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SEATTLE ASIAN ART MUSEUM

Deepti Designs hosted a **Warli Art workshop** at the Seattle Asian Art Museum on December 3, 2022. They created a dance scene in Warli Art. The participants were given cardboard to draw figures on. They were also given white paper cut outs to glue on and make pictures. Warli Art is an ancient folk art from Maharashtra, with most of its primary shapes being triangles and circles. It was first painted by the tribal women, and like Madhubani, they would paint on floors and walls of houses. They used ground rice powder mixed with water or ground limestone for the artwork.

This workshop was designed for younger kids, but some grownups participated as well. Overall, it was a fun-filled family event.



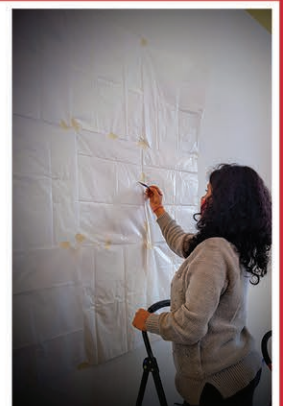
AANDAL WORKSHOP

On January 7th and 8th, Deepti Designs partnered with Aditiyeva Studio to host an online Shilpa Shastra Workshop. As mentioned in a previous edition, the Shilpa Shastras are ancient guides for the arts, sculpture, and architecture. This time, the workshop focused on the sketching and shading of Aandal, who was the only female among the twelve Hindu poet-saints (Alvars) of South India. The workshop featured reputed artist **Mahalakshmi BH** who has a bachelors in visual arts from the prestigious Chitrakala Parishath, and a masters with a specialization in painting. Over 40 people participated in the workshop and it was a huge success!



HTCC TEMPLE WALL MURAL

Deepti Designs has received the wonderful opportunity to paint a 13ft x 18ft wall mural in the HTCC temple. It would be the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest region at a religious and cultural abode. The local community is thrilled to watch the mural come to life, and to achieve this vision, we will need many volunteers to help in the process. Please stay tuned for more information.



CHERIYAL WORKSHOP

On January 28th and 29th the next online workshop will be hosted by Deepti Designs with Aditiyeva Studios. The art will be depicting a **Kanuma or Mattu Pongal** scene as it is the month of the Pongal harvest festival.



Artist **Mr. Dhanalakota Vinay Kumar** will be teaching the art of **Cheriyal** in the workshop, which is a type of scroll painting from Telangana originating in the 13th century. Cheriyal is unique to other Indian arts because they use regular human figures to show daily life instead of just mythological epics. Mr. Kumar inherited the art practice from his father Mr. D. Vaikuntam, who is a National Awardee and taught the art to all four of his sons. Mr. Kumar's works are showcased in prestigious museums all over the world and Deepti Designs is very thankful to have the opportunity to work with him. If you are interested, sign up for the workshop at www.deeptidesigns.com/cheriyal

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

In this edition, we are introducing a **fun crossword puzzle** reviewing everything we covered in the newsletter. To solve the crossword puzzle, please visit www.deeptidesigns.com/free-resources

The first person who accurately finishes the puzzle will be **featured on the next edition**. Please send screenshot of the solved puzzle to newsletter.thebeacon.dd@gmail.com.

KINDNESS CREW



It has been three months since the beginning of **Kindness Crew** and it has had a very promising start! The team was able to deliver around 100 cards since October to Northshore Senior Center.

Students who contributed are **Aadya, Varsha, Kriya, Sanika, Nethra, Shritha, Arianna, and Bhavi**. We thank the volunteers for their work and hope to continue seeing these such acts of kindness using art as an instrument towards community building. Kindness Crew is still open for new volunteers to join. Please contact **Ms. Nikita Thakalath (425-894-5984)** if you are interested.

CREATIVE VOICES

Creative Voices is an initiative working to help kids with their public speaking skills. Over a course of five online



sessions, the students will learn how to communicate with others confidently and creatively. It teaches participants the essentials and basics of public speaking with a focus on art. In each session, participants will have the chance to give short speeches and receive constructive feedback. The program coordinator, **Ananya Vaidyaraman**, is a senior at Interlake High School. She has several certifications from Toastmasters and is experienced in public speaking and leadership. This program is free for all Deepti Design's students grades 6-12.