

# Jackie's Art IDEA!

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## NEWSLETTER

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH: BERTHE MORISOT

In 1841 Berthe was born into a well-educated, conservative and cultured French family. She and her sister learned to draw from their father, who was a civil servant. When Berthe was 16 she began formal art lessons. She later studied with the famous artist, Corot, who encouraged her to work outside in the fresh air (*en plein air*). In 1868 she met Edouard Manet. He influenced her art the most, and she posed for many of his paintings. She met his younger brother and married him in 1874!

Along with her Impressionist friends Berthe loved focusing on light in her paintings and often used darting brush strokes (rather than the conventional strokes she initially employed). Her favorite subject was her daughter, Julie. Berthe balanced her career as an artist with her roles as wife and mother. The subjects of her paintings suggest that she was calm and serene. However, descriptions of her personality are just the opposite: ambitious, stern, insecure, self-critical, demanding. She was, though, a loving mother and a good friend. Her friends included: Degas, Monet, Renoir and Whistler. Berthe was the first woman to join the Impressionists. She is recognized, along with Mary Cassatt, as being one of the most important women painters of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. After producing over 350 paintings, she died in 1895.

The artist said: "It is important to express oneself...provided the feelings are real and are taken from your own experience."

"I wear myself out trying to render orange trees so that they're not stiff but like those I saw by Botticelli in Florence. It's a dream that won't come true."

### ARTrivia (all puzzle answers next month)

TO which "movements" did these groups of artists belong?

1. Matisse, Derain, Vlaminck

a) purism                      b) expressionism                      c) fauvism

2. Picasso, Braque, Gris

a) pop art                      b) cubism                      c) impressionism

3. Pollack, de Koonig, Rothko

a) futurism                      b) Dadaism                      c) abstract expressionism

4. Moholy-Nagy, Gabo, Calder

a) minimalism                      b) purism                      c) kinetic art

5. Monet, Renoir, Degas

a) impressionism                      b) classicism                      c) cubism

6. Tanguy, Dali, Magritte

a) surrealism                      b) impressionism                      c) fauvism



### Word Search

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MORISOT
MANET
RENOIR
FRENCH
IMPRESSIONIST
WOMAN
DEMANDING
STERN
PAINTER
MOTHER
WIFE
CALM

**Did you know you can make and paint a real gourd birdhouse?**

Sunday, April 23

**Did you know you can be art smart by having your birthday party at Jackie's Art Studio?**

Call: 775-8424 for details.

**Did you know you can design and build your own plaster sculpture?**

Sunday, April 30

**Check out all these and more:**

Go to [www.jackiesart.com](http://www.jackiesart.com)

## PROJECT: Painting

The Impressionist painters experimented with painting in ways no other artists ever had.

They especially wanted to 'capture light' in their artwork.

Impressionists also were the first artists to enjoy painting outdoors much of the time.

Try these recipes and have fun experimenting, too!

**en plein air:** Fill squirt bottles with water and food coloring. Go outside and squirt-paint in the snow!

**Bath paint:** put liquid soap into several small containers. Add food coloring. Paint the tub, and yourself!

**Clown paint:** Mix ¼ t. powdered tempera paint, 1/8 c. baby lotion, 1 squirt liquid dishwashing soap.

**Cornstarch paint:** 3 T. cornstarch, ¼ c. cold water, 2 drops dishwashing soap, 1 c. boiling water, food coloring. Combine cold water and cornstarch. Stir until smooth. Add boiling water and stir again, until smooth. Add food coloring until paint is the desired color. Let cool. Store this paint in a covered container. Add water, if the mixture dries between uses.

✓ Check out the student art at [www.jackiesart.com](http://www.jackiesart.com) and sign up for workshops, too!

**\$\$\$ Discounts \$\$\$**

First workshop at listed price, next workshop at 10% discount. 8<sup>th</sup> workshop/family is free!  
Clip the coupon in the ArtWise Calendar.

**Check out these "artsy" websites:**

[www.crayola.com](http://www.crayola.com)

[www.nga.gov/kids/zone.htm](http://www.nga.gov/kids/zone.htm) (interactive art you can make online)

[www.kinderart.com](http://www.kinderart.com)

[www.getty.edu/education/for\\_kids/](http://www.getty.edu/education/for_kids/) ("WHYVILLE" is an interactive site. Go to the Getty Museum in Whyville and play the art games.)

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### ARTrivia answers for newsletter #4

1. This artist was born in France in 1864, was under 5' tall, lisped due to an over large tongue, wore pince-nez spectacles and was well known for his "Moulin Rouge" series. a. **Henri Toulouse LaTrec**
2. A famous wit who was born in MA in 1834 and educated at West Point, spent part of his childhood in Russia while his father, an engineer, worked on the Czar's railway project. He used a butterfly emblem as his signature. b. **James Whistler**
3. Outspoken son of a teacher this artist set up his own engraving business when in his 20's. After others made cheap copies of his work he campaigned for a law to prevent plagiarism in 1735. d. **William Hogarth**
4. This vegetarian Italian artist was described as a striking and handsome, athletic, scientific, musical and inventive. He loved animals and would buy birds just so he could set them free. b. **Leonardo da Vinci**

### Word Search with a Hidden Message

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ART  
BLEND  
COLOR  
FRANCE  
INVENTOR  
METHOD  
PAINTING  
SALON  
SEURAT  
YOUNG

**Score yourself on the ARTrivia questions from newsletter #4**

4 correct: EXTREMELY art smart  
3 correct: VERY art smart  
2 correct: AVERAGE art smart  
0-1 correct: Maybe this month's ARTrivia will be easier!

**Hidden Message:**

**SEURATS ART WAS SCIENTIFIC**