Juneau Arts and Humanities Council – Juneau School District

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TEACHING ARTIST PROFILE and APPLICATION

Date of Application: **29 July 2016**

Artist Name: **Rhonda Jenkins-Gardinier**

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1. I am available to work/teach (check all that apply):

   _____ in 1-2 week residency period only ___x___ I am flexible and could work different times

   ___x__ I can work 1 day per week for a month or more ___x___ I could work part days, different times

2. Please describe your arts education and/or arts background.

   My formal education is a BA in English Literature, but 7 summers as a camp counselor, 5 years leading story and toddler times at the Juneau Public Libraries, and 12 years as a teacher at the Juneau Co-op Preschool has been my unofficial education in storytelling, music and art education. I also taught classes for two summers in beginning ukulele and stories,songs and dances at the Juneau Fine Arts Camp.

3. Which Art Forms are you interested in teaching, and how will you incorporate them into the classroom? Please list all, and indicate preferences if any. Also indicate what age children you prefer to work with.
   ***Example**: Music and Rhythm. Part dance, part counting, part singing, I use music to help children learn about mathematical patterns and music. This will address Alaska State Standards Art A and Math A.*
   ***Example**: I am a singer/musician. I have lesson plans that relate to math and counting for elementary age students, world folk songs which would augment World History or Geography for middle schoolers, or I could work with high school students to develop small jazz ensembles.*

   I am primarily a storyteller and am especially interested in folktales. I am interested in incorporating writing, art, science and social studies in the reading and acting out of traditional folktales and in the creation of original stories. I also play ukulele, sing and teach yoga, and enjoy incorporating these arts into my lessons.

4. What themes, concepts, and experiences do you want to share with students?

I am particularly interested in facilitating children's learning about their world through storytelling. The reading, creating and performing of stories is a great way to both construct and reinforce an understanding of any number of concepts in a fun and engaging way.

5. Please list or describe any prior teaching experiences you may have had (apart from residencies)

(See #2)

6. Why do you want to teach the arts in Juneau schools?
   I have recently retired from teaching preschool, but would like to continue working with children in the community with more of a focus on the arts.

7. Past Experience with Artist in the Schools residencies: (list all) None to Date: ___x___

8. Have you participated in the **Juneau Teaching Artist Academy series?**

_____ I have completed the series _____ I participated in some of the series __x__ No, not yet

9. Please list three references who could be contacted about your work and teaching experience. Include name, phone number and email address for each.

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10. Provide any additional comments or additions that might help illuminate your work or life as an artist.

Submission of Application

To submit this application, please email the following to Jen LaRoe at jen@jahc.org

- This completed application (required)
- A current resume (required)
- A photo and/or digital footage (optional)

** After submitting this application, your profile/application will be posted on the Juneau Arts & Humanities (JAHC) website and the Juneau School District (JSD) website, for viewing and consideration by schools. By submitting this application, you give your permission for this posting.

If you have any questions, contact:

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