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## MARGHANITA HUGHES

**Marghanita Hughes is an educator, artist, author, and illustrator, deeply committed to reuniting children with the natural world through art.**

Marghanita is the founder of “Educating the Heart with Nature Art,” an international nature art program that provides solutions for educators, parents, and organizations wishing to reconnect children with nature and encourage them to explore and celebrate their creativity.

Marghanita’s art projects focus on the interconnectedness we have with one another and all living things and can be integrated into any curriculum. She has also written and illustrated many children’s picture books and is a member of Artstarts.

*“I grew up in a home where art, nature, and books were the stuff of everyday life. My parents, both art teachers allowed me the freedom to roam wild and my young mind was free to wander, explore and discover in the beautiful country-side of Scotland. That sense of awe and wonder has never left me. It’s what drives me to explore more, not just in art and nature but in life itself. The more I discover and learn the more I wish to share. I believe if we inspire a love for nature in a child, it will lead to a desire to protect it.*

*My overwhelming goal is to nurture the Body, Mind, and Spirit in each child in my classes I teach and indirectly through the educators in my workshops.”*

Marghanita's mission: To return our children to Mother Earth and reawaken the awe and wonder in those of us who have forgotten. We have to give children the opportunity and freedom to go outside and explore, discover the magic Mother Nature has to offer, only then can they understand how precious it is.

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