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## SEATTLE ASIAN ART MUSEUM

This year for Holi, we designed a workshop for **Seattle Asian Museum's** Fun Family weekend program. The event was a great success with over 100 families participating. Artists and UW students **Oumshri** and **Hamsa** along with teaching artist **Ms. Nikita Thakalath** volunteered at the event.

The project was coloring either a printed design of a lady with a plate of colors or a fish, using watercolors, brushes, droppers and sharpies and most of the participants chose to color both the design sheets. As quoted by Ms. Thakalath, " [The] kids had a gala time using the droppers to color their sheets with different watercolors. It truly felt like kids were playing Holi with colors."



## NAYAKAR WORKSHOP

On February 18th, 19th, and 25th, Deepti Designs hosted yet another successful workshop in collaboration with **Aditiyeva Studios**. The workshop highlighted **Nayakar** art, an art form originating in Tamil Nadu centuries ago. Nayakar art features bold figures, sharp lines, and a very unique color scheme which the participants had an exciting time learning about and practicing.

The workshop was taught by Chennai based Shilpa Shastra artist **Ms. Shanmughapriya** and was attended by over 40 participants from around the globe. It was the very first workshop ever taught in this art-form.



## LAUNCH OF KATHITH

Deepti Designs announced the launch of **Kathith**, a new label created for workshops and curriculum based classes in a variety of Indian heritage visual art forms to be taught by acclaimed and generational artists. Kathith means well-remembered, reflecting Deepti Design's mission to wake the world up to beauty, meaning and cultural significance of the art styles which are traditional.

The logo has been impeccably designed by Aditiyeva Studio. It is a pretty descriptive and meaningful symbol of what the label stands for. To know more and support Kathith, please visit @kathith.kala on Instagram.



# AAUW WORKSHOP

Deepti Designs was invited to give the Humanities Speakers Bureau Presentation at the American Association of University Women (AAUW, established in 1881) Edmonds chapter. Ms. Agrawal spoke about the history of the ethnic art and covered the changing trends and recent developments, through a highly interactive presentation which was laden with questions, quizzes and prompts which evoked curiosity and lead to critical thinking. AAUW members were also invited to create a keepsake wooden bookmark towards the end of the presentation. The event was supported by our artist volunteers **Anushka, Harini, and Snigdha.**



## HEART ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

**Aditi Satrasala**, one of Deepti Designs' artists, set up a fundraiser in Missouri with the help of her mom Ms. Ashwini Talanki, to help raise funds for the **American Kids Heart Association.**

They created Holi themed boxes filled with Gujiya, a delicious sweet and fried dumplings, and Pinwheels, which are puffed potato pastries. Aditi used her Madhubani skills to decorate the boxers with colorful Madhubani borders. They sold each box for \$10 and made a substantial

amount to donate to the cause.



## NINA KHILNANI NORTH CREEK

**Nina Khilnani**, a student of North Creek High donated a Madhubani art-work create by her mom, for the North Creek Booster fundraiser.



Her mom, Ms. Charu Khilnani's is a student at Deepti Designs School of Art and is a very skillful and driven practitioner of the art-style. Thank you, Nina and Ms. Khilnani for using heritage art as an instrument to stimulate change in community and outside.

## ARTISTS ON RAMP!

**WomenKon** has invited the artists at Deepti Designs School of Art to walk the ramp with art. This is an unprecedented opportunity and is open to all the artists. There would be a 2 hour long art-show which would be followed by our artists walking the ramp holding their artworks.

**Date** - April 2, 2023

**Time** - 4-7pm

**Location** - Interlake High School

**Practice sessions** - 2, Date and Time : TBD

Please reach out to **Ms. Nikita Thakalath** (425 894 5984 - Text only) if interested.

# A/NT GALLERY

A/NT Gallery, a prestigious non-profit artist collaborative gallery based in the campus of Seattle Center, which also houses the iconic Space Needle, invited the artists at Deepti Designs INC to host an art show in their public gallery space for the month of March. It was a great opportunity for the young artists to showcase their talent and take the ethnic art from the margins to the mainstream. Around 35 artists exhibited over 50 professional grade artworks.

The artist reception was held on March 4th which was attended by over 150 art enthusiasts. It was a wonderful opportunity for the young artists as they had the real life gallery experience for the first time. They also spoke about the hidden narrative and the cultural significance behind their art works. In the words of a participating artist, Anvika, *"When I walked into the gallery, I felt like I was in a magical world of color. Everywhere you looked there were colorful Madhubani Paintings, by 30+ students from Deepti Designs. Each painting represented a part of India, and its diversity. I was able to present and speak about my painting, the Kohbar, in a way that people would understand the true symbolism and meaning behind the painting."* Bothell based Vidhya's School of Music also presented some soulful Indian music performances at the event.

The parents were equally appreciated of the opportunity and one of the parents mentioned *"It was an absolute amazing experience to watch all the art pieces in person and to have the artists and musicians present for the opening ceremony. It was very well planned and executed event."*



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The winner of the last month's Crossword puzzle is

**Snigdha Josyula**

She was the fastest in sending a screenshot of the correctly solved puzzle.

Try our the crossword this month, take a screenshot and email it to [newsletter.thebeacon.dd@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.thebeacon.dd@gmail.com) for a chance to get featured into our next month's newsletter.

Here is the link to the next puzzle: [https://bit.ly/march\\_crossword](https://bit.ly/march_crossword).

