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RESULTS OF NEW EXPERIMENTS SHOWN AT MUSEUM

The results of a new experiment during which young children and their parents have worked together on art projects will be shown in an exhibition entitled CREATIVE WORK BY PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN on view in the Young People's Gallery of the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, from June 7 through July 2.

The art to be exhibited will include paintings; clay sculpture; collages; constructions of shells, driftwood and other materials; mobiles; masks; and kites. They were made by children from 3 to 5 years old and their parents in a class at the People's Art Center.

The class was given this year for the first time at the request of parents who were interested in developing their children's creative interests and who felt the need of the practical experience of working with art materials themselves.

The children and parents were "exposed" to the same materials, but each was encouraged to work in his own way. After an initial period of self consciousness, both adults and children achieved enough confidence to offer and take constructive comments from each other. Children made "workable" suggestions to their parents, and parents commented on their children's work without competing or dictating, according to Mrs. Moreen Maser, instructor of the class.

Victor D'Amico, Director of the Education Department of the Museum says:

"The experiment not only achieved its purpose in bringing out a greater understanding of the importance of creative activity in children and how parents can best encourage its growth, but many parents also decided that they now want to pursue art for their own personal pleasure and satisfaction."