



Tools For Tomorrow

An on-site after school literacy enrichment program integrating writing, drama, art and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children grades 3 -5 at no cost to the children.

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DR. JANICE LYLE 2013 VISION FOR THE FUTURE HONOREE



Dr. Janice Lyle

Tools For Tomorrow board member, Dr. Janice Lyle, has been chosen as the 2013 Vision For The Future Honoree.

Dr. Lyle received her Master of Arts and her Ph.D. in Art History from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is currently the Director of the Sunnylands Center & Gardens. In her four years with this project she has overseen the development of the new visitor center, 9-acre garden, and restoration of the historic house and grounds.

Prior to joining the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, Dr. Lyle was the Executive Director of the Palm Springs Art Museum for 13 years (1994-2007) where she also worked as Director of Public Programs for 10 years.

She has lectured extensively on modern architecture, preservation, and museum topics; written numerous articles including about her experience living in Frey House II; and served on numerous nonprofit boards including the California Association of Museums as President, United Way of the Desert, Palm Springs Historic Site Foundation, City of Palm Springs Library, and now Tools For Tomorrow...among others.

"There is no one in this valley who has done more to promote the arts, education and children than Janice Lyle. As one of the inspirations for starting TFT fourteen years ago, this is an honor long overdue!" Rachel Druten, Founder.

MICHAEL CHILDERS CELEBRATED

Desert icon, photographer/humanitarian, Michael Childers was honored with the 2012 Tools For Tomorrow Vision For the Future Award. The awards luncheon was held at the elegant Rancho Las Palmas Resort and was attended by approximately 200 of Michael's friends and fans. Michael's



Michael Childers & Lee Appel

introduction by TFT board member, Lee Appel, was followed by touching remarks by Michael, who hopes, "...Tools For Tomorrow finds many new faces, new fans and that their work is recognized throughout the desert." A moving video by film director, David Rothmiller was presented, that included tributes by Bob Mackie, Doris Roberts, Barbara Keller, David Zippel, Peter Bart, Steven Biller, and Dr. Steven Nash. (continued on page 6)



L. to R. Michael Childers, Helene Galen, Harold Matzner, Barbara Keller

Tools For Tomorrow provides an on-site, integrated "hands-on" arts literacy programs to "at risk" children at no cost to the 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Jim Reed

As Chairman of the Board, I am very happy to report that Tools For Tomorrow is alive and well. During this time of economic crisis, and declining donations to most non profit charities, it is to the benefit of Tools for Tomorrow that our loyal affiliates, donors, and contributors continue to fund this special, unique and very important program that gives so much to the Coachella Valley children.

Although, like many other charitable organizations, we have had to cutback, the success of our program continues to grow by the loyalty of those whose dedication to our mission brings the word to the Coachella Valley community and beyond.

Our excellent staff manages and promotes the program with an exciting curriculum integrating arts literacy in a way not usually found in traditional arts education programs. New donors and an ever-growing group of "friends" and affiliates assure the program's continuation and success. A re-vamped TFT Friends promises to make it a vital component of our continued mission; and we are strengthening our already dedicated Board with dynamic new members, vital in the community, whose presence gives added strength to the program.

In the next few years we hope to restore all programs, and reach beyond past levels of service to offer more children our unique arts literacy program.

Jim Reed

16 SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TFT



L. to R. TFT teacher, Stefania Ford, Idyllwild scholarship student, Dax Winthrop & mother

TFT is grateful to the following:

Idyllwild Arts Academy Summer Program: four, two week scholarships, **Palm Springs Museum Summer Camp**: eleven scholarships; and, in a new partnership with **Women in Film**, one scholarship, to the Palm Desert Theater Academy.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand." Albert Einstein

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recently I met with the grant coordinator for RAP, the Principal of Vista del Monte Elementary in PS, a TFT student, her parent, and the TFT teacher.

The student, a fourth grade girl told us that she had been shy, withdrawn, and insecure before her TFT experience. She had been bullied. She said that her TFT experience helped her overcome her shyness and insecurity, and gain the self-confidence and self-esteem to become a leader.



Ed DiNicola

She also spoke of sadness in a personal family situation where she was separated from someone she loved and that TFT helped her to cope by giving her the tools she needed.

Her parent spoke movingly of her appreciation and that of other parents for the program. They had all witnessed improvement academically, socially, and in the personal self-esteem of their children.

The teacher, talked about how the TFT curriculum brings together all the children in the classroom, regardless of their background or arts experience. She said how wonderful it is to see the dawning light in a child's eyes when they finally realize that art is a universal language and that they can "speak" it. Watching the TFT children interact as they create art and use their imaginations is unlike anything else she has seen in her experience.

