

Building art appreciation through participation

# SKY VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL BEAUTY *OF* BRONZE

## OPPORTUNITY

Our mission as the Sky Valley Arts Council is to make the Sky Valley stronger economically through a vibrant arts and heritage community. Supporting quality arts education programs that build greater awareness of the arts and the role of arts and heritage in the community are opportunities we are seeking. As an Arts Council we are attracted to the Beauty of Bronze program is a way to introduce appreciation of the arts to young students.

## THE PROGRAM

Beauty of Bronze is a proven program with 11 years of experience in the Wenatchee School District, teaching fifth graders about the art in their community and what it means to be an artist. This impactful program gives students the opportunity to sketch and reflect on the art in their community, to work collaboratively to create a large sculpture out of natural materials and to work directly with a real artist. Students, teachers and parent volunteers spend the day with bronze artist Kevin Pettelle as their mentor. Each student creates a sculpture out of a small ingot of wax that is cast in bronze and each piece of student art is curated at the local museum. A final reception brings full circle the learnings and memories of the Beauty of Bronze experience, and students get to take their sculptures home.

## ARTS COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

The Sky Valley Arts Council is a federally registered 501(c)3 non profit arts organization. We are located in Washington State and accessed via the scenic Rte 2 Cascade Loop. We incorporated July 2014 with a local board of movers and shakers: Debbie Copple, Ken Walker, Kevin Pettelle, Mary Ritzman

## POTENTIAL

**School District Collaboration:** This program builds a strong understanding of art that can be integrated into curriculum—we currently have schools in Sultan, Gold Bar, Index & Skykomish

**Artist Collaboration:** This program could bring an exhibit of sculpture to the Sky Valley for broad appreciation by the community

**Businesses & Organizations:** Support and resources are encouraged

**Volunteers:** PSTAs and interested individuals will have support opportunities



## PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- Student: "I like feeling like an artist"
- Student: "If I had to pick my favorite activity for the day I would pick sketching the bronze statues"
- Student letter to Kevin: "What I learned from you was that by trying, you can achieve your dreams."
- Student: "I like the creativity you had to use for the Andrew Goldsworthy Challenge."
- Teacher: "My students really enjoyed meeting you and every one of them ended the day with a full heart from a great experience."

## SUPPORT SOURCES

We are seeking

- \* Grants
- \* In-Kind Donations
- \* Direct Funding

## CONTACT

**Kevin Pettelle** 425.268.8904/  
kpettelle@skyvalley.net

**Jeanette Marantos** 509.630.1398/  
jemarantos@gmail.com

Visit our website  
[www.skyvalleyartscouncil.com](http://www.skyvalleyartscouncil.com)