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Mill Neck Manor Summer Program
Deaf Artists Day

Students attending the summer program at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf participated in three very special events. The first event, held on July 8 was Deaf Artists Day and began with a presentation featuring several famous Deaf artists. According to Mill Neck teacher and coordinator of the events, Rose Madera de Farruya, aside from introducing students to these artists, the purpose was also to make the students aware that they are the Deaf artists of the future.

Highlighted in the slide presentation were the sculptor Douglas Tilden, famous for bronze pieces of a classical nature; Granville Redmond, a landscape painter whose works evoke the Impressionists, and contemporary artists Chuck Baird and Maureen Klusza. Baird, a muralist and set painter, has also taught art workshops at schools, summer camps and art festivals. His featured genre is called Deaf View Image Art (De' VIA). Klusza, who graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology, is the illustrator of The Deaf Side, a humor-based cartoon offering a view of the world through "deaf" eyes.

Following the presentation, students got to work creating their own masterpieces. Classes were divided into groups and rotated through painting, sculpting and free art activities. When all the artwork was displayed, there was a mix of (look at pics again).

The day wrapped up in typical art gallery opening fashion, with refreshments. Appetizers prepared by Ms. Madera's class included carrot sticks, watermelon, chips and salsa. True gallery style.

2nd event was Museum of the Deaf

3rd event was Deaf Theater/Performing Arts

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and the Early Childhood Center are part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, a not-for-profit group dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other special communication needs, through excellence in

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