

Creative Creatures & Co.™ young artist collective



A newsletter dedicated to inspiring a creative community.

Creature Workshops and Events

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Summer Workshops

Looking for an educational and creative activity for your child this summer?

See the new workshops being offered by Creative Creatures & Co. for Summer 2012.

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Mural Art Workshop

Find out more about our most recent workshop, "Walls of Creativity". Prehistoric Cave Paintings, Renaissance Frescoes, and Modern Murals were the highlights of this fun and interactive workshop.

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Papermaking Workshop

We are paper artisans at Creative Creatures & Co! Read about how we used recycled paper scraps in the formation of beautiful handmade notecards that were donated to our local Senior Center.

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Adventure Day 2012

Mountain Lion tracks at Casper's Wilderness Park! We were proud participants of Adventure Day 2012. Our nature-inspired printmaking booth featured linocuts of California's native wildlife!

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CREATIVE SUMMER

Beginning in June, Creative Creatures & Co. will launch its Summer Creativity Workshops. Each weeklong workshop runs Monday thru Friday from 9am to noon. Sign up by emailing us directly at creativecreaturescompany@gmail.com.



"Monotype and More" Printmaking Workshop

**June 25-29
9AM-NOON
180.00**

The possibilities are endless; explore the diverse methods of mixed-media printmaking in this creative workshop! Emphasizing on experimentation and creativity, students will learn to make one-of-a-kind prints using brushwork, collage, and stencil techniques. A firm understanding of textural form, color-theory, tonal value, and composition will be achieved during the creation of unique prints.

"Solar Printing" Photography Workshop

**July 9-13
9AM-NOON
180.00**

Solar Printing is a fascinating photographic technique in which UV rays are used to expose objects onto light sensitive materials. This method results in the creation of visually stimulating images. The process itself is an awe-inspiring discovery, displaying one of the many ways we may use our natural resources in the production of art.

"Deco Dots" Design Workshop

**August 20-24
9AM-NOON
180.00**

The age of Art Deco offered vibrant prints, exotic patterns, and expressive compositions. Studying the intricate craftsmanship of prominent artists during the Art Deco era, students will draw inspiration to create their own decorative design-work. A series of innovative prints focusing on line quality, repetition, and color composition are sure to make a bold artistic statement!

** All workshops are held in San Juan Capistrano or San Clemente. Specific location will be given upon enrollment.

*If you can't make the classes listed above, but still want to be involved in a Creative Creatures & Co. workshop, let us know. We'd be happy to tell you more about our wonderful hosting program.



Tempera Paints



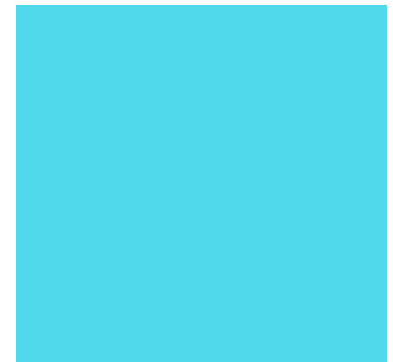
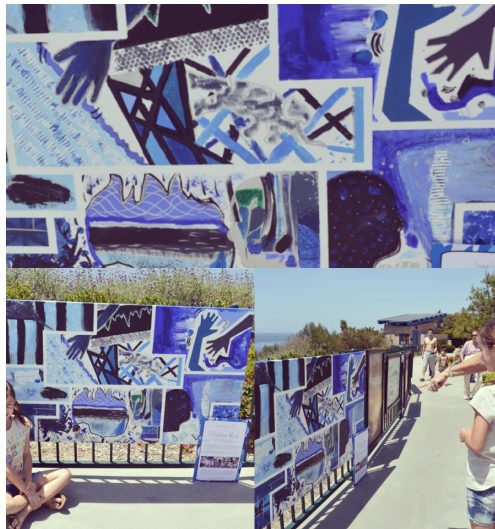
We make our own paints at Creative Creatures & Co. This allows us to be mindful of the materials that go in them, while having fun and experimenting with the process.

