The American Visionary Art Museum invites you and your students to join us for a hands-on visionary experience. Tap into your creative energy, experiment with unconventional materials, and make extraordinary creations in our visionary classroom! Workshops are inspired by the artists featured in the permanent collection and the current exhibition *The Secret Life of Earth*, and give students an opportunity to explore their creativity in a new way.

**Beaded Beast**  
*Inspired by Johanna Burke*

Johanna Burke’s life-size, beaded and bedazzled primate installation featured in *The Secret Life of Earth* is hard to miss. Students will be challenged to practice different mosaic techniques to create a two-dimensional blinged-out monkey or tree.

Beaded Beast is recommended for all ages.

**One Makes the Difference**  
*Inspired by William A. Hall*

Inspired by William A. Hall’s fantastical landscapes, students will collaborate to recreate one of his drawings. The completed piece will be assembled at the end of the workshop for the group leader to take back and display at school.

One Makes the Difference is recommended for students in grades K through 6.

Teachers will indicate their workshop preference on their Group Visit Request form. Hands-on workshops are about 50 minutes long, and include a brief introduction to visionary art and the corresponding inspirational artist. Each participating student will complete a project to take home.
**STORY CLOTH**  
*Inspired by Esther Krinitz*

Esther Krinitz’s hand sewn tapestries depict her memories of survival during the Nazi invasion of Poland in the midst of The Holocaust. In this workshop, students will be asked to create their own story in fabric, no sewing required.

Story Cloth is recommended for students in grades 6 through 12. Educators will be emailed a pre-visit packet when booking this workshop to prepare students for the experience.

**IMAGINATION PORTRAITS**  
*Inspired by Gregory Warmack*

Back by popular demand, students will learn about the life and art of visionary artist Gregory Warmack, aka Mr. Imagination. Mr. Imagination is known for creating portraits out of everyday objects such as paintbrushes, brooms, and bottle caps. In this workshop, students will use Apoxie and 3D materials from our visionary treasure trove to transform ordinary paintbrushes into imaginative portraits.

Imagination Portraits workshop is recommended for students in grades K through 8.

**CREATE-A-CRITTER**

In *The Secret Life of Earth* exhibition, our visionary artists create new things by repurposing old materials: wood, recycled junk, plastic, and more. In this workshop, students will explore our "cool trash" to source parts for their own unique critter.

Create-a-Critter is only offered to students in grades 4 through 12 because hot glue is necessary to complete the project.

**MORE INFORMATION**

To arrange a group visit with a tour and/or workshop, contact Sara Pike at groupvisits@avam.org or 410-244-1900 x216.

Workshops are available Tuesday through Friday for groups of 10-60 students. Workshop times can be arranged to coincide with your tour of the exhibit. The cost for each workshop is $2 per student in addition to group admission price. Workshops and admission are FREE for Title 1 Schools. Teachers and chaperones must accompany students during their workshop. Visit AVAM.ORG for additional information.