



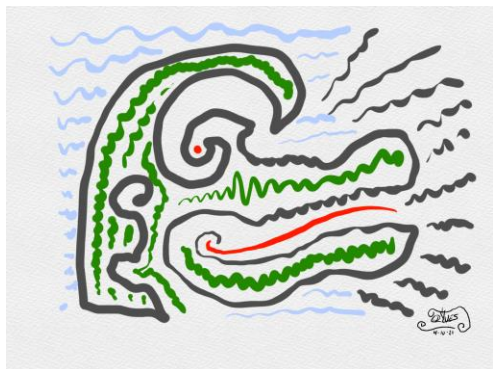
Thomas Graves, Teaching Artist ArtSeed Packet

BIO: Thomas Graves has a Commercial Arts degree and an Animation Associates degree from Collins College in Tempe, Arizona. While serving in the military, he worked as a cartoonist for the local newspaper in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has a passion for all forms of art and lives in San Francisco. Thomas loves volunteering for worthy causes and anything art-related is at the top of his list.

ArtSeed Statement: I have been involved with ArtSeed since fall 2020. The artists in this collective have inspired me to work with at-risk children. ArtSeed definitely benefits the community. Its focus on excellence supports important causes.

Thomas Graves animation:

https://youtube.com/watch?v=z4zDVNZNO_k&feature=share



Lesson #1:

Title: One-Line Zen Art

Date: 4/24/21

Time: 3-4 p.m.

Artist: Thomas Graves

Materials Prep: Pen or pencil plus any kind of paper.

Introduction/Goals: Use one line drawing to simplify the complex world around us. By trusting spontaneous instinct, eliminating interruptions, and fussy details, you will experience the freedom of the one-line drawing process.

Activity: Students will draw the first thing that comes to mind when pen or pencil touches paper and will not pick up pen or pencil until the drawing is done.

Vocabulary: Relaxation, minimalism

Closing: Towards the end of class, students can share their artwork, hear responses, and answer any questions.

Successes: Students will find that there is no wrong approach or outcome to an art project.

Challenges: It may be difficult to remember not to lift the pen or pencil.

California State Standards: PK.VA:Cn10: Explore the World using Descriptive & Expressive Words & Art-making

Relevant Artists and Related Material: Pablo Picasso, Natasha Billinger, Michelle Gemmeke

