After three years, I'm turning over the reins of Friends to **Stacy Jacob** who will be your new leader. Many thanks to all of you for your support. My special thanks to the members of the Friends board who have been such a help. You were always there when I called and I'm grateful. Between us we accomplished a great deal. I'm sure the organization will flourish under Stacy's leadership. It can't fail with such a worthwhile organization to help.



STACY JACOB - New FRIENDS' Chairman

"I'm so delighted to be working with Friends of Tools for Tomorrow and very much looking forward to the upcoming year. The organization has great momentum at this point in time and I'm eager to jump in and get to work next to such an enthusiastic, dedicated board. "





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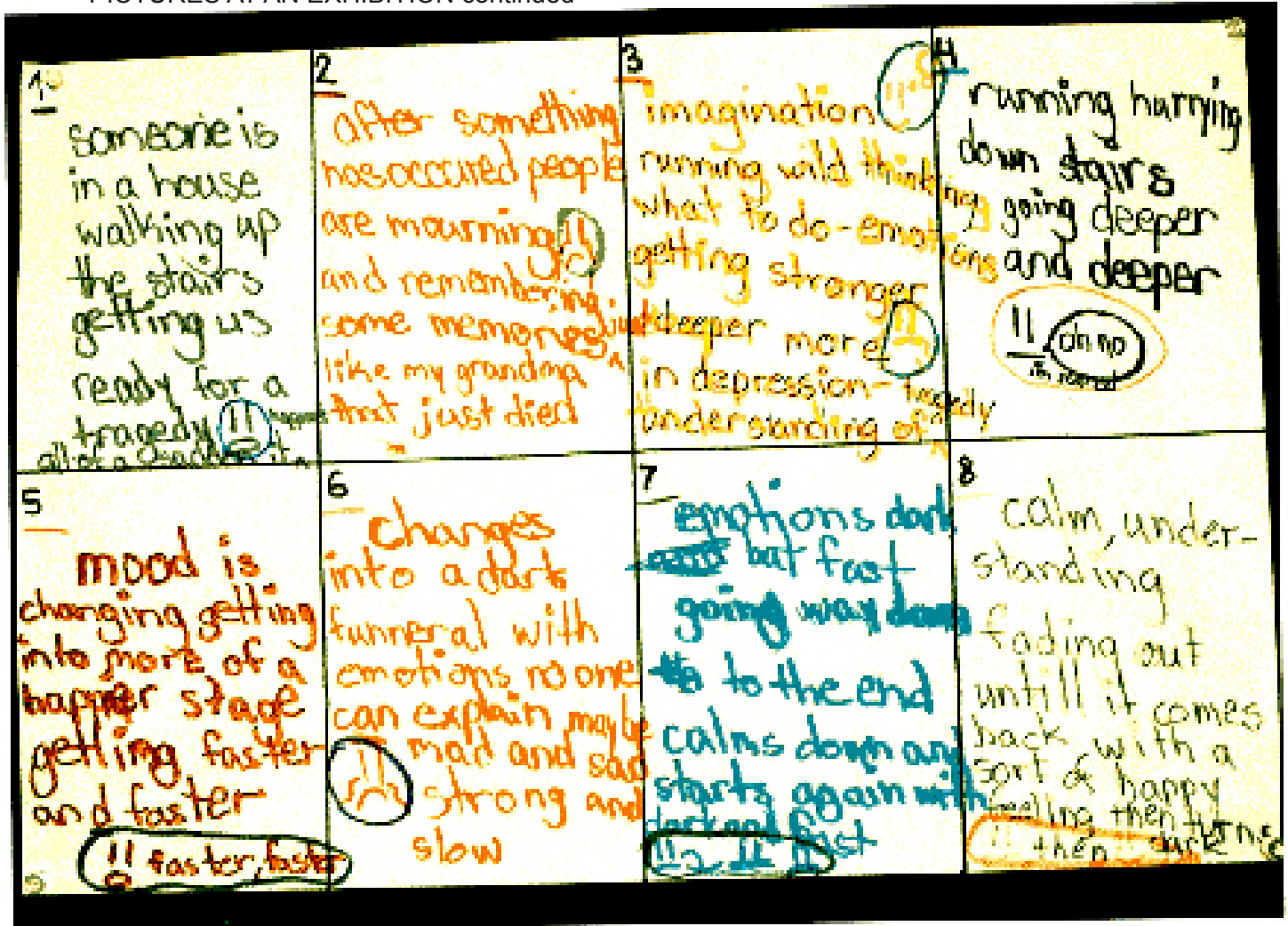
The unit THE COMPOSER AS ARTIST was based on Modeste Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, and Night on Bald Mountain. The students learned about Mussorgsky, Russia, Russian folk legends of the Baba Yaga (a witch), the gnome her henchman, and Bald Mountain a desolate and evil place of Russian legend.

