

Dear educators,

Now that everyone is settling into another academic year, I wanted to let you know about an opportunity that might be of interest to your students. The education department at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art is pleased to once again offer *Saturday for Educators*, a series of workshops for educators in all stages of their careers. These programs, designed to demonstrate how the Ringling Museum's collections can be incorporated into classroom learning, take place on a number of Saturdays throughout the year. Each session is centered on either a special exhibition or a particular thematic aspect of the Museum's collection; past topics have included the art of American circus posters, the work of Peter Paul Rubens, and the process of printmaking. A lecture and gallery visit is included, and participants receive a resource guide with suggestions for classroom activities based on the program's theme.

We strive to make every *Saturday for Educators* program as practical and valuable as possible for all types of educators. All activity ideas are tied to Sunshine State Standards for different grade levels, and program topics span all subject areas, from science and math to visual and language arts. ***Prospective and current teachers will find useful strategies for incorporating the arts into their curriculum.***

The schedule for this year's *Saturday for Educators* offerings can be found below. The cost of attendance for each workshop is \$5, which includes all program activities and a catered lunch. Participants are welcome to sign up for all workshops, or they may pick and choose those that interest them the most.

I invite you to pass this information on to your students. Feel free to direct them to contact Bonnie Wilson our Scholastic Coordinator at 941-359-5700x3705 or Bonnie.Wilson@Ringling.org with any of their questions or to sign up. We look forward to seeing you and your students at the Ringling!

*For information on College tours to The Ringling Museum, please visit our website at <http://www.ringling.org/Resources2.aspx?id=9130>

Best regards,

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2012-2013 Saturday for Educators programs:

November 10, 2012 – The Warren J. and Margot Coville Photography Collection

Take an in-depth look at the photographs that define the 20th century and have helped shape modern photojournalism. This workshop will examine how the medium of photography can be used to address standards in social studies, language arts, and visual arts.

January 12, 2013 – Paolo Veronese: Giant of the Venetian Renaissance

This comprehensive exhibition of grand portraits, mythological scenes, and devotional works will provide opportunities to discover Veronese's technical abilities and talent for narrative. Standards in social studies, language arts, and visual arts will form the basis for the accompanying workshop.

April 13, 2013 – Celebrate Circus

Come clown around with the Big Top Education Department of Circus Sarasota and learn the science behind the circus. Educators will have the chance to see how math and science standards fit in with the death-defying feats of circus performers.

June 22, 2013 – American Moderns, 1910-1960: From O'Keeffe to Avery

Explore the ways in which American artists engaged modernity during the first half of the twentieth century. Dealing with standards in social studies, language arts, and visual arts, this workshop will examine the relationship between social change and artistic traditions.