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## **ARTS AT THE BEACH 2012**

### **Free arts workshops, contests and prizes for grade school kids!**

Arts At The Beach, the Bradley Beach arts association, will offer three free workshops on poster painting, photography, and creative writing for children on Saturday morning, February 11, 2012, at the Carmen Biase Center, 719 Main St, Bradley Beach.

Students will then have the chance to submit their works for a contest in each category. The theme of the contest entries will be the beauty of our planet and how we can appreciate and protect our mother Earth. Grand prizes in all categories will be a tree to be planted in each winner's name. Winners will be announced on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 7 pm in an awards ceremony held at the Bradley Beach Elementary School. Arts At The Beach member Nanci Bachmann and Bradley Beach Library Director Janet Torsney teamed up to organize the workshops and contests.

The poster-painting workshop is open to children in grades 1-8. Three groups: grades 1-2; 3-5; and 6-8. The students will learn techniques for creating effective posters. The poster-painting workshop will be taught by professional painter and art instructor Alexis Cuozzo Herman. Posters submitted for the contest will be displayed in the windows of Bradley Beach Main Street store fronts this spring.

The photography workshop, for grades 6-8, will introduce children to techniques for composing and taking photographs. The workshop will be taught by professional photographer, graphic artist and art instructor Roger Tucker of Bradley Beach, and photography hobbyist and borough staff member Michele Whille.

The creative writing workshop, for grades 6-8, will guide students on how to make an impact with the written word, in various formats of writing, including poetry, stories,

drama and letters. The writing workshop will be taught by poet Bill Barrett of Avon, and playwright Julia Sandra Rand of Bradley Beach.

The workshops and contests are open to children from all towns. Complete details and registration forms are available on the Arts At The Beach website ([www.artsatthebeach.org](http://www.artsatthebeach.org)), and the Bradley Beach Borough website. Registration forms will also be available at the Bradley Beach Public Library, Bradley Beach Borough Hall, and will be sent home from Bradley Beach Elementary School in children's backpacks.

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