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

Mussorgski painted pictures in music based on titles his dead friend had intended to create for an exhibition.

The Assignment: After a discussion of the content in the imaginary pictures the students were asked to create their own "pictures at an exhibition" in a story board of words or illustrations.





NIGHT ON BALD MOUNTAIN

Assignment: The children are asked to write a story, themselves as the main character stranded with the witch, Bab Yaga, and her Gnome during a raging thunderstorm on desolate Bald Mountain as described in Mussorgsky's music.

I was alone on Bald Mountain I could see everything in sight. Up the mountain lives Baba Yaga a witch whose age is unknown. She casts spells of lightening, fire, ice, poison, water, earth and air. She controls weather and enslaves anyone who comes near her. I am lost on her mountain with only a sword for protection. I sleep under her hill hoping that I will be allowed to live and surviving on berries and fruit.

After two days I am discovered by Baba Yaga's servants and taken prisoner. I am put in a cell with a gnome, a dwarfish creature named Grieven, whose only weapon is also a sword.

We hack at the bars all night and finally they break and we are free. We entered the Baba Yaga's hut which is built on chicken legs and walked with caution down the hall to the last door at the end. We hacked at it until it opened and there sat Baba Yaga, expecting us. She waved her hand and a charge of lightening came out of it blasting us back through the door on a jolt of electricity. She then cast a spell on us using solar flares which froze us and sent us into a giant vortex of water. Then she created a giant earthquake that was off the scale.

In an attempt to survive we threw our swords at the wall of water, and Grieven's knocked a hole in it but mine missed. She raised her hands and the swords came back at us like boomerangs. Finally we got to her and I hit her with my sword on the head and Baba Yaga was knocked unconscious.

When she came to she could not remember anything. She had amnesia.

Grieven returned to the North Pole where the gnomes live, and I stayed at the hut on chicken legs with old Baba Yaga because I had nowhere to go.

The End.....OR IS IT???

Nicholas, age 10

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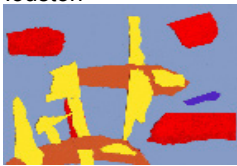
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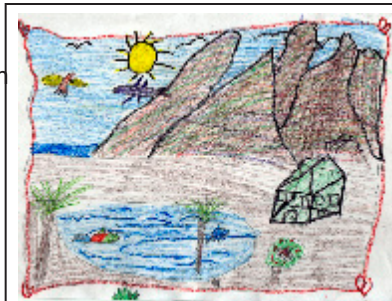
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Brian, age 8



Carribbia, age 10

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Carol, age 9

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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. More schools will be served as funds become available.

What are the program costs?

\$10,000 supports a school for one year.



"Daddy says the world is like a drum, tight and hard. I told him I am going to beat out my own rhythm."

Jacky, age 9

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SCHOOLS WHERE WE ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING THE PROGRAM

Desert Hot Springs

Bubbling Wells Elementary
Two Bunch Palms Elementary
Wentzlaff Elementary
Corsini Elementary

Indian Wells:

Gerald Ford Elementary

Indio:

Van Buren Elementary

Cathedral City:

Rio Vista Elementary
Sunny Sands Elementary

Palm Springs:

Cahuilla Elementary

Rancho Mirage:

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Peter Pendleton Elementary



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