The Principal, talked at length about the feedback he receives from classroom teachers regarding improvements seen in behavior, critical thinking skills, and class participation by TFT students. He said he noticed on a number of occasions TFT students step forward and intervene when they see bullying.

This meeting showed me once again how important and valuable the unique TFT after school experience is. It makes such a difference to the children we serve, not only in our classes, but in the school and general community, and it provides each community with better future citizens.

Ed DiNicola



ARTISTS & WRITERS GALLERY

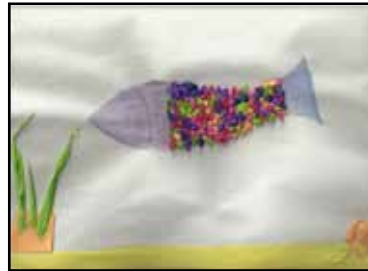
Fall, 2012

Featuring the students at Vista del Monte Elementary, grades 3 thru 5

TFT Teacher: Stefania Ford



Fabiola



Carlos



Dedric

Ode to Camping

Trees, trees, beautiful trees,
 you smell so amazing, you felt so nice.
 I saw a nice playground, I played on it;
 the slide, big as a nice pine tree;
 the swing wet, wet as the rain.
 My aunt's hot dogs taste the best.
 I heard the hummingbirds chirping
 in the morning.
 Oh beautiful, and amazing camping.

By: Selena M.

Ode about my Dreams

Dreams, dreams, you're my secret to keep,
 you are my magical kingdom where everything is possible.
 You are so beautiful and beloved to me.
 You are like a jewel that shines in the moonlight.
 You are like a crystal that fills my every desire.
 You are my friend and you will always be there for me.

By: Stephania Z.

Ode to God

Oh God, you gave us life
 and that's why we have family and friends.
 We have food and water because of you.
 Thank you God for earth.

By: Paulina R.

Ode to my Flashlight

Oh flashlight you brighten my way.
 Every day you put your light on my face.
 Every time it's dark out you turn your light on
 so I don't get lost.
 Your shiny bright light always makes the dark
 go away.

By: Makley Q.



Missy

Ode to the Earth

Oh Earth,
 you have let us live on you for thousands of years,
 even though one day you will get destroyed,
 but you are so special to me,
 as special as my mom.
 You seem magical to me,
 like the shining of the early dawns.
 Even a little piece of litter will hurt you.
 Oh thank you Earth.

By: Priscilla L.



Nelly

ASSIGNMENTS

"April Odes"

Watercolor & torn paper art inspired by the music, "Carnival Of The Animals" by Saint-Saëns

Featuring The Students of Harry S Truman Elementary - grades 3 thru 5

*Priscilla Vargas, 2012 Daryl Timmons Bryant Art Spirit Awardee
TFT Teachers: Nancy Nishiguchi (TFT 2012 Teacher of the year)
and David Lawson (TFT 2011 Teacher of the year)*

Priscilla Vargas
Artist - Illustras - Poet



Priscilla & teacher, Nancy Nishiguchi at the 2012 Vision for the Future Awards Luncheon

Since the day I met you,
My world turned upside down.
Your smile is as bright as the sun.
You make me feel special when I'm blue.
I need you the same way a dog needs an owner.
I shouldn't have said goodbye.
But now the only thing I think about...
Is being your friend.

By Priscilla V.



Reading more takes us down a track,
A track to many places.
It takes us to the past;
To explore with our imagination.
It might take us to the future;
Maybe to a free life,
Where everyone is educated.
A track to freedom,
To a peaceful world.
A negative track means a negative life.
So always think positive
And read more books.

By Xander K.



During the night,
the stars are bright.
But during the day
They're out of sight.
They shine with the moon
Way up in the sky.
I'd reach up to grab one
But they're too high.
If I had a rocket,
I'd fly to the stars.
And along the way,
I would visit Mars.

By Kendra S.



Halloween, the big night of fright.
Costumes galore.
Witches, vampires, princesses
and more.
Tricks are nothing
But a treat to young hooligans.
Come back next year,
And try to fool them again.

By Mia M



THE FRIENDS

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FALL FETÉ

Approximately 80 attended the annual Fall Fete held last November at the lovely Indian Wells Country Club, sponsored by club members and devoted TFT supporters, Hal Haver and Elaine Prukop. Prior to dinner Guests were greeted with glasses of wine and the music of TFT resident musician Jackie Doyle at the piano. The program began with a short presentation from the Vista del Monte Elementary School Players. Then Dr. Janice Lyle, Director of the Sunnylands Center and Gardens, gave a fascinating insight into what was going on behind the pink wall prior to the Sunnylands' opening. What a wonderful way to celebrate the season's start.

