



Dear Current and Prospective Members,

With school just around the corner and the lazy days of summer coming to an end, smART Families is excited to be planning a year of art adventures for your family. ***Van Gogh to Munch Picasso and Braque*** and ***Pasadena to Santa Barbara*** are just a few of the current and upcoming SBMA exhibitions that are inspiring our 2011-2012 calendar.

This year, smART Families “kicks-off” with an evening event for parents on Wednesday, October 5th from 6-8pm. Always a fun night, you will enjoy cocktails and hor d’oeuvres in the Museum, take in some fabulous art and hear more about our plans for the coming year. We have some interesting and exciting changes to our programming, and we look forward to sharing them with you. So, please mark your calendar and look for an electronic invitation to follow in September. We really hope you can join us!

As many of you know, smART Families’ mission is to integrate art into the lives of families and to support the greater art education outreach programs of the SBMA. In that spirit, we have enclosed a fun activity for you to enjoy in the Museum with your children. This Family Guide allows you to engage with each child, bringing the art to their level. It is one of the wonderful resources SBMA’s Education Department has put together for families. I hope you are able to visit the Museum and have fun with it!

Please enjoy the remaining days of summer. All my best to you and your families. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Deardorff". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Suzanne Deardorff
smART Families Steering Committee Chair

*If you are interested in joining smART Families or renewing your smART Families membership, please contact Julia McCornack at SBMA (805) 884-6427 today.