MURAL ART

In April 2012, we studied mural art through the ages in the Creative Creatures & Co. workshop, "Walls of Creativity". Our students discovered ancient cave paintings in France, frescoes of the Italian Renaissance, and public murals by modern artists.

Our greatest endeavor during "Walls of Creativity" was the collective effort to create a 3ft. by 5ft. mural! Collaborating amongst themselves, our students turned a blank canvas into an inspiring mural to share with the local community. The studies of mural and wall art throughout the previous weeks gave students the inspiration to create brilliant images in an array of blue hues. The use of unique patterns developed by creating stamps from recycled materials, combined with bold graphic imagery, made this mural stand out!

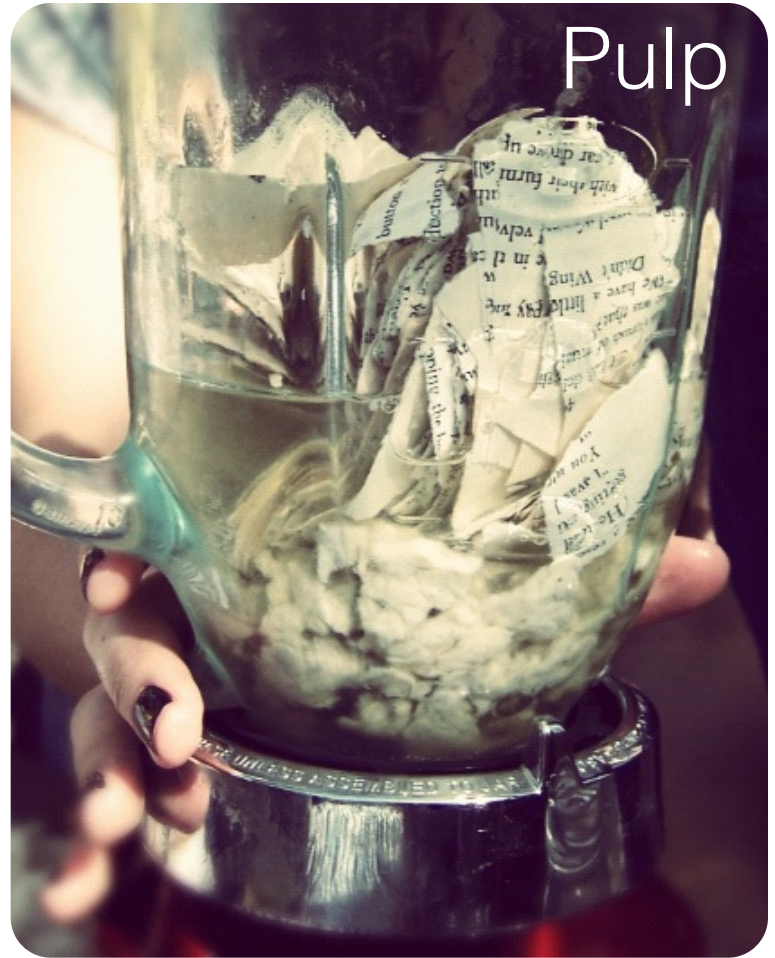
The student mural, entitled "CERULEAN DREAMS", was displayed on April 28th, 2012, at the local "Art on the Fence" exhibit in Dana Point, CA. It inspired many community members, including the OC REGISTER, who showcased the mural online the next day.





Moulds & Deckles

Creative Creatures & Co. hand-makes each and every mould and deckle set for our papermaking workshops. We up-cycle discarded wood in the creation of beautiful, long-lasting moulds and deckles.



Pulp

Pulp is the heart of papermaking; it's the result of materials being beaten, blended, and broken down. At Creative Creatures & Co., we use recycled materials, such as colorful paper scraps, newspaper, or abandoned books, as the base for our pulp.

PAPERMAKING

In March 2012, we held a "Paperie Series" Papermaking Workshop. A group of ambitious youth learned the traditional trade of papermaking and donated 50 thoughtfully designed handmade paper notecards to the Sea Country Senior Center in Laguna Niguel, California.



