

Michener Art Adventures



Museum Visit Guidebook
&
Educational Resources

www.MichenerArtMuseum.org



Join Us At The Michener For A Museum Adventure!

Gallery lessons at the Michener Art Museum are an introduction to the fascinating world of museums and are tailored to fit various age groups and curricular needs.

Through age-appropriate interactive gallery discussions, creative visual analysis and interactive educational activities, your visit to the Michener will instill in students an appreciation for the visual arts.

Our staff is happy to work with you to design a school tour that meets your specific needs.

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Available Museum Adventures

Gallery-based lessons for all ages
Pre and Post-Visit materials for all lessons are available.

PRESCHOOL: ART START

35-45 minutes

This hands-on, interactive lesson is a wonderful introduction to the world of the Museum. Available in Doylestown and New Hope.

GRADES K-3: MUSEUM MYSTERIES

45 minutes to an hour

Treasure hunts, imagination games and hands-on interactives make this lesson come alive. Available in Doylestown and New Hope.

GRADES 4-6: A LASTING IMPRESSION

1 hour

An exploration of Pennsylvania Impressionists, Pennsylvania history and Bucks County heritage are the focus of this lesson. Available in Doylestown only.

GRADES 7-12: BUCKS COUNTY'S ART & ARTISTS

1 hour

Art criticism, art history and aesthetics are explored while students take a more advanced approach to the art of looking at Bucks County's art and artists. Available in Doylestown only.

IN-DEPTH LESSONS / FOCUS TOURS

Teachers may plan a lesson for any grade level with a focus on one specific work of art, gallery, special exhibition or theme and its connection to the entire Michener collection. Available in Doylestown and New Hope.

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Teachers may visit the Museum with student groups at any grade level on their own, without Museum education staff. Available in Doylestown and New Hope.



Explore Through The Art Door

Gallery-based lessons with an art studio

or language arts component for all ages

All programs are have a fee plus museum admission.

Please call ahead for pricing.

ART SAFARI: GRADES PREK-8

60 minutes

Young art adventurers travel the galleries in search of big and little animals in the paintings and sculptures. Following the safari, students create their own wild animals in a studio workshop.

LOOK INTO LANDSCAPE: GRADES 1-8

90 minutes

Students will focus on landscape painting and artistic style while looking at the permanent collections including Pennsylvania Impressionist, abstract and contemporary work. Following the gallery experience, students will participate in a drawing and poetry workshop related to the art.

FROM REALISM TO ABSTRACTION:

GRADES 1-8

90 minutes

Students will look at the Michener's permanent collection of Modernist and Abstract Expressionist works, followed by a creative writing and visual arts workshop related to the art.

PORTRAIT PERSONALITIES:

GRADES 3-8

90 minutes

Students will focus on the figure in art by studying portraits in the galleries, and will then create self-portraits in an art studio workshop.

BASICALLY BIOGRAPHIES:

GRADES PREK - 8 90 minutes

Learn the important details of the lives of people represented by our extensive collections and create a work of art based on a biographical study.

TELL ME A STORY: GRADES PREK - 8

90 minutes

Age appropriate books and stories are incorporated into unique gallery lessons which discuss artworks in terms of their illustrative properties. Follow up in either the galleries or studio incorporates ideas of storytelling and illustration.

ART AND NATURE: GRADES PREK - 8

90 minutes

Weather, seasons, time of day, climate and the environmental issues of today are presented in this museum lesson. Students then incorporate their understanding and appreciation of nature into a work of art.

WORD PLAY: GRADES 3-12 90 minutes

Themes of these art inspired language Art Doors include: *Poetry in the Nakeshima Room, Creating Historical Narratives, Descriptive Writing and Landscapes, Dreams, Imagination and Contemporary Art and Journal Writing and Portraits.*

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS:

GRADES PREK-12 90 minutes

Students will focus in depth on a changing exhibition held during the school year. Please call for more information.



Scheduling Your Visit

- When scheduling a Museum lesson, please contact Michener's Education Department for reservations at **215-340-9800 ext. 124** or msandquist@michenerartmuseum.org.
- Consider the date and time of your visit, as well as the possibility of lunch, shopping and use of the Education Center for a studio activity. Indicate if you are interested in visiting the Museum shop when you plan your visit. Reserve your event well in advance of your desired visit date.



Fees

- **Students:** General admission is \$3.50 per student.
- **Chaperones:** One teacher is admitted free with each group. One additional chaperone is admitted free with every six students. Additional adults pay a reduced general admission fee of \$9.00 per person. Please inquire for pricing.



