



From what we get, we can make a living;
what we give, however, makes a life.
-- Arthur Ashe



Winter Workshop 2012

3 days, 334 kids, 334 handmade holiday gifts, 24 projects, 17 teachers, 57 parent volunteers, 1000 cookies served. The numbers say so much about Winter Workshop, but they don't say it all! Below are some quotes from our students from last Thursday's morning circle. Ms. Smith asked each teacher to select a few students to share their thoughts on this Rooftop tradition. Here are some of their impromptu, unrehearsed responses. . .



"What I like about Winter Workshop is that you get to share the holiday spirit with others."

"What I like about Winter Workshop is you get to make gifts for people you love."

"It's very very fun to make a present for another."

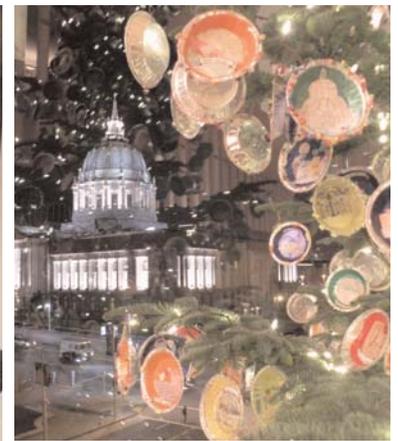
"I like Winter Workshop because you get to give it to somebody and then they like it and they wear it all the time and people ask about it, and you made it!"

A special thank you goes to all of our teachers and parent volunteers who worked together to create a fantastic Winter Workshop experience for our students. We appreciate your Rooftop Spirit!



"Deck the Hall" - Rooftop's Holiday Tree at Davies Symphony Hall

Rooftop is proud that we were again invited to participate in the Symphony's Trim-A-Tree program. This year's ornament featured our student's favorite places in San Francisco. Using collage, our kids depicted the places in our city where they feel connected to their community and proud to be San Franciscans. A festive crowd of Rooftoppers gathered on the evening of November 26th and hung all 590 ornaments on the giant tree, where they will bring cheer to thousands of concert-goers this season.





FAMILY ART NIGHT WITH ROOFTOP'S ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE, FLO OY WONG

November 7 - Rooftop families gathered to participate in a family art workshop titled "Drawing with Needle & Thread." Led by artist Flo Oy Wong, families experimented with some of the materials and techniques that Flo uses to capture "the extraordinary stories of ordinary people" in her art. Taking turns with the needle and thread, families worked together to create mixed media collages with fabric, family photos, embroidery and beadwork. Flo's classroom visits will continue in the spring semester as our students work together to create art to be included in a gallery show celebrating Flo's 75th birthday at the Luggage Store Annex next autumn.



SF FILM SOCIETY'S "FILMMAKER IN THE CLASSROOM" PROGRAM AT ROOFTOP



Rooftop's 7th Graders have been working in their Art classes with filmmaker Myles David Jewell in a program provided by the SF Film Society. Myles is an award-winning filmmaker with a Master's Degree from NYU's Culture and Media Program. The students have learned stop-motion animation techniques and are creating short movies based on the theme of "Crossing the Street." The theme is inspired by Flo Oy Wong's artwork,

"The Baby Jack Rice Story," and students are exploring cross-cultural connections in their films revealed through family histories and personal narratives.

ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR Upcoming Events

Fri. Dec 14 -Rooftop After School Chorus Performance
6:00 pm - Burnett MPR - Join us for a special evening performance by our singing students! The performance will be preceded by a short PTA meeting and then we'll hear the beautiful sounds of children's voices!

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Enjoy Free & Low-Cost Family-Friendly Arts Events in San Francisco!

SFKids.org has a great Winter Break activities listing!

For fun, creative ideas to celebrate the holidays and enjoy all that the city has to offer families, please visit:
<http://sfkids.org/uploadedFiles/Holiday%202012.pdf>