

Teacher Mini-Bios

JAMIE “JUJU” ABEREGG [Nature Craft, Comic Capers & Board Games], has been teaching Art to young people for over 15 years. Jamie comes to KASEP with many talents and interests: Created garden camp & programs/ school gardens, Certificated in Graphic Arts and Photoshop programs. She has worked with Belvedere/ Tiburon Recreation for the past seven years and has been with us for 3. She loves to use art to solve problems and to create confidence and self-esteem in her students.

VICKY BRODT [Cooking, Mixed Media, Math, Sewing] has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and has taught preschool for over 15 years. She loves working with kids of all ages. She loves to cook and to share her enthusiasm for cooking and crafts with kids.

SARAH BROWN [Self Defense for Girls, Karate – KCC Class] has been the primary karate teacher at KASEP for many years. She holds the rank of 2nd Dan and teaches karate for The Shotokan Karate Institute, which has been in the East Bay for over 25 years.

WALMARIA CALDAS [Finger Knitting] is skilled at a variety of needle crafts including sewing, weaving and knitting. Her B.A. in History from UFMG in Brazil has given depth to her life-long love for the arts. She has taught at Cazadero Family Camp and at the East Bay Waldorf School. She has also run a summer camp for children focusing on arts and crafts since 2011.

ELAINE CHU [Art and Bookmaking] is an art educator with a background in graphic design and piano performance. She received a B.A. from Yale University and B.F.A. from University of the Arts. She has taught workshops at the ACCI Gallery, SF Center for the Book, and the Alameda Art Lab. She loves teaching Art and Bookmaking to students of all ages and believes everyone can have fun, creating unique pieces when given tools/ materials along with plenty of inspiration!

BINDY GRAUL [Gymnastics – KCC Class] is the daughter of our long-time gymnastics teacher, Judy Baker. Bindy is a highly experienced and well trained former gymnast. She has been a gymnastics instructor for 21 years. Bindy is patient and loves teaching children. Her mom and auntie will join her—both ladies have been former gymnasts and have been teaching KASEP gymnastics for the past 17+ years.

JAN JONES [Keyboard] has taught music at Madera Elementary since

1984 and Kensington Hilltop since 1994. She is a professional musician--an accomplished performer, an innovative composer/arranger and a skilled instructor. Jan has taught music including singing, keyboard, piano and recorder to children and adults for more than 25 years. She is patient, knowledgeable, and loves to teach.

DOUG MCNEELY AND KRISTEN PARKS [Circus Arts – KCC Class]. Slim the Clown,(Doug McNeely) has been performing and teaching Circus Arts for the last 15 years. He has toured the US and Europe, and has taught at many schools and parks and recreation centers. Kristen and Doug recently appeared on national television with an exciting performance-based show called ‘Fake Off.’”

VERONICA MEDINA-ROSS [Kids Can Help Planet Earth] has been working to protect the environment for 20+ years. She has done so as a researcher, government official, consultant and teacher. She has 8 years experience teaching Science and Environmental Science at different levels: kindergarten, elementary, middle and college. She holds a Masters Degree in Integrated Environmental Studies and a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences. Veronica loves to teach students about the environment around them and to guide and motivate them to help take care of our Planet.

CAREY PIECH [Artful Animals, Critter Adventures] is a Kensington Hilltop parent and museum educator. She has a Bachelors degree in Art History and a Masters degree in Elementary Education and Museum Education. She has taught art, natural science and history programs in a variety of museums including the de Young Museum, the Oakland Museum of California and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. She loves making art, exploring the natural world and spending time with all of its critters – especially kindergartners!

TATIANA GUERREIRO RAMOS {Spanish Through Art & Play – KCC Class} Tatiana is a native of Brazil who wants students to fall in love with Spanish. Using art, song, movement and play, she brings her love of the language to life. She speaks Spanish, Portuguese, and French, and is a three-time National Memory Champion (the only woman to win the US Memoriad in its 15-year history). An active educator with 3 children of her own, she is excited to be bringing Spanish back to KASEP. Welcome!

JEANNE REHRIG [Drawing with Pastels] is a familiar face to KASEP as she has taught art at KCC Summer Camp and taught with KASEP in previous years. Jeanne holds an MFA from San Francisco Art Institute and has spent a lifetime teaching art to children in San Francisco and the East Bay. She has worked at Neighborhood School and is a popular teacher on campus and with our children.

PASCALE ROGER-MCKEEVER [Kitchen Kids, Creative Drama, Cooking Around the World, Master Chef], originally from France, grew up helping her mother cook from the age of twelve. She likes to work with fresh ingredients, and loves to make the food look like art. She has catered for large groups and

been a personal chef to busy families. Her other life is that of an actress, on stage and in film. She writes screen plays and produces her work. Pascale is a devoted teacher interested in supporting and nurturing each child's individual qualities while also stretching them beyond what they already know about themselves.

KIM ROOTS [Sports; Tennis, Magic Cards & Board Games], with a degree in Mathematics and Philosophy from the University of California at Santa Cruz, has been teaching and coaching sports and tennis in our program and in the community for many years. Kim's major interest is to make sports accessible and fun for all kids.

APRIL SCHLANGER [Jewelry], new teacher with KASEP. She is a mom and her daughter is at a local elementary school in El Cerrito. April recently relocated from the east coast and is making California her home. She has a broad brush of skills and enthusiasm for working with and teacher elementary school age children. She is currently teaching afterschool classes at her daughter's school.

SKYHAWK SPORTS [Mini-Hawk Sports, Basketball Skills and Strategy – KCC classes] provides a fun, safe and positive environment where future athletes can take their first step towards an active and healthy lifestyle! Skyhawks believes every child should experience the joy and benefits of sports. One of its goals is "Teaching life skills through sports."

TARA AND BERTUS STIEHLER [Movement, Hip Hop, Cheerleading – KCC Classes] are newlyweds and they met dancing! These two are athletic dance performers. Tara earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Dance. Bertus, who is from South Africa and trained with three world champion dancers. Together they form a great combo to teach a fusion class of movement, hip hop and cheerleading. We welcome dance and movement instruction into our mix of classes.

JANE WEBBER [Recorder] has been teaching flute and recorder to children for more than 35 years and brings to this "labor of love" a wealth of experience grounded in kindness and commitment to the growth, both musical and personal, of her students. She also performs with the New Millennium Strings Orchestra.