



HEART AND HOME REPORT

Community Arts Educational Project 2017
OCEAN VIEW



989 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEARNERS
26 TEACHERS
3 PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

This project was inspired by locally and international acclaimed artist, Peter Clarke.

WHO WAS PETER CLARKE?

Peter Clarke (1929-2014) was a South African visual artist working across a broad spectrum of media. He was also a writer and poet. He was born in Simons Town and lived in Ocean View for the greater part of his life. His work is a legacy of the life and times in which he lived.

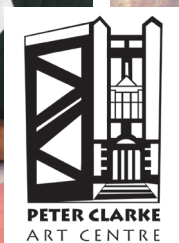


In light of the renaming of the Frank Joubert Art Centre to the PETER CLARKE ART CENTRE, we proposed an educational visual arts programme in Ocean View, working in conjunction with the Kleinberg Primary and Marine Primary.

Ocean View was Peter Clarke's home for many years and the area was a source of inspiration for many of his artworks. It is geographically removed from many of the other influencing neighbourhoods in Cape Town and through this programme we aim to help the community reclaim its heritage.

We worked closely with the Ocean View Library and we are grateful for the facilities that were made available at the Life Style Centre. The project aimed to continue Peter's legacy in the community by supporting local community efforts and serve the people from the community through art workshops.

We believe that the skills and experience generated through the programme will not only have educational benefits but also install a sense of pride in the community by creating awareness of the impact that Peter Clarke's work has had nationally and internationally.



WORKSHOPS and PROJECTS

• Art Workshops

The Grades 5 , 6 and 7 of Marine and Kleinberg Primary were part of the learning programme. The total number of learners that came through the programme is 989.

The activities exposed learners to a range of materials and took them through the art making process while working with the elements of art. They were also made aware of the role of art in a community and were exposed to the art of local artist, Peter Clarke.

• Public Exhibition

The works created by the learners were on display at the Ocean View Library. This was an opportunity to reflect on the activities and to bring awareness of arts education to the community. It also establishes the strong educational link between the library and the community. There were roughly 400 pieces displayed over the July school holidays. This also gave learners an opportunity to show family members the projects the learners had been working on.

• Community Art's Day

The community were given the opportunity to take part in a mosaic workshop to create a new sign for the Ocean View Library. The day was hosted in partnership with the library and the support from the environmental educational programme, Nature Network, who hosted an interactive presentation. Most of the participants were from the two primary schools as well as a local community organisation, Living Hope.

• Creative Arts Teacher Training

The workshop was well attended by 26 teachers from Marine and Kleinberg Primary. The sessions were scheduled across four afternoons with the aim to equip teachers with practical skills and lesson plans to support classroom teaching. Training focused on visual literacy and they created projects in 2D and 3D. The feedback was very positive and most teachers mentioned that they felt more confident teaching the practical activities once they had the opportunity to do the activity themselves.

• Public Art Installation

During the course of the programme every learner who took part created a painted bird or butterfly in response to the lesson. These art works have been permanently installed at Marine and Kleinberg Primary as well as the Ocean View Library.

The installation creates a sense of pride and an awareness of the role that art could play in a community.

OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

- Youth Empowerment through creative engagement and skill building.
- Awareness of the local heritage and engendering a sense of pride in the community by looking at the work of local artist, Peter Clarke.
- Awareness of the natural environment in the Ocean View community and link to environmental issues of the day. This was achieved by linking the activities to the subject matter of birds and butterflies and their role in the eco system. We have also linked with the Nature Network, who presented a interactive workshop on the community day.
- Opportunities to create art and to reflect on their environment in a positive way.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Development of observational skills in relation to Peter Clarke's work.
- Expose learners and teachers to a range of art making skills.
- Create an awareness of the Elements of art.
- Introducing basic writing skills reflecting on Peter Clarke's integration of word and text in his own art.
- Developing a visual aesthetic through creative processes.



ART WORKSHOPS

KLEINBERG PRIMARY AND MARINE PRIMARY



Learners from Kleinberg and Marine Primary created colourful mandala designs for the library exhibition.



Painted butterfly masks using watercolour and learning about the Principles of Design.



Artwork by Peter Clarke

Each learner created a bird or butterfly that became part of the mural installation at the two primary schools and the library.

Birds were a strong symbol in Peter's work relating to issues regarding political freedom in the past.



EXHIBITION AT OCEAN VIEW LIBRARY



The artworks being put up in the Library. The works decorated the walls and created a colourful display over the July school holidays. There were roughly 400 pieces on display.

CREATIVE ARTS TEACHER TRAINING



Teachers at the Creative Arts In-service Teacher Training Workshop. The training focused on Visual Literacy and creating art in 2D and 3D. 26 teachers completed the training.

COMMUNITY ARTS DAY

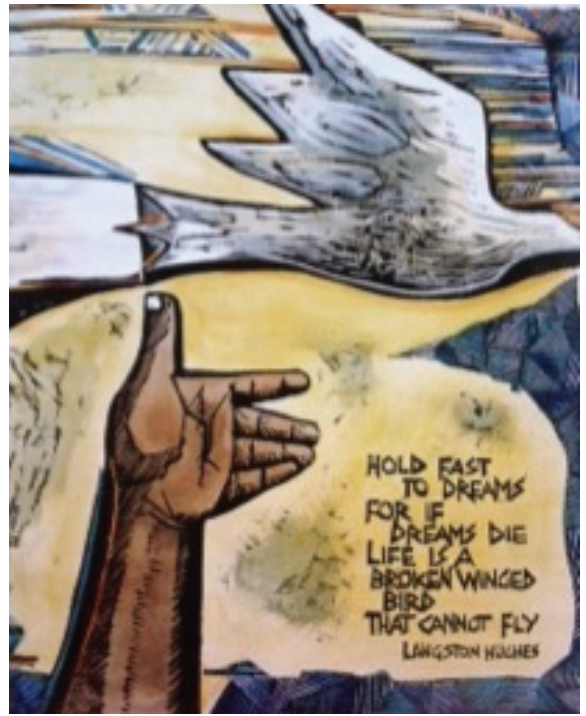


Practical mosaic workshop with the support from volunteers and teachers. The end result was a new sign for the Ocean View Library entrance.



Suzanna, from Nature Network Eco Adventures, did a presentation in the library. She presented an interactive talk on the different butterflies species found in the area. This linked well with the painted birds and butterflies produced by the learners.

PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION



Mural artwork at Kleinberg Primary inspired by Peter Clarke's artwork. All the butterflies painted by the learners were permanently installed on the school walls.



Art installation at Ocean View Library.



320 painted birds were installed at Marine Primary. The birds filled the corridors and were incorporated into the existing mural.