

THE HUNTINGTON

Educator Professional Development Program Calendar
2024–2025



The Huntington's Land Acknowledgment

The Huntington exists on the ancestral lands of the Gabrielino-Tongva and Kizh Nation peoples who continue to call this region home. The Huntington respectfully acknowledges these Indigenous peoples as the traditional caretakers of this landscape, as the direct descendants of the first people. The Huntington recognizes their continued presence and is grateful to have the opportunity to work and learn on this land.

Our Educator Professional Development Mission

The Huntington offers transformative educator professional development experiences rooted in history, botany, and art. Educators learn through direct engagement with objects and plants using pedagogies of object-based learning and scientific inquiry, dedicated time spent with experts, and interaction with peers for collaborative learning.

The Calendar

This booklet contains The Huntington's calendar of educator professional development programs from August 2024 to June 2025. All programs require advance registration. For more information, email teachers@huntington.org. Please note: All dates and topics are subject to change.



Calendar at a Glance

Learn more about our educator professional development programs—Educator Open House, Evening for Educators, Saturday Workshop, and Virtual Curator Talk—in this booklet.

2024

AUG. 11: Educator Fall Kickoff

SEPT. 3: Virtual Office Hours

SEPT. 14: Saturday Workshop:
Examining Plants Up Close

SEPT. 19: Virtual Curator Talk: Plant Needs

OCT. 1: Virtual Office Hours

OCT. 12: Saturday Workshop:
California History

NOV. 5: Virtual Office Hours

NOV. 10: Educator Open House:
“Storm Cloud”

DEC. 3: Virtual Curator Talk:
“奪天工 Growing and Knowing in the
Gardens of China”

DEC. 10: Virtual Office Hours

2025

JAN. 7: Virtual Office Hours

JAN. 27: Evening for Educators (K–5):
Raqib Shaw

JAN. 29: Evening for Educators (6–12):
Raqib Shaw

FEB. 4: Virtual Office Hours

FEB. 8: Saturday Workshop:
Closely Looking at Landscapes

FEB. 18: Virtual Curator Talk: Betye Saar

MARCH 1: Saturday Workshop:
School Gardening with Roses

MARCH 4: Virtual Office Hours

APRIL 1: Virtual Office Hours

APRIL 5: Saturday Workshop: School
Gardening with Vegetables

APRIL 13: Educator Open House:
Shakespeare

APRIL 22: Virtual Curator Talk: Library
Science and Technology

MAY 5: Evening for Educators (K–5):
Mineo Mizuno

MAY 6: Virtual Office Hours

MAY 7: Evening for Educators (6–12):
Mineo Mizuno

JUNE 3: Virtual Office Hours

JUNE 14: Saturday Workshop: Mindfulness

Educator Open House

Immerse yourself in a half-day conference about a featured exhibition or garden. Engage with experts and discover strategies to help you integrate the content into your classroom. Connect with peers over lunch, then explore at your own pace. Drop by The Huntington's Second Sunday event for more activities aligned with the conference theme.

- Occurs on Sundays
- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- \$25 (includes admission and lunch)

Program Dates and Themes

Nov. 10 | “Storm Cloud: Picturing the Origins of Our Climate Crisis”

Journey back in time to everyday life in the 19th century and explore the impact of industrialization and globalization on our environment. Hear from curators about primary sources from the United States and Britain that highlight the rise of environmental awareness and how it connects to the current climate crisis. Ask the curators questions and explore related educational resources.

April 13, 2025 | Shakespeare

Celebrate National Poetry Month with this half-day conference all about William Shakespeare. Hear from curators, discover ways to incorporate the content into your classroom, and connect with peers over lunch. Stay after the workshop to explore the Shakespeare Garden, which has plants featured in his work.



Evening for Educators

Connect with other educators in person while exploring an exhibition after hours. Learn how to incorporate such engagement strategies as See-Think-Do to encourage close looking, participate in a related artmaking activity, and enjoy dinner. Separate workshops are available for educators of grades K–5 and 6–12.

- Occurs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- 5:30–8 p.m.
- \$10 (includes dinner)

Program Dates and Themes

Jan. 27, 2025 | Grades K–5 | Raqib Shaw

Jan. 29, 2025 | Grades 6–12 | Raqib Shaw

Raqib Shaw is known for his ornate works of art that are directly influenced by Old Master artists. Explore the intersections of the East and West through the artist's eyes in this after-hours workshop. Education staff will lead a guided viewing of key works in the exhibition using a See-Think-Do learning framework and a related artmaking activity that can be taken back to the classroom.

May 5, 2025 | Grades K–5 | Mineo Mizuno

May 7, 2025 | Grades 6–12 | Mineo Mizuno

Discover the powerful artworks of California-based Japanese American artist Mineo Mizuno, who highlights the intersections of nature, science, and art. In this after-hours workshop, explore Mizuno's new sculpture, *Homage to Nature*, which explores the fragility of Earth's ecosystem. Education staff will lead a guided viewing using a See-Think-Do learning framework and a related artmaking activity that can be taken back to the classroom.

