



Tools For Tomorrow

Free, after-school arts literacy programs integrating creative writing, art, music, and drama for children grades three through five in elementary schools throughout the Coachella Valley

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SUSAN STEIN TO HOST 2020 VISION FOR THE FUTURE EVENT



Susan Stein Fashion Director/Scene Editor of Palm Springs Life Magazine and Creative Director/Producer Fashion Week El Paseo, will be hosting ***Fabulous Fashion & Song of the Silver Screen***. Owner of SusanSteinStyle, a personal style, lecture, and event production company, Susan brings her love of fashion and support of Tools For Tomorrow to this encore performance of "Hollywood Revisited." New dances, songs and vintage costumes, from the golden age of movies.

Once again the talented actress and author, **Joyce Bulifant**, has generously agreed to produce and direct a performance by the Tools For Tomorrow children.

The iconic **Phyllis Eisenberg** will serve as Honorary Chair. Phyllis was the VISIONARIES first honoree and continues to be an avid member and supporter of their mission to reach, teach and inspire the children of our valley through the Tools For Tomorrow program.



A special evening of food, fashion and fine wines, Wednesday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm. Once again on the Eisenhower Health Campus at the Helene Galen Theatre.

TFT SELECTED BENEFICIARY OF LA QUINTA ART CELEBRATION

March 5-8, 2020, La Quinta Civic Center Campus, 78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta



Art show promoter Paul Anderson has teamed up with Kathleen (Kat) Hughes, former Event Manager of the La Quinta Arts Festival, to produce what will become one of the top fine art shows in the country. Art patrons will celebrate the virtuoso talents of 220 of the finest national, and international artists.

Anderson designated Tools For Tomorrow as the local nonprofit to benefit from proceeds of the event. Funds will be channeled back into the Coachella Valley community through TFT's after school integrated arts literacy programs.

The VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow are looking forward to volunteering at the event.

For more information on volunteering at the La Quinta Art Celebration

email: Debby Nelson at debby4art@gmail.com

IDYLLWILD ARTS AWARDS SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS - TFT thanks the Academy for once again awarding summer scholarships to deserving TFT students.



Benni Rimada



Kyra Bufanda



Jack Graves

Tools For Tomorrow provides 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 them with a coping mechanism for the future and a vision of what their lives can become.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Jim Reed

We applaud the summer work being done by the Tools For Tomorrow staff and board members who have been preparing for the upcoming school year. Please give them a helping hand by increasing your donations and helping them find new supporters and classroom volunteers. Thanks to all of you, TFT continues to provide the best possible literacy enrichment and mind expanding experience for its Coachella Valley children. *Jim Reed*



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Timothy Martin

We often say that Tools For Tomorrow is different from other programs in the Coachella Valley but what makes it so different? The answer is OUR TEACHERS. Each of them has a talent for working with children just like other teachers in after school programs. But the difference is that each of them is a TEACHING ARTIST. Each of our teachers is a "practicing, professional" and has a demonstrated talent in the arts. Some are musicians, some are artists, some are writers, some are performers. They are also able to provide a tangible link between the creative process in their craft and arts-based learning. They communicate the love of their craft with the students and provide a one-of-a-kind educational experience. How fortunate our students are to be inspired and show their own talents with TEACHING ARTISTS in the classroom. *Tim Martin*

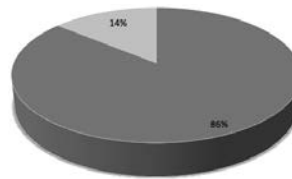
BOB AND ANNE HOPKINS RETIRE

Bob Hopkins, for 12 years CFO of Tools For Tomorrow, and his wife Anne, on the VISIONARIES Board, have left the valley to be nearer to their family in Cincinnati.

The Hopkins dedication and love of TFT has played an important part in its success.



TFT BUDGET ALLOCATION



TFT Program - 86%
Overhead - 14%

A REPORT FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR



David Hirsch

Greetings to all of our wonderful friends and supporters! Without your involvement we could not fulfill our goal of providing great arts education for the worthy students of the Coachella Valley. When I say 'worthy,' I am truly understating the quality of the students of our community. Despite the challenges of today's complex world, I am continually impressed by the students throughout all three districts we are privileged to serve. Our young people of today are sincere, compassionate, and supportive of each other. We are lucky to have them. That makes it even more imperative that we as educators do our best to give these kids every tool they need to succeed.

I am pleased to report that we have hired some excellent and dedicated teachers in the last two years. All of our staff but one, are returning, which provides needed stability. Our replacement teacher, Ron Slanina, is an experienced theater artist and educator. Ron will help coordinate our two programs at Rancho Mirage Elementary, working together with Theater Director Gilmore Rizzo. He brings a sense of enthusiasm that I am very excited about. The two theater specialty classes added in 2018 continue to thrive. I hope more of our supporters will get a chance to see these kids in action. They are wonderful!

