

A WORD OR TWO ABOUT OUR KASEP TEACHERS

JAMIE “JUJU” ABEREGG [Beginning Cartooning], has been teaching Art to young people for over 15 years. Jamie comes to KASEP with many talents and interests: enrolled in a Master Gardener class in Walnut Creek, certificated in a Graphic Arts and Photoshop program. She has worked with Marin's Park and Recreation for the past seven years. She loves to use art to solve problems and to create confidence and self-esteem in her students.

ISABEL AVILA [Spanish through Art and Play] was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Southern California. It was not until she was accepted to UC Berkeley that she stepped outside the familiar and had the opportunity to explore beyond those boundaries. She is currently in her third year as an Intended Psychology major with a Global Poverty and Practice minor. This summer she had the amazing opportunity to study abroad in Mexico, spending half the time getting to know the rich history of Mexico City and the other half in the gorgeous city of Oaxaca.

BINDY BAKER [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 and a pre-school teacher for over 20 years. Bindy is patient and loves teaching children. Her mom and auntie will join her both are former gymnasts and have been teaching KASEP gymnastics for nearly 20 years.

VICKY BRODT [Cooking, Crafting, Gardening, Sewing and Math Fundamentals] has a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education and has taught preschool for over 15 years. She also received a certificate in Landscape Horticulture and does small-scale landscape projects. She owns a small business called the "Whimsical Rooster" where she sells handmade fabric items. Vicky loves to cook and to share her enthusiasm for cooking and crafting with kids of all ages.

ELAINE CHU [Crafty Creations, Beginning Mandarin through Hands-On Art] is a craft artist/ educator who loves teaching students of all ages. She received a B.A. in music from Yale University and a B.F.A in graphic design from University of the Arts. She has taught workshops at the ACCI Gallery, Berkeley Art Center, KALA, and SF Center for the Book. Her specialty is paper and book arts. She loves working with kids to create unique pieces while they learn new concepts in art and language.

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, Saving Planet Earth through Hands-On Projects] has been working to protect the environment for 20+ years. She has been a researcher, government official, consultant and teacher. She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from University of East Anglia, Norwich (U.K.). Veronica loves to teach students about the environment around them and 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.

JEANNE REHRIG [Drawing with Pastels, Fun with Clay] 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.

KIM ROOTS [Sports and Games; Tennis], 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.

VICTOR MORTON/ SKYHAWK SPORTS [Kindergarten Sports; Basketball; Sports Medley: KCC classes] provides a fun, safe and positive environment where future athletes can take their first step toward an active lifestyle! Skyhawk believes every child should experience the joy and benefits of sports. One of its goals is teaching life skills through sports.

SANDY THACKER [Carpentry] has taught carpentry to kids for 30 years. Sandy, who has a Masters Degree in Education from Stanford University, taught high school and middle school, and then worked for several years as a carpenter. She has developed a wonderful and very successful program for teaching woodworking skills to children.

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.