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### **Public Art Reston launches *Public Art Explorer* learning art adventures**

Just in time for summer adventures, Public Art Reston is launching a new online series of art activity pages filled with interactive learning experiences for children and their families. Designed for the whole family to look, learn and create together, Public Art Reston's *Public Art Explorer* program is packed with absorbing, interactive, and fun things for all ages to do at home or while "exploring" Reston's public artworks on site.

With plans to expand these offerings, the program's first three artists include Valerie Theberge, Mary Ann Mears and Gonzalo Fonseca, whose public art works may be found at various locations throughout Reston..

Each downloadable activity packet introduces a key theme inspired by the artists and their artworks. Children of all ages and their adults will learn fun facts, explore public art from different angles, and create through writing, drawing, and making the suggested and approachable art projects. No special knowledge or materials required! Visit <https://publicartreston.org/engage/explore/public-art-explorer/> to access the program free of charge.

Designed for anyone, these activities will encourage intergenerational conversations about art, spark creative imaginations, and foster lifelong connections with and appreciation for art through making. As we all continue to social distance, there's something for everyone in your group to engage the mind and senses! And as we seek time outdoors these public art sites will provide the ideal spots to enjoy safely.

Activity packet pages print beautifully in gray-scale. They also work well on mobile devices.

Also, discover the more than 50 public artworks in Reston by checking out the free public art map. [Click here to open and download copy.](https://publicartreston.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Public-art-map-pamphlet-Oct-2019.pdf) (https://publicartreston.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Public-art-map-pamphlet-Oct-2019.pdf)

Public Art Reston, a non-profit founded in 2007, seeks to inspire an ongoing commitment to public art and create a new generation of artworks. It commissions new community public artworks, offers outreach and educational programs, and documents the public art collection. It is committed to raising awareness about the role of public art in the community. Over the past decade, its work has been guided by a *Public Art Master Plan for Reston*, adopted 2008. For more information about Public Art Reston, visit [www.publicartreston.org](http://www.publicartreston.org)



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