



Division of Educational Services
Instructional Services

The Arts

THE HUNDRED *Dresses* Trunk Show

In 1941, a young librarian with a passion for storytelling crafted a children's classic novel that delved into prejudice, bullying, and empathy. *The Hundred Dresses*, penned by Eleanor Estes, narrates the poignant tale of Wanda Petronski, a little Polish girl who becomes the target of teasing from her classmates, led by Peggy and Maddie—the original mean girls.

The Hundred Dresses Trunk Show, a significant collaborative effort curated by Louisa Higgins, Riverside County Office of Education Arts Administrator, and Karen Riley, S.C.R.A.P. Gallery Executive Director, is not just an exhibit. It's a powerful testament to the role of art in nurturing kindness, inclusion, imagination, and creativity. This transformative journey beckons everyone to join. The exhibit will feature one hundred unique dress images crafted by a diverse collective of amateur and professional artists. It will embark on a tour across Riverside County in 2025.

We invite students, teachers, librarians, parents, and professional artists to contribute to the exhibit by submitting their own dress artworks. Selected dresses will be framed and part of this exclusive, traveling art show.

To support classroom teachers in embracing this project, we have 50 copies of the book to make available for classroom use. If you would like a free copy for your classroom, kindly send the request to Louisa Higgins at lhiggins@rcoe.us.

Also, if you would like to create dress collages with your students, you can request a free classroom set of materials and/or an in-person visit by artist and educator Karen Riley by emailing her at karen@scrapgallery.org

Parameters:

- Size – 5" x 7".
- Work must be on paper.
- Acceptable mediums: crayon, colored pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, or collage.
- Colorful, imaginative work, as well as use of recycled materials is strongly encouraged.

Dates to Remember:

- Monday, September 9, 2024
Announcement flyer goes out.
- Monday, November 11 – Friday, December 6, 2024
Submission Window.
- Monday, December 16, 2024
Announcement of 100 winners.

For additional information, please contact:

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Submissions accepted at these four locations:

S.C.R.A.P. Gallery
68743 Perez Road, D16
Cathedral City, CA 92234

**Riverside County Office of Education
Conference Center**
4280 Brockton Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501
Attn: Liliana Salazar, Instructional Services

**Riverside County Office of Education –
Indio**
47-110 Calhoun Street
Indio, CA 92201-6998
Attn: Louisa Higgins, Instructional Services

**Riverside County Office of Education –
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38670 Sky Canyon Drive, Suite 200
Murrieta, CA 92562
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