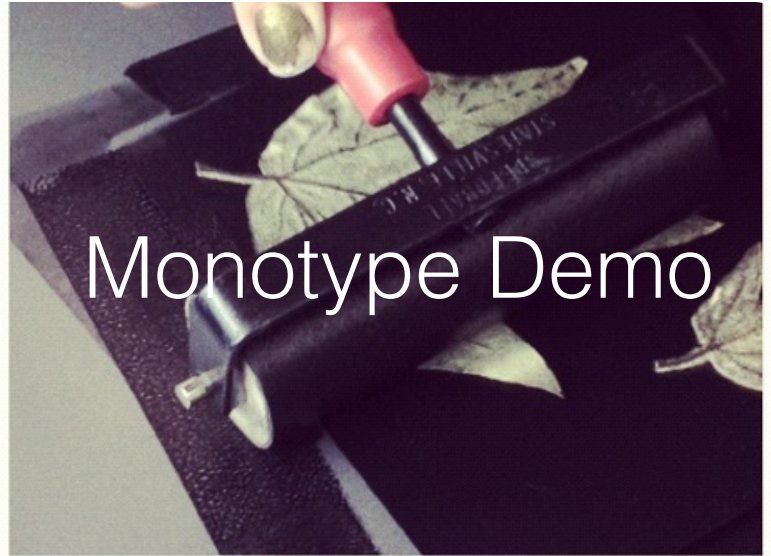
Our "Paperie Series" Papermaking Workshop allowed kids to experience the time-old technique of papermaking and have fun all the while. Beginning with an exciting lesson on papermaking history, students were given an idea of the relevance and varied techniques of paper production; this lesson encouraged our young artists to relate to paper artisans of times past, and draw inspiration for their own craft.

During this workshop, our young artists learned the valuable lesson of recycling! Students began the papermaking process by gathering unwanted and discarded scraps of paper. Using their recycled scraps, students created fibrous "pulp" by tearing the paper and blending the pieces with water. The pulp was then poured into a larger vat to create "slurry", a mixture of fibers suspended in water. After the slurry was prepared, we got to work forming sheets with our handmade mould and deckle sets. Our Creatures created beautiful sheets of paper using an array of techniques including embedding objects within paper sheets, inclusions within the paper pulp, and embossing.

On the last day, our students displayed their artistic talent by drawing thoughtful images on handmade

paper notecards. These notecards were personally delivered to the Sea Country Senior Center. Our kind Creative Creatures donated over 50 notecards! It was an encouraging experience from beginning to end.





A view of our Monotype Demonstration at the Creative Creatures & Co. printmaking booth.

ADVENTURE DAY

Held in the majestic canyons of Casper's County Park, Adventure Day was a fun filled family event complete with natural history tours, wildlife exhibits, live music, and of course, Creative Creatures!

April 14, 2012 was a day for adventure! We were graciously asked to be a vendor at the annual installation of Adventure Day. Coordinated by the OC Parks Association, Adventure Day is an event dedicated to wilderness awareness. Park Rangers are spotted throughout the Park, giving tours and teaching the community about the diverse wildlife that calls Casper's home.

Creative Creatures & Co. couldn't wait to start carving our linoleum blocks once we heard about

Adventure Day! We set up a pop-up printmaking booth that allowed nearly 200 kids to join us and create. Each young artist had the opportunity to choose a linoleum block, ink the surface, and print his or her block by hand. The participants were able to choose from an assortment of linocuts, including images of Indian Paintbrush, Mountain Lion paw prints, Coastal Live Oak leaves, and tree bark of the Western Sycamore. It was no surprise to us that the Mountain Lion paw print was the biggest hit! The highlight of this interactive event was the amazement in each child's face as they unveiled their image and discovered their very own hand-printed masterpiece!

In the afternoon, we held a Monotype Printmaking demonstration. People of all ages stopped by to watch this unique printmaking process come to life. As you can see above, Sycamore leaves were the inspiration behind this awesome demo!

We can't wait to head back to Casper's Wilderness Park next year!

