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Visual Arts: Sculpture  
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Richard earned his MFA in sculpture from the University of Iowa and resides in Jerome, Arizona (population 444). There was a time in Jerome when it was not uncommon to see a parade of children heading down the streets in cardboard masks, body suits and large sculptures created by his students in the Jerome Kids' Art Workshop, a program which he founded in 1990 and continues today.

In 1987 Richard received a Fulbright Fellowship for independent research into masking societies and masked rituals in Burkina Faso, West Africa, where he spent 10 ½ months, traveling, photographing and creating bronze sculptures. Richard's residencies are beneficial to teachers as well as students. The students discover that universal symbols exist in color, form and design which transcend spoken language. While working on individual or collaborative projects, choices are made in form and color to express their own personalities or some message. The masks and sculptures do not hide one's identity, but rather reveal individuality and purpose.

Richard is available for short-term projects, one or two-week artist in residence, teachers' workshops, slide shows and DVD presentations. Most of the tools and materials needed are in use in most schools and community centers: scissors, staplers, pencils, paper, erasers, cardboard or poster-board, tempera paint or colored markers. Richard has seven different project descriptions with photographs of the students art projects in pdf format, which he can email to anyone interested in his workshops. Richard is also on the Utah Arts Council Arts Education roster.

Program Types  
Workshops, Seminars  
Language Proficiencies  
English  
Fees  
Contact to inquire  
Availability  
Contact to inquire  
Audiences  
Schools (grades pre-K-12), college, adults, seniors, at-risk, social service groups, educational groups  
Venues  
Schools, community centers, group homes  
Technical requirements  
Contact to inquire  
Counties  
Statewide

**Schools & Communities Workshops**  
Basic Symmetrical Design and 3-Color Patterning  
Sculpture in Paper, Poster-board, and Cardboard  
Seminars in African Art with Related Art Projects  
The Great Temporary and Permanent Kids' Art Mural Project  
Sets, Props, and Costumes for Original or Scripted Plays, Performances, and Parades  
Baby Dragons and Creative Clay Workshops  
Plaster-cast "Monster Hands"  
"Kids' Art Crawlers" (Kid-powered rolling murals on cardboard)

**Professional Development Workshops**  
Sculpture in Paper, Poster-board, and Cardboard  
Seminars in African Art with Related Art Projects  
Basic Symmetry and 3-Color Patterning  
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