



It is important for children to study the arts. First, the arts have intrinsic value... second, studying the arts enhances the study of other subjects. Additionally, studying the arts develops important ways of knowing and understanding the world.

—New Hampshire K-12 Curriculum Framework for the Arts

Participation in the Art Detectives Community Outreach Program also includes:

- ▶ One free (\$5 value) Community Arts Open Studio (CAOS) family drop-in session certificate per student.
- ▶ Participation by all students in an Art Detectives Art Show – with an opening reception at the AVA Gallery during the school year!

In addition:

- ▶ Attend one of our Educator Nights to learn more about the Art Detectives Outreach Program, field trips to AVA and other educational opportunities. Refreshments and art activities included!
- ▶ Schedule an Art Detectives Introductory Presentation at your school

AVA understands that a child’s exposure to art and art history should not be limited by opportunity or accessibility.

The purpose of the AVA Community Outreach Art Detectives Class is to provide teachers with an in-classroom opportunity to augment and enrich their core curriculum with art enrichment following the National Standards for Arts Education Broad Goals. Integrating art into the classroom involves using art as an instructional tool to not only introduce children to the world of art and art history but also to help students develop competence and deeper understanding in other curricular areas.

AVA ART COMMUNITY OUTREACH
presents

ART DETECTIVES!

A FREE Art History and Activity Class for Children



Art Detectives is nothing short of amazing... it's FREE, AVA collaborates with teachers to create programming linked to your curriculum, the students engage in critical thinking around art and relevant issues, and there's always an incredible final product that the whole school can enjoy on display. I'm now planning my units with Art Detectives lessons in mind!

—Meg Hopkins, 4th Grade Teacher,
Sharon Elementary School



Check us out on Facebook and online at <http://avagallery.org/community-programs/art-detectives/>

And for more information contact ArtDetectives@avagallery.org

PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 5

ART DETECTIVES is a curriculum inspired art enrichment class that takes place at your school! It is an in-class field trip with all the magic and creativity that is the center of AVA's educational programs—acrylics, watercolors, collage, colored pencil and pastels—coming directly to your students!



AVA'S Art Detectives class is designed to support and enhance classroom studies while developing art appreciation and literacy. A curricular theme, chosen by the teacher, serves as the inspiration for the choice of artwork and activities.

Program Particulars:

CLASS PREPARATION

The instructor will visit the teacher to discuss possible curriculum-based themes and confirm a date for the class.

LENGTH OF CLASS

Approximately 2 hours including clean-up.

MATERIALS

Art prints are provided by the instructor, and AVA will provide any materials not normally available at the program site.

INSTRUCTOR

Susan Davis Shimko earned a BA from Smith College in Education and Child Study and an Ed.M. from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education in Learning and Teaching. She has taught in the elementary grades in both public and private schools and is a long-time Masterpiece Art Program educator. Ms. Shimko studied art history at both Smith College and Harvard University. She is familiar with the New Hampshire K-12 Curriculum Framework for the Arts and the Vermont Department of Education Arts Grade Expectations.

Art Detectives Class Structure:

- ▶ Class begins with a curriculum themed opening activity intended to draw the students into the moment.
- ▶ The opening activity leads into the presentation, study and discussion of the painting and artist. A simple history of both is presented and the subject matter and style of the painting—light, color, form, medium and space—is studied and discussed.
- ▶ The emphasis of the discussion leads to the art activity. Using any variety of art mediums, the students create their own works of art reflecting an aspect of the presented painting. Relaxed discussions continue through the completion of the art activity.
- ▶ The class concludes with students sharing their own masterpieces which will turn any classroom wall into a museum.

Art Detectives

Art Detectives introduces your students to artists, artistic styles and art movements. Making art history come alive through fun and creative activities, the students will feel not only like they've traveled to a museum for an afternoon but also to different lands and historical times! Students might visit the old west with Frederic Remington or *Snap the Whip* with Winslow Homer as they study early American History. Or perhaps they'll learn about van Gogh's *Starry Starry Night* and look up at their own night sky with a different perspective, or see the patterns, lines and shapes of mathematics in the masterpieces of Paul Klee or the science of color as Seurat saw it through a prism. Learning about and through visual art provides people of any age with the opportunity to experience different ways of seeing and thinking.

