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24th Annual Art Safari at Torpedo Factory Art Center

Free family-friendly afternoon of hands-on activities
Saturday, October 19; 12 – 5 pm



Lisa Schumaier created a papier-mâché dinosaur with children at Art Safari 2018. Photo by Ja'Mon Jackson for City of Alexandria.

October 15, 2019 – Alexandria, Va. – Hundreds of children and their families are expected to visit Torpedo Factory Art Center on Saturday, October 19, for the 24th Annual Art Safari. Running from noon – 5 pm, professional artists lead budding art enthusiasts in dynamic projects across all three floors. Activities are free and open to the public.

Children help build a life-sized papier-mâché creature and experiment with potter's clay and silkscreen printing. Artists show young visitors how to paint with Japanese black ink, turn cereal boxes into a city, create metallic leaf rubbings, and so much more.

Projects are best for ages 5–12, but younger kids will have lots of fun with some grown-up help. Dress to get a little messy.

An Alexandria family tradition for nearly a quarter-century, Art Safari has had tens of thousands of participants from across the greater metropolitan region. Leading up to the special day, the public is invited to share their own stories and photos of past Art Safaris with hashtag **#artsafariALX**.

For more information, visit <http://torpedofactory.org/artsafari>.

List of Activities:

- **Grand Hall – Papier-Mâché Animal – Led by [Lisa Schumaier](#)**
Children use simple paper and paste to transform a wire frame into a wild animal. Arrive early to fill in the wireframe. Stay late to see the finished piece.

- **Grand Hall – Clay Experience – Led by [Tracie Griffith Tso](#)**
Children play and experiment with a piece of wet clay to mold and shape into any form they can imagine. Potters will demonstrate their technique for throwing clay on a pottery wheel.
- **Grand Hall – Button Making – Led by [Alexandria Library](#)**
Alexandria Library staff help design and create custom buttons.
- **Grand Hall – Doodle Party – Led by [Abrakadoodle](#)**
Doodle, scribble, sketch, and draw in this creative drawing project.
- **Grand Hall – Creative Reusables – Led by [UpCycle Creative Reuse Center](#)**
Rethink waste and use recycled materials to create new, wearable art.
- **Studio 7 – Group Painting Project – Led by [Mina Oka Hanig](#)**
Kids and parents alike paint a large 10'×10' canvas spread on the studio floor.
- **Studio 21 – Gallery Scavenger Hunt – Led by [The Art League Gallery](#)**
Find special things within The Art League Gallery's current exhibitions. Each completed hunt earns a prize.
- **Studio 25 – Sumi Black-Ink Painting – Led by [Jamaliah Morais](#)**
Learn about this East-Asian artform and experiment with the special black ink, brushes, and rice paper.
- **Studio 29 – Fiber Collage – Led by [Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery](#)**
Create a dynamic, textural collage using bits of fabric and fiber.
- **2nd Floor Hall – Easel Stations – Led by [Christine Cardellino](#)**
With acrylic paint and paper, children paint anything they can imagine. As the works dry on the balconies, the catwalks burst with color and creativity.
- **All 3 floors and Studio 325 – Silk screen printing – Led by [Patrick Sargent](#) of [Printmakers, Inc.](#)**
Visit four different inking stations spread across the building to create a full-color silk-screen image. The final station is in Studio 325.
- **Studio 326 – Macaroni Rigatoni Necklaces – Led by [Sissy Cutchen](#)**
Design, decorate, and string pasta together for an original piece of wearable art.
- **Studio 329 – Metallic Leaf Impressions – Led by [Nancy Ramsey](#)**
Capture the season's beauty with leaf rubbings in beautiful metallic colors.
- **Third Floor – Scrap City – Led by [AIA Northern Virginia](#)**
Turn cereal boxes into houses and cardboard tubes into trees. Work with professional architects to imagine new buildings and add them to the grid of Old Town Alexandria.

About the Torpedo Factory Art Center

Founded in 1974 in an old munitions plant, Torpedo Factory Art Center is home to the nation's largest number of publicly accessible working artist studios under one roof. The City of Alexandria manages Torpedo Factory Art Center through the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities as part of the [Office of the Arts'](#) family of programs and facilities. Just south of Washington, D.C., the Torpedo Factory Art Center overlooks the Potomac River in the Old Town section of Alexandria, Va. Each year, more than a half million national and international visitors meet and interact with more than 160 resident artists in 82 studios and seven galleries. For more information, visit torpedofactory.org or follow the Art Center on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Pinterest](#) via @torpedofactory.

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