Cancellations

- If you need to cancel your visit, please call the Museum at **215-340-9800** and leave a message with the receptionist and also at extension **124**.
- 25% of the fee confirmed in the visit confirmation form will be charged in the event of a tour cancellation with less than 48 hours' notice, with the exception of cancellation due to inclement weather.
- **Cancellations due to Inclement Weather:** In the event that your school is closed due to inclement weather, please call the main Museum number at **215-340-9800** to notify us and leave an additional message at extension **124**. Museum closings are posted by **8 AM** on the main number. The education department will be in touch with you regarding your visit.



Before Your Visit

- There are two free passes to visit the Museum enclosed in this packet. Please use them to see the collections before you bring your students. This will help familiarize you with what the students will be seeing during their lesson, and make their experience more meaningful.
- Arrange for one chaperone per every six students.
- Familiarize chaperones with the Museum guidelines outlined in this handbook, and on the "Letter to Chaperones" sheet.
- Give chaperones a copy of the Museum Gallery Guide prior to your visit.
- Divide large groups according to the instructions on your tour confirmation. Nametags are helpful for our Museum Education Staff.
- There are several pre and post-visit resources available online to help make your Museum lesson more meaningful. Go to our website www.michenerartmuseum.org, "For Teachers," and www.learn.michenerartmuseum.org.



For The Chaperones

- Thank you for volunteering to be a chaperone for your school's visit to the James A. Michener Art Museum. Your role is important in facilitating a smooth and enjoyable visit for your group.
- Please stay with your assigned group throughout the visit, during lunch, and at the Museum shop. Students follow your example.
- While in the Museum, please make sure your group follows museum decorum. The docents are your students' educational leaders. In the event of misconduct, we hope that chaperones and classroom teachers will step in so that the rest of the group will not be disrupted.
- Thank you for helping us make a successful museum experience for you and your group. We appreciate your cooperation.
- Enjoy your visit!



Museum Guidelines

- Please arrive ten minutes prior to your scheduled visit to allow time for check-in and payment prior to the start of your lesson. Lessons are closely scheduled, and docents have a strict timetable.
- Call the Museum at **215-340-9800** if you are delayed the day of your visit. Late arrivals may have a shortened lesson.



Parking

- Buses may discharge and pick up visitors at the Pine Street entranceway, then park at rear of library parking lot.



In The Galleries

- Backpacks, packages, gum and food are not permitted in galleries.
- Cameras are permitted with strict regulations. Ask your docent.
- Touch with your eyes, not with your fingertips. Remember, sculpture is art, too.
- Use polite behavior in the Museum.
- Do not lean against walls or pedestals. Do not climb on outdoor sculpture or buildings.
- Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate while you are in the Museum. The use of cell phones and cell phone cameras is prohibited during a tour.
- The Museum is accessible to people with disabilities. Please call for specifics.



Writing And Sketching Activities

- Teacher supervised groups may write or sketch with pencils in galleries with prior approval.
- Written assignments for visiting school groups must be provided by the teacher to the Education Department prior to your visit.
- Students are invited to bring their own sketchbooks and journals to the museum for writing and drawing activities. Pencils and clipboards are also available for use at the Museum with prior notification.



Lunch

- Reservations are required for any group planning to eat lunch at the Museum.
- The Pfundt Sculpture Garden area is available for outdoor lunch. Schools are permitted to eat on the grassy area between the Museum and the library. Schools are not permitted to eat on the café tables on the Museum's terrace.
- The Silverman Lecture Room and the Silverman Seminar are available as indoor lunch facilities. There is a \$25 rental fee for these spaces. Please reserve these rooms when you schedule your visit if you plan to eat lunch indoors.



Museum Adventures In The Classroom! Interdisciplinary Resources For Educators

Please call 215-240-9800 ext. 124 unless otherwise noted.

ACCESSARTS EDUCATIONAL KITS

Educational kits designed specifically for visually impaired students mainstreamed into the classroom. Available for rental in your classroom.

ART ON THE MOVE

This cooperative educational program offered through the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and the Michener Art Museum brings original works of art to schools in Bucks County for approximately 8 to 10 weeks. Exhibitions are accompanied by interdisciplinary curriculum materials and in-service training for teachers. More information is available at www.bucksiu.org/art or by calling **215-340-9800 ext. 166**.

ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Collaborate with the Michener Art Museum Education Outreach Department to coordinate an arts enrichment program at your school. At least one annual visit to the Michener Art Museum is a key element of this experience for all the students. Call **215-340-9800 ext. 126** for more information.

