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2009 LIVING TRADITIONS KIDS

Living Traditions Kids welcomes children ages 12 and younger to explore other cultures through traditional crafts. The activities are colorful and educational, resulting in handmade crafts that each child can take home. Local traditional artists teach the children the story behind the craft and show them how to create their own.

Living Traditions Kids is open on Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

ACTIVITIES AND ARTISTS

JAPANESE ORIGAMI – Judith Iwamoto

Making cranes, boxes and many other items by folding decorative paper, children learn the art of *origami*, an ancient Japanese tradition.

MEXICAN PAPER FLOWERS- Natalia Christensen

Using tissue paper, a staple in Mexican crafts, children learn the traditional skills of creating colorful paper flowers.

TONGAN SILA- Ana Vea

SILA is the coat of arms designed to express the country of Tonga's unity, after many years of a nation divided among three kingships. Each symbol holds a piece of Tonga's history and lively culture. Inspired by original designs of Tonga's coat of arms, children can create and illustrate their own.

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