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River District Artist Opens New Visual Arts Preschool

Small Class Sizes, Local Teaching Artists, and Kindergarten Readiness

Ginger Huebner is a River Arts District artist. An educator. A mom of two young children.

And now, she's the founding director of Asheville's new Roots + Wings Visual Arts Preschool.

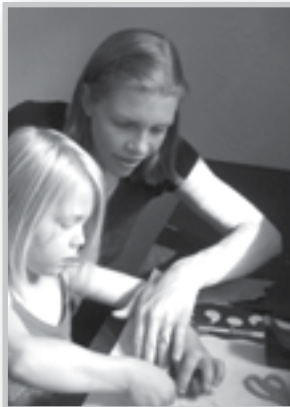
Located at the Cathedral of All Souls in Biltmore Village, the Visual Arts Preschool will build a strong foundation of kindergarten-readiness and social skills through the visual arts. "Asheville is a city rich in culture with a thriving community of artists and artisans. Children and families enrolled in Roots and Wings School of Art will have direct access to these artists through innovative, fun, and community-based education," said Huebner.

The Visual Arts Preschool, a year-round program of Roots + Wings School of Art, will have 2 classes no larger than 9 students, and provide children of all abilities, ages 3-6 with an opportunity to develop skills and confidence through exploration of the visual arts and music. Children will learn through drawing, painting, collage and mixed media, photography, and design. The visual arts have been proven to enhance cognition, emotional expression, perception, cultural awareness, and aesthetics.

"We will use a variety of art mediums to create the alphabet, the numbers, texture, color," says Huebner. "Not only are kids understanding: 'this is the way you shape the letter A,' but that there are lines and curves and shapes that can transfer to drawing, painting and build the necessary skills to be ready to enter Kindergarten."

Classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and parents can choose between a two-day schedule and a four-day schedule. Tuition runs between \$200 and \$400.

Teachers Ginger Huebner and Ann Harris both hold masters degrees in the education fields. Founding director and teacher Ginger Huebner has taught young children through adults in many different environments for more than nine years.



She has a studio in Asheville's River Arts district where she creates her own and commissioned studio artwork.

Ann Harris was most recently the principal of a Montessori-blend preschool, elementary school in BC, Canada. She has taught at Outward Bound as well as in the public schools, where she was awarded teacher of the year for innovative teaching approaches.

Parents enrolling children in the preschool can expect:

- Experiential learning style building solid Kindergarten readiness skills
- Monthly themes built around art and music found around the world
- Stimulating projects using quality art materials
- Monthly visits and projects with local visual artists and musicians
- Sharing artwork with other pre-k students worldwide
- Bi-annual celebrations featuring presentations of the children's work

Roots + Wings School of Art also offers additional children's arts programs including: summer art camps for kids up to 12-years old, open studio time and private workshops. For adults, Huebner offers group and private workshops in her studio taught by local artists, as well as family art sessions and one-on-one time. Visit www.rootsandwingsarts.com for a calendar of all events.

Roots + Wings Visual Arts Preschool

For more information or to enroll visit www.rootsandwingsarts.com or call Ginger Huebner at (828) 545-4827.



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