

Sequoia Art Masterpiece

Ted DeGrazia Canvas Individual Project & Class Project

Materials: Small (6"x6") canvas (for individual project)
 Large (10x16) canvas (for class project)
 oil pastels or marker or paint (your choice)
 DeGrazia tri-fold board with prints and bio on it
 ribbon for hanging if desired

This project is replica of a DeGrazia painting. There are four different paintings that we have prints of that you can choose from. You can choose for the whole class to do one print or divide it up as you see fit. We were thinking that the younger grades (k-2) would do the more abstract paintings like the butterfly or the horses and the older grades would do either the boy or girl picture, but it is up to you.

- 1) Give Students a short bio on Ted DeGrazia. This year there is a large tri-fold board with info on DeGrazia. It has three of the prints attached, his bio and a picture of him. He is a famous native Arizona painter who lived in Tucson. His bio can be found here:
<http://degrazia.org/Biography.aspx>
- 2) Pass out canvas. Have the kids do a rough sketch in pencil on the canvas. If doing the person have them draw the head first. Then a simple body. Once they have the outline have them color in the person then do the background.
- 3) You can hang these by gluing ribbon to the back if you'd like or you can drill holes in the canvas and use wire and beads.
- 4) Please feel free to be creative and do what would like.

For this project we are also doing a class project on the larger piece of canvas that will be raffled off during art walk. It is your choice what you'd like to have the class do. For example, every student could draw a butterfly and then help fill in the background. I do the class project the same time as the individual project and have one mom who is just in charge of getting all of the students' artwork on the class project.

Other ideas for the class project could be shapes like, stars, cactus, abstract, horses, whatever you decide on. If you don't want to model your canvas after DeGrazia you don't have to. You could do a still life scene or have an artful piece with all the kids' signatures on it. Be Creative.