

Newsletter



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Mission Statement:

ArtsJunktion mb gathers and provides free quality reusable materials for all who work with art and children in Manitoba
ArtsJunktion mb is a non-profit, community based organization.
Membership in ArtsJunktion mb is open to all community members and is free of charge.

Did you know ARTSJUNKTION mb has over 500 members? The materials at the ArtsJunktion mb depot are free for ALL. We welcome artists, teachers, early childcare workers, crafters, anyone who is seeking free materials for their art or craft.

New ArtsJunktion depot ~ 312B William Avenue (east door entrance at loading dock)

Hours: Mon. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.; Sat. 10-2 p.m.

Contact us at 942-JUNK or www.artsjunktion.mb.ca

Check out our new website and go to the Join Us button so that can keep getting AJ info: Membership is free, and having a large membership base demonstrates to our funders the commitment of our community. Join Us now at our new website www.artsjunktion.mb.ca

Wanted

We are looking for;

electric heaters

2 teapots

2 serving trays

a shovel

shelving

a powerbar

a volunteer electrician to help with electrical upgrades

slop sink (old kitchen sink)

building materials (drywall, 2x4s etc)

volunteer builder,

kitchen hutch

blue recycling boxes

computer

printer



Bringing Sustainable Development to your Learning Environment

The following is a summary of a presentation given by Barbara Batulla to members of ArtsJunktion.

The World Commission on Environment and Development (1987), defined **Sustainable Development** as: **“Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”** There are three components to sustainability: **human health and well-being, environmental well being, and economic stability.**

How can educators help? We can equip our students with **knowledge** of world and local issues for health, economics, and the environment. We can instill in them the **values and attitudes** that will empower them to care about their world. Finally we must help them practice behaviours that will bring about change, and give them the **skills** to be able to survive in a sustainable world.

Education for Sustainable Development strives to help students realize how fragile the balance of life on earth is, and empowers them to see that their actions can make a difference.

Setting up a Sustainable Learning Environment

- Teach students about needs verses wants.
- Use Sustainable Development concepts and lessons that are imbedded in the Curriculum Framework of Outcomes for Science, Social Studies and Art. In addition, the Department of Education, Citizenship and Youth has created an Education for Sustainable Development website for Grades K - 12. The Kindergarten section could be adapted for preschoolers. For more information visit the website at: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/esd/.
- Create a “green environment”. Have plants in your learning environment, an aquarium or terrarium - a natural system. Assign students maintenance and observation jobs to give them ownership over the green spaces.
- Go outdoors whenever possible, make use of the outdoors – explore micro-ecosystems, write adventure stories about life in the “grass jungle”; put your magnifying glasses to the snow, etc.
- Use natural and recycled material: try to use locally available products and materials. Use recycled or recyclable materials whenever possible. Avoid buying items such as styrofoam products.
- Set up a recycling program; create a small compost in class.
- Encourage wise use of materials: Create a “paper portions box” for paper that is still useable (eg. Coloured paper pieces).
- Discuss packaging with children. Write to a company to discuss the packaging of their products (positive or negative aspects).
- Celebrate other cultures – similarities and differences
- Establish a class project to empower students to “make a difference”
- Visit ArtsJunktion for access to reusable materials (all free!)
- Involve parents by:
 - Creating an “inventory” of parents' talents and useful materials they may have access to;
 - Make a wish list for parents (e.g.: containers, buttons, ribbon scraps, etc.);
 - Hold litterless lunch days on a regular basis
 - Invite parents to contribute healthy lunch ideas to your newsletter.
 - Keep parents informed about “sustainable” activities through child generated notes, and newsletter entries.
 - Encourage parents to volunteer.

Volunteers

Thanks to all who support ArtsJunktion mb. We have volunteers who write grants, work depot hours sorting and organizing materials, phone companies, pick up and drop off materials, file tax forms and incorporation forms, organize and help out with events, build shelving

and cupboards, make signage, organize workshops, compile and edit our newsletter, create brochures, and many other jobs that keep ArtsJunktion mb going. Currently, we need volunteers to phone companies for material donations, help with pick ups, work depot hours.

If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact us.



Upcoming Workshops

In collaboration with Manitoba Education, ArtsJunktion mb is hosting three **full day** workshops to support the new Arts Curriculum and Sustainable Development. All workshops are free. Register at www.artsjunktion.mb.ca

Friday,
Feb 12, 2010
Parminder Obhi,
***Two Wrongs
Do Make a
Right***

Friday,
Mar 19, 2010
Ann Stinner,
***Creating and
Using
Journals***

Friday,
April 30, 2010
Heidi Hunter,
***Creating
Fabric
Landscapes***

Our next **Junktion Funktions** will be on April 14 and 15.

Introduction to Ceramic and Glass Tile Mosaics

With Michelle Hakimelahi-Bradley and Donna Massey-Cudmore

Cost ~\$25 Register online at www.artsjunktion.mb.ca

Do you know? A company that produces waste? We will take manufacturers' offcuts, over runs, extras, obsolete supplies. Help us connect with Winnipeg companies who could be diverting their waste from the landfill and making it available to those who work with art. The company will reduce their costs of waste pick ups, will support local art initiatives and will help the environment. We are currently looking for paper, ceramic and glass tiles, powdered poster paint, china and china pieces, glass beads, card stock, tubing, the list goes on....!

ArtsJunktion mb was officially opened on January 28th!

Over 250 guests viewed over 30 pieces of art made of recycled materials by local artists, displayed amongst the beautifully organized 'junk' on the warehouse shelves. Quinten Bart and Aaron Shorr played jazz selections throughout the evening while guests enjoyed 'Beverages and Burgers'. It was an exciting celebration of all that we have accomplished over the past three years and helped us draw attention to the important work we are doing. We know that people gained a greater awareness of the recycled materials ArtsJunktion mb collects and distributes every day. Thanks to the executive and other volunteers who helped to make the event such a **huge** success.



Come down and visit on Saturday!

We often have artists set up, demonstrating techniques and providing inspiration. Alice Kulyk was working at the depot recently, demonstrating painting techniques on old LPs.

Stop by on Saturday between 10 and 2 p.m.! You never know who might be creating ***works of art!***

CURRENT TREASURES at the depot: rolls of paper, sheets of chloroplast, vinyl records, upholstery fabric samples, yarn and cord, a collection of trophies (great for gesture drawings), batting, and the list goes on!