ARTS FIRST STEPS: PRESCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

This unique program will provide quality arts education for preschool students in the familiarity of their classroom settings. A Museum educator will come to the class during the year to teach about works of art and engage students in the art making process. In addition, the class will visit the Museum during the course of the school year. Call **215-340-9800 ext. 126** for more information.

EXPLORE THROUGH THE ART DOOR CURRICULUM BINDER AND CD ROM

Discover the artists, the permanent collection and the history of the Michener Art Museum with this curriculum binder and CD-ROM set. Available for purchase for your school.

MAPPING THE JOURNEY OF BUCKS COUNTY ARTISTS

Students in grades four and up can view this interactive feature on the Michener Art Museum's website featuring the homes and art studios of fourteen artists who lived and worked in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Visit www.MichenerArtMuseum.org/exhibits/buckscounty.

LEARN AT THE MICHENER:

Visit www.learn.michenerartmuseum.org to explore, look, discuss and learn more about the Michener Art Museum and its collection. Participate in our new blog and visit the timeline to learn facts about the Michener Art Museum's history, James A. Michener, and connections to art history around the world.

MICHENER KIDS

We have a website just for kids! Visit www.kids.michenerartmuseum.org to create your own exhibitions, play gallery games and learn more about our art collection.

NAKASHIMA RESOURCE KIT

George Nakashima is Bucks County's internationally known master woodworker. He was profoundly influenced by his Japanese heritage and the elements of nature. This cross-cultural kit based on his life and works is designed for use in art, social studies, history, science and language arts classes. Rent this resource in your classroom for up to two months. Optional Museum educator to visit your school available.

OLD STONES AND LOST SOULS CURRICULUM BINDER

A multidisciplinary unit developed for middle and high school students exploring the history of the Bucks County Prison.

TEACHING POSTERS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

A variety of posters and resource materials featuring works of art from the Michener Art Museum's permanent collection are available for rent in your classroom for a maximum of two months.

A LASTING IMPRESSION

TRAVELING TRUNK

This Pennsylvania Impressionist Culture Kit contains authentic artifacts, historical photographs and challenging games and activities for learners of all ages. The Traveling Trunk is an interdisciplinary program designed for use with art, social studies, and language arts classes. The program integrates the study of art history and regional history with hands-on activities for elementary age students. Rent this resource in your classroom for up to two months. Optional Museum educator to visit your school available.

MICHENER GOES MODERN

TRAVELING TRUNK

This traveling trunk focuses on the regional movement of Bucks County Modernism while connecting to the larger movement of Modernism around the world. It is an interdisciplinary program designed for use with visual art, social studies, history, science, language arts and technology classes. This unique trunk contains artifacts, images, games and activities for learners of all ages. Accompanying curriculum binder is available. Rent this resource in your classroom for up to two months. Optional educator is available for your classroom.

WEB RESOURCES

Visit our website and download a sampling of activity sheets for kids to use in the galleries and in classrooms. Check it out here: www.michenerartmuseum.org/teachers/resources.php.



The Michener offers programs throughout the year for artists and educators.
Call 215.340.9800 ext. 111 or email aromano@michenerartmuseum.org
unless otherwise noted.

EDUCATOR'S OPEN HOUSE

Free educator evenings are scheduled in spring and fall to welcome teacher and school administrators to explore the galleries and learn of education resources and programs.

IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

Teachers are invited to participate in annual workshops held in collaboration with Bucks County Intermediate #22 (www.bucksiu.org). These workshops are available for Continuing Professional Education credit under Act 48. The Michener will also customize in-service programs for your school. Please call for details.

LECTURES/PROGRAMS

Ongoing programs for adults are scheduled with a focus on exhibitions, and general themes in art history and art appreciation.

MICHENER CONSULTATION

Michener's Education Department is available for in-depth consultation on collaborative projects with teachers and schools.

UARTS PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATORS

Partnering with the Michener, the Professional Institute for Educators at the University of the Arts is proud to serve teachers in Bucks County. PIE offers courses for curriculum development, technology use, arts enrichment and leadership. PIE is an approved provider for PA Act 48 and NJ professional development. All registrations are through University of the Arts, **215-717-6006**. Visit www.uarts.edu/pie for more information.

VISUALIZING WORDS AND WORLDS

This is an annual summer partnership between the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project at West Chester University and the Michener Art Museum. Open to teachers K-12 across the curriculum, Registrations are handled by the PA Writing and Literature Project office at **610.436.2202**.



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