



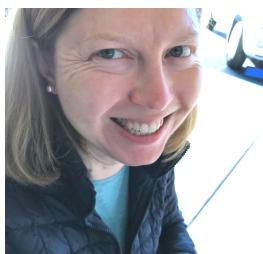
February 2021 Featured Artists

2021 Art Ambassadors

"Honoring Educators who Mentor Arts Ambassadors"

Join us online to honor the educators who mentor the K-8 student participants in Arts Ambassadors (AA) programs. AA artwork fills the entire Art Gallery at the Orinda Library every spring. COVID-19 restrictions prohibit this year's event and as such, the Lamorinda Arts Council celebrates the art educators who make it all happen.

During the month of February the art teachers from each school who nurture young artists of all ages and abilities will be showcased. These teachers are supported by educational organizations such as Lafayette Partners in Education (LPIE), and Orinda Network for Education (ONE, formerly Educational Foundation of Orinda, EFO). Volunteers from these organizations work with teachers, students and parents to make the Art Ambassadors program possible.



Kirsten Jensen-Horne is a kindergarten art instructor in Lafayette schools through LPIE. Jensen-Horne says, "At its best, art teaches everyone practicing it to be creative problem solvers in the moment, turning their frustration into something positive by thinking outside the box."

David Morritt teaches sculpture at Orinda Intermediate School. "The most valuable lesson I try to teach my students at OIS is how to think like artists," says David. Learn more about his work at www.davidmorritt.com.



Moose Wesler has been teaching art classes in Moraga schools for 11 years. She is a practicing artist, specializing in drawing and printmaking. "What I love most about teaching is seeing what students come up with – a single assignment for 25 students brings 25 individual responses. That's so exciting to me," says Wesler.

To view visit www.lamorindaarts.org/student-exhibits/.

While the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library is physically closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we invite you to the virtual gallery to view photographs and videos of original artwork at <http://www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/>.