Saturday Workshop

Take a deep dive into a featured topic with experts, engage in hands-on activities, and discover creative ways to apply your knowledge to your classroom teaching. Leave with a kit of materials you can take back to your class!

- Occurs on Saturdays
- 10 a.m.–3 p.m. (full day); 10 a.m.–noon (half day)
- \$40 (full day); \$20 (half day)

Program Dates and Themes

Sept. 14 | Examining Plants Up Close

Discover incredible things about the world of plants by looking closely. Learn engagement strategies to encourage your students to collect and interpret information about plants and their environment using a scientific inquiry framework. This is a half-day workshop.

Oct. 12 | California History

You've struck gold at The Huntington! From maps to photographs and documents, discover The Huntington's breadth of primary sources on California history. Led by Bill Deverell, founding director of the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, this workshop will focus on ways you can incorporate primary sources into your California history curriculum. This is a full-day workshop.

Feb. 8, 2025 | Closely Looking at Landscapes

Learn about the diverse ways in which the natural world inspires artists by closely looking at landscapes. Discover engagement strategies to encourage your students to think about landscapes and the intersections of nature and art using a See-Think-Do learning framework. This is a half-day workshop.

March 1, 2025 | School Gardening with Roses

Roses aren't just red! They are purple, yellow, and even multicolor. Learn about roses and discover practical tips to help you successfully grow them in your school garden from Andrew Lepore, the Career Technical Education agriculture teacher at North Hollywood High School. From planting timelines to pruning, Lepore will share his knowledge about school gardening with roses. This program is for educators with container and in-ground gardens, and it is designed for all gardening backgrounds and grade levels. This is a full-day workshop.

April 5, 2025 | School Gardening with Vegetables

Cabbage, carrots, and cucumbers—oh my! Discover the possibilities for school gardening with vegetables in this workshop. Andrew Lepore, the Career Technical Education agriculture teacher at North Hollywood High School, discusses when to plant vegetables and how students can get involved in the planting and harvesting process. This program is for educators with container and in-ground gardens, and it is designed for all gardening backgrounds and grade levels. This is a full-day workshop.

June 14, 2025 | Mindfulness

Mindfulness is an opportunity to slow down and focus attention on ourselves, a garden environment, or a work of art. Hear from Lilit Sadoyan of the Getty about the practice of mindfulness, and learn breathing and sensory exercises that you can use with your students to support art and socioemotional learning. This is a full-day workshop.



Virtual Curator Talk

Learn from a Huntington curator about how to integrate primary sources from our collections into your classroom in these one-hour Zoom programs. Each talk aligns with a school subject, such as literature, science, or art. Ask the curator questions and interact with other educators in the chat.

- Occurs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Times vary
- Free; advance registration required

Program Dates and Themes

Sept. 19 | Plant Needs | 6–7 p.m.

Join us for a virtual talk about what plants need to grow and thrive with Thomas Smith, manager of the Experiential and Teaching Gardens at The Huntington.

Dec. 3 | “*筹天工* Growing and Knowing in the Gardens of China” | 4:30–5:30 p.m.