With the help of recent grants from BIGHORN Cares and The Anderson Children's Foundation, we are solidifying our presence in two schools in the Coachella Valley Unified School District. While turnover at both schools delayed the start of these classes, I am happy to report that we now have stable programs at both Palm View and Peter Pendleton Elementary Schools. This expansion into a district where more arts education is sorely needed has fulfilled one of my main goals upon becoming Program Director. With the continued support from our generous community, it is my hope we will bring our programs to many more of these underserved schools. *David Hirsch*





ARTISTS & WRITERS GALLERY

Fall 2019

Teacher: Sallé Kirby

Assignment: Students drew a contour line of their faces, enhanced with oil pastels. They mixed pigments using only the primary colors. They wrote summer memories from their childhood and had an art exhibit.

Parents invited to a TFT class and art exhibit



Hesau R. - 3rd Grade



Benni R. - 4th Grade

**"Summer is hot a lot
But I get cool in a pool"**



Brandon B. - 4th Grade



Devon G. - 3rd Grade

"One thing I like about summer is getting ice cream and popsicles. Another thing I like about summer is to visit my family."



Kayani R. - 4th Grade



Angel R. - 3rd Grade



Jada F. - 4th Grade

TEACHER FEATURE



Sallé Kirby

Sallé Kirby brings joy, imagination and artistry to her students, making her one of the most beloved teachers in the Tools For Tomorrow spectrum. A professional artist, skilled in many media, Sallé has exhibited throughout Southern California, and been featured in numerous local magazines and newspapers.

Sallé gives art exhibits of the children's work, inviting parents to attend and takes videos of the children reading their work. Sallé says, "Tools For Tomorrow is in line with my goals, philosophy and interest when giving back to my community. I love experiencing the joy in a child's face when he, or she, is creating and discovering new abilities."

VISIONARIES . . .



Irma Smith

VISIONARY President's Letter

Six years ago I joined the Board of the VISIONARIES of Tools for Tomorrow because of my love of volunteering and interacting with children of all ages. Now in my new capacity as President, I get to do both! I am so fortunate and thankful to have the support of a talented and

accomplished group of women on this Board.

Together with all the VISIONARIES we can reach our goals: to continue to grow as an organization (join the VISIONARIES), expand our program to reach more children, volunteer in the classroom, participate in fundraising efforts by serving on a committee and/or sponsor an event and create awareness of the Tools For Tomorrow program. We encourage you to get involved and welcome your ideas.

We are thrilled about the new events we are planning. To begin with, be our guest at our November 3rd Member Appreciation Party; please bring a friend. And be sure to mark your calendar for February 26th, our "Fabulous Fashion and Song from the Silver Screen" is back by popular demand – featuring a new theme and different costumes. We look forward to a fun evening, including a children's program under the direction of Joyce Bulifant and a Q & A session with special guest, Susan Stein, as host. More information will be forthcoming.

I'm honored to represent the VISIONARIES on the Tools For Tomorrow Board of Directors, and to have the pleasure of partnering with our Operations Manager, Andrea Hecht; Administrative Assistant, Carol Curie; and Program Director, David Hirsch.

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD Honoring Lucie Arnaz



CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA



NINA McLEMORE FASHIONS AT MELISSA MORGAN FINE ART



STUDENT ART EXHIBIT AT FERGUSON'S GALLERY

John Alexander and his Ferguson's Frame & Gallery team hosted "LOOKING TO THE FUTURE – An Exhibition of Children's Art" in an exquisite evening that included wine and hors d'oeuvres. In addition to the children's art (framed beautifully by the gallery) the exhibition included art from the estate of Lynne Mapp Drexler and Ferguson's talented stable of artists.





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BEHIND THE SCENES

VISIONARIES volunteers taking a break.



IN MEMORY

Barbara Keller, beloved philanthropist and friend of Tools For Tomorrow passed away April 15, 2019. Barbara and her husband Jerry were 2017 Vision for the Future honorees.



Lawyer, Charles Druten, husband of Founder of Tools For Tomorrow, Rachel Druten, passed away March 26, 2019. Charles was Tools For Tomorrow's first attorney and drew up the documents for nonprofit status.

Cinco De Mayo Fiesta

Maricruz "Cruzie" Rangel, Singer

Maleyna Gregorio, Singer

Kayley Serrano, Singer

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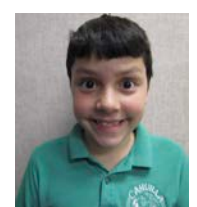
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How do we operate?

We employ qualified instructors in writing, art, music and drama 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, 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.

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April 28, 2020

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