

Palmer Secondary School  
8160 St Albans Road  
Richmond, B.C.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

As teacher sponsor of the Multicultural Club at Palmer Secondary, I am pleased to recommend Joan Brander to the *Art Starts in Schools* Directory. This wonderful artisan specializes in Ukrainian egg painting or Pysanky as it is traditionally known.

Joan gave an after school workshop to a group of approximately 12 students and 5 teachers. The students ranged in ages from 10 - 17 years. Not only was she exceptionally organized, supplying all the necessary materials, but also her excellent lesson included a video, visuals aids and a well paced and informative discussion. In addition, Joan thoroughly explained safety issues, since the painting process involves the use of open candle flames.

Joan was truly sensitive to the needs of her audience, encouraging questions and creativity; participants were confident they could create a beautiful product under her wonderful tutelage. Our club was so pleased with the experience that Palmer School ran the workshop again as a professional development activity with Joan's cooperation (she supplied all materials and visuals).

Undoubtedly, *Art Starts in Schools* would benefit greatly from the addition of Joan Brander to its list of visiting artists. Her workshop is outstanding, helping to foster respect for diverse cultural traditions in a pluralistic society.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Coyle  
Teacher, Palmer School