

Roseate Spoonbill Mixed Media Project

By [Kathryn Sjogren](#)

This resource shares a project run by Kathryn Sjogren in her time as teaching artist at the [Peace River Wildlife Center](#) in Punta Gorda, Florida, USA. The original workshops were part of a residency implemented by Kathryn for [VSA Florida](#), the State Organisation on Arts and Disability.

The sessions described below would be perfect with SEND audiences of many ages and abilities, as well as with primary-aged children. As Kathryn writes: "After meeting with the ESE (Exceptional Teacher Education) teachers, it was clear that their hope was to have their students exposed to a variety of art materials and finished artwork to exhibit at the end of the residency. ESE students are often a bit isolated from the rest of the school community. My hope was to instill a "sense of community" in the students within their school as well as the community at large. The final outcome goal was that the students would become "ambassadors" for the protection of the Roseate Spoonbill by using their "words" and paintings to educate others.



Finished Roseate Spoonbill

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Beginning with Bones

In a workshop led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray, teenagers make observational drawings of a 1/4 life size model of a skeleton to understand the structure of the human body. Students looked at how artists used armatures, including Alberto Giacometti and Henri Matisse.

Dancing Bones

Inspired by real anatomical drawings of human, ape, cat, lion, horse and dog skeletons, teenagers build 'life size' and 'oversize' collages of 'dancing skeletons' – This workshop was led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray

Exploring Primary Colours and Progressing from Powder Paint to Gouache and Acrylic

This resource is based on methods shared, during an AccessArt InSET session, for primary school teachers at New Hall School, Chelmsford, to ultimately enable their pupils to develop colour skills. Teachers explored using their intuition and experience to mix primary colours, creating coloured swatches, that matched the colours of spring flowers, whilst comparing painting mediums. By Sheila Ceccarelli

Animating Old Books

Year 3 Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake Homework

A year three homework brief to 'make or draw a Roald Dahl character inspired by Quentin Blake.'

To Colour...

As part of Sensory Spaces: An Autism Friendly Project, artist, Sarah Evelyn Marsh ran two sessions exploring the theme of colour. What does colour smell like? What does colour feel like?

The AccessArt Village and How a Small Idea can be Big

Sheila Ceccarelli from AccessArt leads year nine students from Frances Bardsley Academy for Girls on a collective drawing and collage experience exploring the #AccessArtVillage in BRG Brentwood Road Gallery. Students absorb this stunning collection of sewn houses and inspired by thread and stitches, make their own creative responses.

Day of the Dead Skulls

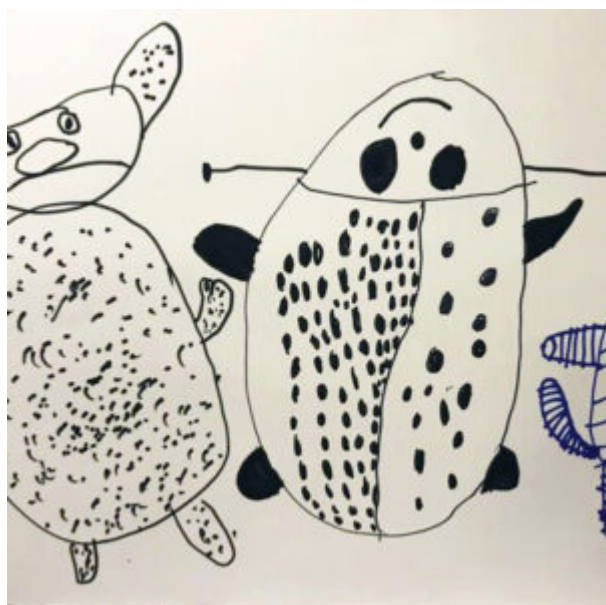
This workshop combined students' studies of the skull with ideas borrowed from the Mexican traditions for Dia de Muertos – The Day of the Dead.

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Working with Ink

In this one hour session, led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray, students explore techniques and properties of Quink and Black India Inks, and how to build up a drawing using the medium.

Magnets and Forces

Secondary school students are likely to study properties of magnets in their science classes, but in this workshop, artist Melissa Pierce Murray, encourages teenagers to explore playful and aesthetic responses to magnets, rather than analytic and quantifiable ones. Using artistic and scientific approaches together aid in developing curiosity and imagination.

Two and Four Legged Creatures

Two and Four Legged Creatures with oil based clay over a simple wire armature to make delicate, extended structures. A one hour, artist led session with Melissa Murray.

The Opposite of Light

Teenagers work with artist Melissa Pierce Murray on a range of explorations looking at light and contrasts. This workshop explores contemporary themes around placement, object and meaning.

Snowflakes

Artist Melissa Pierce Murray leads teenagers in a festive workshop exploring snowflakes and decorating Christmas cookies with piping and egg tempura.

Making your Mark on Small Canvases

Making a “To Scale” Gallery

This resource shares the process by which 6 twelve year old children created a shared architectural model working in foamboard, working alongside Paula Briggs. The model was based upon an existing house, which was measured and scaled down.

Installing Artwork in “To Scale” Gallery