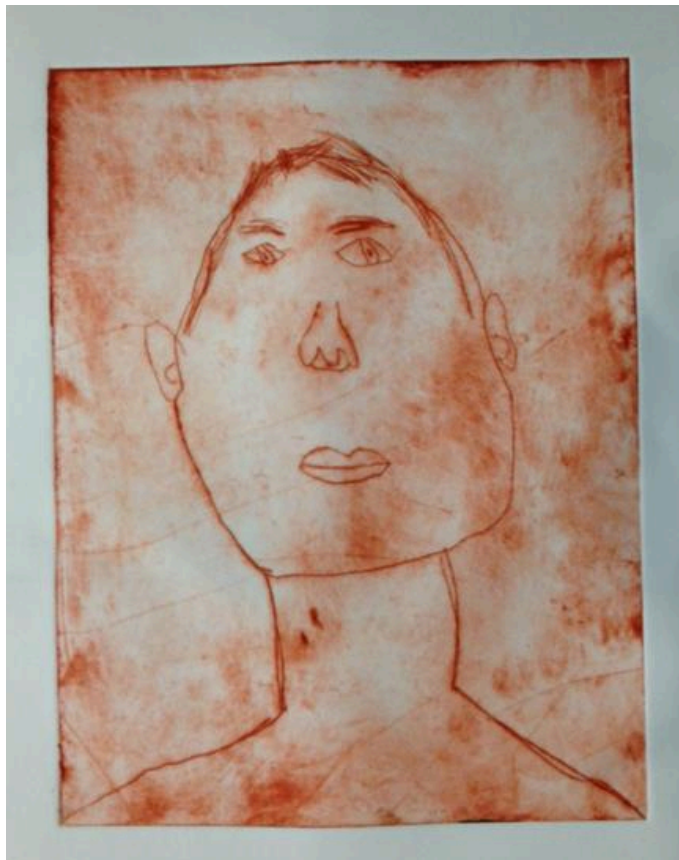


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Advanced artmaking sessions for students in Kingston



Drypoint artwork created by a 5th grade student from E.C. Myer Elementary

Rosendale, NY — Thanks to \$60,000 in grants from public and private funders, artists at the Women's Studio Workshop are teaching students from the Kingston City School District how to create handmade paper and prints in WSW's professional art studios.

In day-long sessions that began last week, fifth- and eighth-grade students are learning skills such as silkscreening, etching and hand papermaking from artisans at the renowned studio. A total of 70 students and their teachers from M. Clifford Miller Middle School and Ernest C. Meyer Elementary School are participating in this year's project, entitled, "Hands-On Art: Kids Creating." Each student will participate in six classes, which began March 4 and will continue through March 21.

A fifth grade student from E.C. Myer School said, "Thank you so much! This had to be the best day of school in all my 6 years of school!"

Women's Studio Workshop has been providing such programs to the Kingston school district since 1985 when it obtained the first grant from the New York State Council on the Arts. The program has since grown as additional funding has been secured from the National Endowment for the Arts, Community Foundation of Ulster County, Klock Kingston Foundation, and Stewart's. Students from every school in the district have participated in the program since its inception, and can do so because the district provides transportation and other support.

For more information about the program, contact Women's Studio Workshop at 845-658-9133 or visit the website, www.wsworkshop.org.

About Women's Studio Workshop

Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) houses specialized studios in book arts, printmaking, letterpress, hand papermaking, ceramics and photography.

Women's Studio Workshop programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Additional funding comes from the National Endowment for the Arts, Milton & Sally Avery Arts Foundation, Community Foundation of Ulster County, The Cowles Charitable Trust, Dyson Foundation, Edwards Foundation Arts Fund, Agnes Gund, Klock Kingston Foundation, Joan Mitchell Foundation, Stewart's, Ora Schneider Residency Grant, Ulster County Cultural Services & Promotion Fund and Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation.

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