

FishNet: The Great Lakes Craft and Release Project

CRAFT

RELEASE



1 **Introductory Session**

October 30, 2007
Teachers and project artists will be invited to attend an orientation session about the project and to receive a FishKit.
Location TBD.

Information Graphics

Working with the biologist at MNR, the project leads will develop information graphics about the fish species and the Great Lakes ecosystem for the exhibition.

2 **Grade 4 Science HABITATS Module**

November to December
In the classroom, teachers lead students in research on fish species, focusing on morphology, habitat, history and cultural significance.

Stitch-a-Fish Workshop

Mid-November
Project artists, ICA artists, college students, senior volunteers and others will come together to share ideas and techniques on the crafting of the fish in preparation for the Fish Crafting workshops in January - March with the elementary students.

The workshop will take place at Harbourfront Center over a weekend (2 days).

Artists create fish

Project artists and ICA artists are invited to create their own fish to contribute to the exhibition.

Content for FishNet web site

Mid-January
Each school provides content about their fish species which is formatted and posted on the project web site by the FishNet team.

3 **Fish Crafting Workshops/ Harbourfront School Visits**

January, February or March
Students come to Harbourfront Centre for a 4 hour workshop (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) to craft the fish working with the project artists, ICA artists, HC artists, senior volunteers, teachers and college students to complete the crafting of the fish.

The Fish Crafting workshops are tied into the Harbourfront School Visits program.

FishNet web site is completed.
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Crafted Fish

Fish made by the students are sorted and organized for the exhibition.
Fish made by the textile artists are also collected.

4 **Harbourfront Exhibition**

May 2 - June 22, 2008
Fish made by the elementary students and all the artists are exhibited at the Harbourfront Centre York Quay gallery. The photographs of the children with their fish are also displayed along with the info graphics developed with MNR.

During the exhibit run, visitors can purchase a release license which functions as a donation to a Great Lakes charity. The donator is randomly assigned one of the fish from the exhibit which will be mailed to them after the exhibit closes.

Project Documentation

The project website is updated and all other project documentation is compiled. The exhibit will be professionally photographed.

Mailing of fish

All fish assigned during the release are packaged and mailed to individuals who made donations.

TDSB Schools

Each Toronto school will receive a set of fish depending on the final number released through donations.

Great Lakes Schools

40 schools located within the Great Lakes region will be sent a project kit and a sample fish to outreach to the larger Great Lakes community.

- Active participation of TDSB teachers and students
- Non-active participation
- Other project components

- HC - Harbourfront Centre
- TDSB - Toronto District School Board
- ICA - Inner City Angels
- MNR - Ministry of Natural Resources, Province of Ontario