



The Art Ladies

Since I retired in 2007, I've been teaching art lessons at some elementary schools in the Reno-Sparks area. I taught first grade for thirty years and my sister, Maria who teaches with me, had over thirty years teaching Special Ed., third and second grades. We are both passionate about art for children as we have seen the positive impact it has on learning and self-confidence. Our business got its name because whenever the kids see us they call out, "It's The Art Ladies!"

As educators, we all know how important art is for our students

- The arts teach children that problems can have more than one solution
- The arts celebrate multiple perspectives
- The arts teach students that small differences can have large effects
- The arts help children learn to say what cannot be said with words
- The arts build skills, confidence, and connections in many areas of the curriculum

Since we are both teachers and artists, we bring multiple perspectives which allow us to provide an exceptional integrated art experience. Our goal in integrated art is to smoothly align curriculum in all areas with the art experience. We also provide curriculum connections, as well as recommend books and websites to the classroom teachers. We have also taught lessons to create class projects to auction off for school Art Fairs.

We thoroughly enjoy working with students to create a unique art experience for them!

In the fall of 2020, I taught our Fall Pumpkins art lesson to my Xi Chapter members after our October meeting. I taught them the same drawing and coloring skills we teach our young students. The ladies could look at the real pumpkins as models for their drawing. I broke the lesson into step-by-step directions for them to follow. The results were beautiful, unique art and everyone was very satisfied with their finished pumpkins!

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Xi Chapter

This Xi Chapter art lesson taught how to create 3-D Fall Pumpkins using Chalk Pastels.





