

Each one teaches one or other art form

Art education groups have fallen on hard times. But JULIA KUKARD offers a guide to those that are surviving:

CENTRAL TO THE SPREADING of art education in Cape Town are the two stalwarts, the Community Arts Project and the Manenberg-based Sakhile. They have stood the test of time, but like the other organisations are experiencing a severe funding crisis.

The Community Arts Project (CAP) caters for adults and is based in Chapel Street, Woodstock.

Full-time students are required to teach in the community. In this way CAP spreads knowledge about art and provides access to art for children.

Sakhile teaches art to children and trains those interested in becoming art teachers. Their headquarters are at Manenberg People's Centre.

Workers from Sakhile teach at KTC school, Zolani Centre, Luyola School, Manenberg People's Centre and hold a weekly workshop at the library in Ceres. They have plans to teach at Brown's Farm as well.

Sakhile plays a vital role for children who live in these areas as many of them do not go to school until very late and have had no access to formal education, let alone art education.

The following community arts and resources centres are available to teach art:

● CAP can be contacted at tel 453689. It offers an 18-month full-time course and part-time courses which cost R40 for the employed but are reduced for the unemployed. CAP offers full bursaries for those who cannot pay.

It has facilities for painting, drawing, ceramics, ceramic sculpture, history of art, colour theory, theory of art and for creating murals.

● Zolani Centre next to the Nyanga East bus terminus caters for children only and provides free lessons from three in the afternoon. The Visual Arts Group and Sakhile provide teachers for this centre. Lessons include drawing and painting. The telephone number is 310202.

● Manenberg People's Centre teaches art to children and adults. Classes are run by Sakhile, for children and are held on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Lessons for adults are held every Thursday afternoon at 3pm by senior students from CAP. All lessons are free. The centre has facilities for painting, drawing and a darkroom for black and white photography. Those wishing to make posters, banners or other art work may hire the artroom. The centre is at 2A Scheldt Road, Manenberg, phone 6912200.

● Uluntu Centre, Guguletu NY108 gives free lessons every day for children from 2pm in painting and drawing. The telephone number is 6385123.

● Molo Songololo provides art facilities or workshops only on request.

The South African National Gallery offers access to art education, but as a government body is viewed in many communities as having no credibility. The telephone number is 451628



FACEMAKERS: A project organised by Molo Songololo at CAP in Woodstock.