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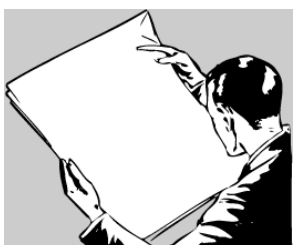
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## Kids try hand at painting, puppets



Elizabeth House posed as "The Girl in the Yellow Hat," a painting by von Amerling, as part of the Picturing Picasso class in the summer arts program at Carnegie Arts Center. Photo courtesy Rebecca Downs/Carnegie Arts Center

## Summer program teaches art

An annual art program held at the Carnegie Arts Center this summer benefited 93 artists of all ages, with a variety of activities designed to include artists ages four through adult.

The program, sponsored by the Goodland Arts Council, began on Monday, June 11, with students from grades kindergarten through fifth participating in the Children's Theater class, taught by Jessica Cole and Tina Goodwin.

Rebecca Downs, director of the arts center, said the youngest kids practiced speaking in front of a crowd and the students learned technical terms for theater activities. A one-day workshop was held on Tuesday, June 12, she said, in which students from second grade through adult enjoyed forming cement birdbaths. The workshop was taught by Christie Rasure.

Students from grades kindergarten through sixth created a number of interesting forms using plaster, clay and craft wire, Downs said, in Joslin Topliff's Sculpture courses. The four-day workshop was held Monday-Thursday, June 18-21.

She said an art appreciation class called Picturing Picasso was taught by Pat Norton Monday-Thursday, June 25-28. Students from grades kindergarten through sixth learned about Renaissance artists, da Vinci, Brueghel and Rembrandt and Impressionist painters Van Gogh, Renoir and von Amerling, Downs said.

On the last day of the class, the director said, Norton had the kids dress in costumes similar to those worn in portraits by these artists.

Each child posed for a photograph as Mona Lisa or a self-portrait of Rembrandt, for example, which they were allowed to take home.

A scrapbook of all the children's photos is available at the Carnegie Arts Center, Downs



Students in the summer art program at Carnegie Arts Center sat on the front steps of the center for one of their classes held last month. Photo by Doug Jackson/The Goodland Daily News

said, and is available for all to view.

On the same days, the director said, Norton taught the foundations of drawing to junior high students in an evening course.

Carolyn Richards, of the Craft Peddler in Brewster, taught Creative Crafts to students from grades kindergarten through eighth in a one-day workshop held Tuesday, July 10.

The students made picture holders and small birdhouses, Downs said.

"Theories of Color" was taught by Joslin Topliff on Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and 12, Downs said, to students four years to sixth grade. She said the students studied the color wheel and mixed primary colors to make other colors using colored frosting. She said they also made a color wheel using magic markers.

Painting classes were taught by Pat Norton on Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, Downs

said, with daytime classes for students in grades kindergarten through sixth and evening classes for students seventh grade through adult.

The program concluded with a puppet class held last Monday through Thursday, the director said. She said Joslin and Carol Topliff taught students from four years through the sixth grade, with the students making their own puppets and props, which they used in the puppet show last Wednesday as the grand finale of the art program.

The younger students performed to nursery songs, she said, using their snowmen puppets for a winter wonderland performance. They also performed a number in which 10 little kids were sleeping in a bed, rolled over, one fell out and only nine kids remained.

The older kids performed a circus at the puppet show, Downs said.

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