GAME DAY

FUND RAISING WAS FUN for those who participated in the annual Tools for Tomorrow Game Day last February. Our sincere thanks to the hostesses: Joni Maltzman, Jean Kemp, Phyllis Brock, Leni Roberts, Mary Ellen Blanton, Emily Carlin, Bobette Bird, Louise LaNouette and Rachel Druten who offered their homes for games and a delicious lunch. Best of all, enough money was raised to provide a teacher for the program. We plan to repeat this popular event early next year. Watch for the date and your invitation!

Co-Chair: Anne Hopkins and Nancy Shuma

TFT's Special gratitude goes to Anne and Nancy for their untiring efforts and unfailing good humor. They are truly jewels in the TFT crown!!

Another jewel in TFT's crown, JONI MALTZMAN and her generous friends on Game Day.



Beautiful photos of beautiful ladies courtesy of Danny Maltzman



SNIPS & SNAILS

"What goes around comes around."

Catalina Orlando-Parsons, newest TFT teacher, is an alumni of one of the first TFT classes in Desert Hot Springs almost 14 years ago.

Sarah De La Cruz, another early TFT alumni, was Desert Hot Springs High School 2012 Valedictorian, with a street named in her honor.

We are grateful to the following:

Most Recent Media Support:

Alex Hunter, Desert Sun
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Sherri Breyer smbreyer@aol.com
(760.799.5921) for the Vision Luncheon
David Larson & Kate Porter

TFT Worker Bees "the usual suspects":

Janet Alfafara, Diane Fox, Diane Lucas,
Lee Appel, Rachel Druten, Edie Thoreson,
Marge Dodge, Geri & Don Shaevel

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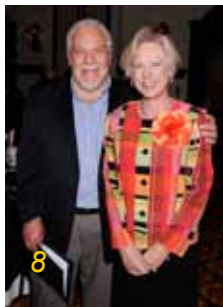
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MICHAEL CHILDERS continued

Among major donors for the event were James Kelley and Joseph Lund, and Harold Matzner; Robert Armstrong, Barbara Keller, Donna MacMillan, and JoAnn McGrath; Kelly Carmien, Rachel Druten, Helene Galen, and Michael Leppen..... Prior to lunch Stacy Jacob, event Chair, had introduced TFT Executive Director, Ed DiNicola, who presented Recognition Awards to Marge Dodge (Volunteer Award), Irene Rodriguez from Palm Springs Art Museum (TFT Partner), Joseph Scudder from Vista del Monte School (Principal Award), Nancy Nishiguchi from Harry S Truman School (Teacher Award), and Priscilla Vargas who received the Daryl Timmons Bryant Art Spirit Award. This was followed by a charming musical presentation by the children of Vista del Monte Elementary, "Makin' Memories," written and directed by TFT

volunteers, Joyce Bulifant and Roger Perry.....
But it was Michael Childers who made the day, with his elan, his eloquence and his charm!



- 1-Mitch Gershfeld, Michael Childers
- 2-Kaye Ballard, Alix Korey
- 3-Lisa Vossler Smith, Kelly Thordson, Kimberly Nichols
- 4-Bob & Anne Hopkins, Jim Jacob
- 5-Stacy Jacob
- 6-Joseph Lund
- 7-Barbara & Jim Reed
- 8-Ed DiNicola, Marge Dodge
- 9-Carla Howard, Dale & Patti Gribow
- 10-Sonia Romero, Joyce Bulifant, Dedric Gray
- 11-Priscilla Vargas, Rachel Druten
- 12-Ted Giatas, Jim Jacob

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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, Rancho Mirage and Mecca.

What are the program costs?

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

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Two Bunch Palms Elementary School
Julius Corsini Elementary School

Indio:

Martin Van Buren School

La Quinta:

Harry S Truman School

Palm Desert:

Abraham Lincoln School
Ronald Reagan School

Palm Springs:

Vista del Monte Elementary School

Mecca:

Mecca Elementary

SAVE THE DATES



Tuesday, 11/27

Meet the Teachers
Wine & Cheese
Party

VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARDS LUNCHEON

*Honoring Janice Lyle, Ph.D.,
Director, Sunnylands Center
and Gardens*

Thursday, April 4, 2013



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