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Third Monday of every month, Oct.-May

9-11 a.m.

\$8 per child/Members

\$10 per child/non-Members

(No charge for accompanying adults and children under 5)

Homeschool Days are learning experiences designed exclusively for homeschool families. Join us before the Museum opens to the public to explore the galleries with one of our knowledgeable docents. Each dynamic, interactive tour will end in our bright and spacious Art Studio, where students will engage in a hands-on project related to the theme of the day. Homeschool Days are designed with a school aged audience in mind, and families with young children are

encouraged to make use of books, games, and self-guided art projects in the Family ArtLab while registered students take part in the day's activities. Space is limited to 30 students, and pre-registration is required. Payment is due at time of preregistration. To pre-register or for more information, please contact Katy, Coordinator of School & Family Programs, at matsuzakik@nbmaa.org or (860) 229-0257, ext. 220.

Monday, Dec. 15

Colorful Quilts

This program is all about color, as you explore the special exhibit, Let Me Quilt One More Day. Find out how quilt artists have masterfully mixed color for centuries, and search for color combinations that soothe, pop, vibrate, and harmonize. Then, apply your new knowledge of the color wheel to design a patchwork paper quilt.

Monday, Jan. 19

Heroes Among Us

Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a tour that features bold and brave figures in the history of American art, then create your own heroic self-portrait. Stay for a free Community Day in honor of MLK Day—starting at noon, watch his historic “I Have a Dream” speech, and make an inspirational sticker out of your favorite MLK quote.

Monday, Feb. 16 (noon-3 p.m.)

Family Day with Arts for Learning CT

In lieu of the regular program today, celebrate Presidents Day with a stellar lineup of workshops, activities, and performances provided by Arts for Learning CT. Family Day begins at noon, and is free with Museum admission (\$12 for adults, free for kids 12 and under). Make inspired, impromptu art in the galleries, and meet Abe Lincoln himself!

Monday, Mar. 16

Deception Detection

Art can inspire, soothe, excite, delight … and even fool you! Meet masters of illusion—artists who have perfected the technique of trompe l'oeil, or “deceive the eye”—and decode symbols and riddles in a special exhibit on trompe l'oeil artist Otis Kaye. Afterward, turn everyday objects into your own tiny trompe l'oeil pictures by zooming in on details and shadows.

Monday, Apr. 20

See ‘Scapes!

Traverse space and time in a matter of steps as you delve into landscapes, cityscapes, and seascapes that NBMAA artists have captured in wildly varying styles over centuries. Journey from the New England wilderness to the rocky shores of California, then pack an artist's toolkit and head into Walnut Hill Park for some en plein air landscape drawing!

Monday, May 18

Sculpture Safari

It's a zoo in here! Grab a pair of binoculars and look out for a bucking bronco, beguiling bear, bedazzled buck,

and meditative monkey. Learn how artists use different materials to bring the natural world to life in 3D, and then set up camp in the studio, where you'll design a wild, whiskered, or woolly animal bench inspired by our artist bench collection.

Enrollment is limited and preregistration is strongly encouraged. To preregister please contact Katy Matsuzaki, Coordinator of School & Family Programs, at least 7 days in advance at matsuzakik@nbmaa.org or at (860) 229-0257, ext. 220.