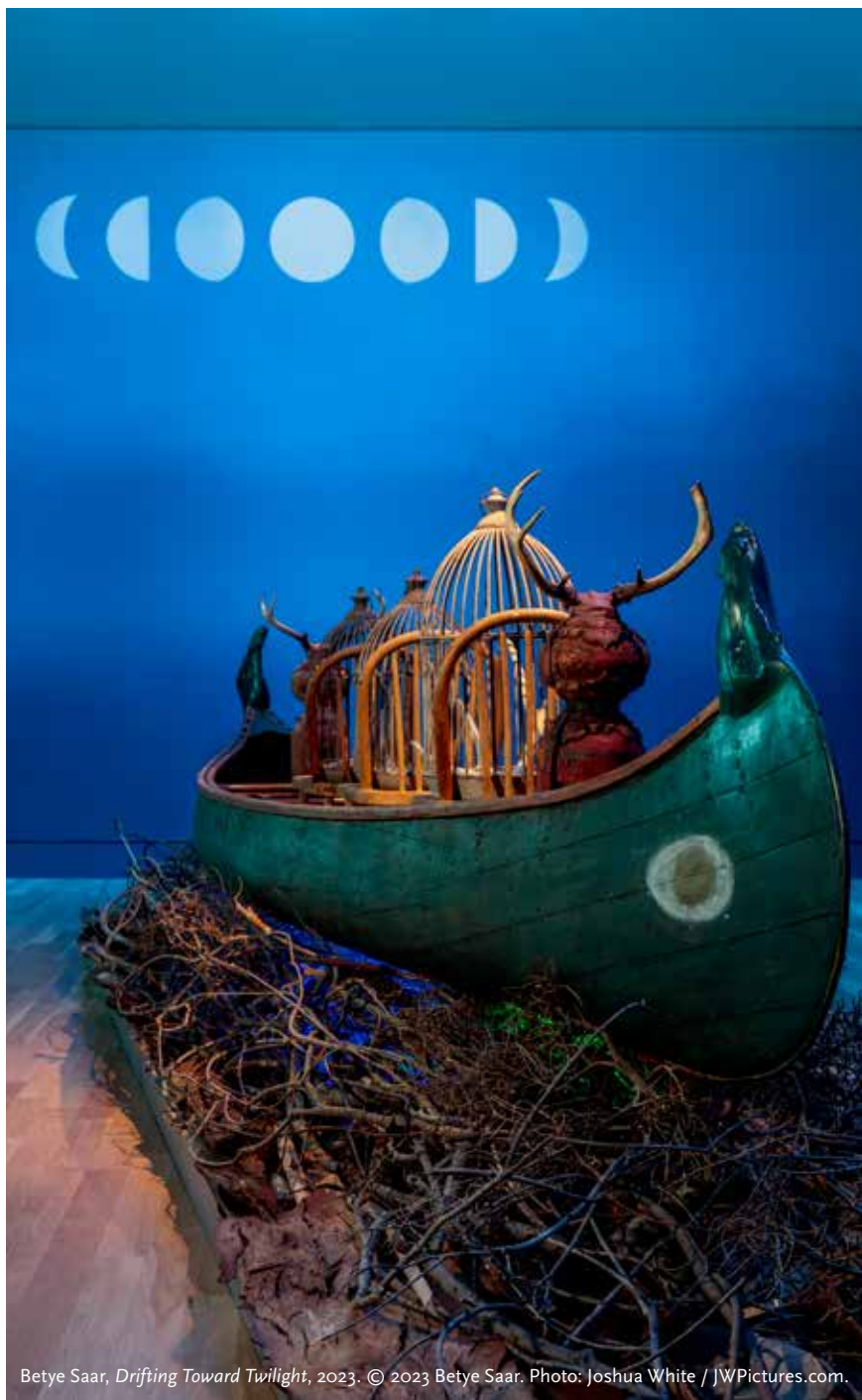
Explore the exhibition “Growing and Knowing in the Gardens of China” with curator Phillip Bloom. Journey back in time to the Ming and Qing dynasties, and discover how gardens were transformative spaces intended to delight, nourish, and inspire.

Feb. 18, 2025 | Betye Saar | 6–7 p.m.

Learn about Los Angeles–based artist Betye Saar and her recent installation at The Huntington, *Drifting Toward Twilight*. Hear from curator Yinshi Lerman-Tan about assemblage art and how Saar created this piece at The Huntington.

April 22, 2025 | Library Science and Technology | 6–7 p.m.

Discover the intersections of science and art with curator Dan Lewis. In this virtual talk, learn about primary sources in the Library collection that relate to science and technology, and discuss ways to incorporate the materials into your classroom.



Betye Saar, *Drifting Toward Twilight*, 2023. © 2023 Betye Saar. Photo: Joshua White / JWPictures.com.

Virtual Office Hours

Join monthly virtual drop-in sessions where you can ask questions and receive support about The Huntington's primary sources and programs. Join at any point during the session to learn how to find primary sources and fun activities that encourage hands-on creativity, troubleshoot lesson plans, and book school or educator programs.

- Occur on Tuesdays
- Times vary each month
- Free; advance registration required

Program Dates and Times

3:30–4:30 p.m.

- Sept. 3
- Dec. 10
- March 4, 2025
- June 3, 2025

4:30–5:30 p.m.

- Oct. 1
- Jan. 7, 2025
- April 1, 2025

5:30–6:30 p.m.

- Nov. 5
- Feb. 4, 2025
- May 6, 2025



NEW! Group Educator Orientation For Schools and District Coordinators

Organize a group educator workshop to get inspired by The Huntington's resources. Enjoy a one-hour overview of how to take advantage of our educator professional development programming, school programs, digital classroom resources, and tools for object-based learning. If your group is interested in a specific subject or primary source, the program can be extended by an hour for a customized experience. In-person and virtual options are available.

In-Person Workshop

- 10 to 60 educators
- Admission is included
- 1-hour workshop | \$150
- 2-hour tailor-made workshop | \$250

Online Workshop

- Unlimited capacity
- 1-hour workshop | free
- 2-hour tailor-made workshop | \$200

Dates are subject to availability. For inquiries and registration information, email teachers@huntington.org.

Check out our Digital Classroom Resources website
to discover standards-aligned materials, activities,
videos, and more!



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