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NEWSLETTER

AWESOME ARTIST: ALEXANDER "SANDY" CALDER

Alexander Calder was born in Philadelphia in 1898. He lived until 1976 and was known for inventing the "mobile". His mom was a painter and both his dad and grandpa were sculptors so art was in his blood! He earned a degree in mechanical engineering in 1919 and went on to art school in New York from 1923-26. While he was studying he paid his expenses by working as an illustrator. His first art show was in New York in 1926. After that he traveled to Paris, which was considered then to be the art capital of the world. He started making 3-D sculptures of circus figures out of wire, wood and cloth. His work grew more abstract as time went on. He designed pieces that moved mechanically and from there he designed pieces that would move freely in the air: mobiles were born! By the time he died in the 1970's, Calder was famous world wide. Go to www.nga.gov (National Gallery of Art website) and/or to www.calder.org for images of his fun and colorful work.

The artist said:

"To an engineer, good enough means perfect. With an artist, there's no such thing as perfect."

"I paint with shapes."

"My fan mail is enormous. Everyone is under 6."



ARTrivia: (all puzzle answers next month)

- Which of the following was not decorated by A. Calder?
 - A Mercury-Redstone rocket
 - A 727 passenger jet for Braniff Airlines
 - A 1970's "3-Series" BMW automobile
- Which Calder stabile (another of his inventions) was destroyed in the 9/11 attack?
 - "Bent Propeller"
 - "Whirling Ear"
 - "Flying Dragon"
- Which of the following numbers matches the approximate number of artworks Calder created during his career?
 - 2,000
 - 8,000
 - 16,000
- What was one of the unusual resources that Calder used for aluminum sheet metal when it became very scarce during World War II?
 - He cut up his rowboat.
 - He collected scraps from a local aircraft manufacturer.
 - He cut up Louisa's (his wife's) bake-ware.

DO you share a birthday with any of these famous artists?

May 7, Deborah Butterfield, 1949
 May 14 (Mother's Day), Thomas Gainsborough, 1727
 May 15, Jasper Johns, 1930
 May 21, Henri Rousseau, 1844 and Albrecht Durer, 1471
 May 22, Mary Cassatt, 1844

Word Search

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 L N B O E E M L K F I I M A R
 F K H H D Y T W F X D O E R B
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CALDER
 CIRCUS
 COLOR
 ENGINEER
 FAMOUS
 ILLUSTRATOR
 MOBILE
 MOVEMENT
 PAINTER
 PARIS
 SCULPTOR
 WIRE

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Did you know you can bring your dog to art class? Come to Puppy Pawcasso July 20 & 27

Did you know you can learn to make string puppets? June 27

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 Go to www.jackiesart.com

A Calder-esque Project

You will need:

- Paper clips (colored are fun)
- Straws
- Scissors
- Construction paper or foam shapes



1. Slip 3 paper clips on a straw. Make several more of these.
2. Put them all together with paper clip chains.
3. Cut out fun shapes, animals, and/or letters from construction paper.
4. Using the paper clips attach them to the ends of the paper clip chains.
5. Balance the mobile by sliding the chains one way or the other on the straws.

✓ Check out the student art at www.jackiesart.com and sign up for workshops, too!

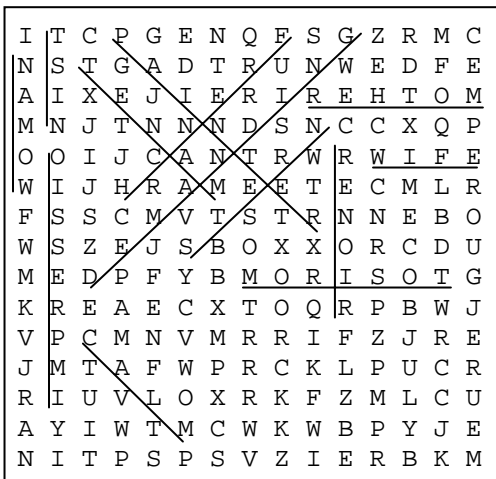
\$\$\$ Discounts \$\$\$
 First workshop at listed price, next workshop at 10% discount. 8th workshop/family is free!
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✓ Check out these "artsy" websites:

- www.childrensmuseum.org
- www.edu.com/pintura/dl.html (detective Pintura)
- www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/create_space_overlap.cfm (drawing with shapes)
- www.reese.com/general671/street.htm (3-D sidewalk chalk drawings...cool!)

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

ARTrivia answers for newsletter #5

- TO which "movements" did these groups of artists belong?
1. Matisse, Derain, Vlaminck
c) fauvism
 2. Picasso, Braque, Gris
b) cubism
 3. Pollack, de Koonig, Rothko
c) abstract expressionism
 4. Moholy-Nagy, Gabo, Calder
c) kinetic art
 5. Monet, Renoir, Degas
a) impressionism
 6. Tanguy, Dali, Magritte
a) surrealism

Score yourself on the ARTrivia questions from newsletter #5
 6 correct: EXTREMELY art smart; 4-5 correct: VERY art smart
 2-3 correct: AVERAGE art smart
 0-1 correct: Maybe this month's ARTrivia will be easier!