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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Join hundreds of children and their families at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, Virginia, from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, for Art Safari, an event combining artistic expression and Earth science.

This year, for the first time, scientists affiliated with the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) will work alongside Torpedo Factory artists to help participants understand and appreciate the interplay of art and Earth system science.

Resident and visiting artists will work with geoscientists to lead young visitors in several hands-on creative projects across a variety of media, including clay, papier-mâché, printmaking, and feet painting. Children should wear clothing that can get dirty. All activities are free and most appropriate for children ages 5-11, with some activities requiring parental assistance.

Art Safari takes place on the eve of AGI's Earth Science Week (October 14-20), an event reaching more than 50 million people worldwide. "Earth as Inspiration" is not only the theme of Earth Science Week 2018, which offers free education resources, information, and activities on earth science and art. "Earth as Inspiration" also is the name of the film series and public awareness campaign currently led by AGI Earth Science Education Ambassador Sally Jewell, former U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

For more information, visit <http://torpedofactory.org/event/23rd-annual-art-safari/>, email torpedofactory@alexandriava.gov or call 703.746.4570. Torpedo Factory Art Center is located at 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of 52 scientific and professional associations that represents more than a quarter-million geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides geoscientists with access to scholarly information, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and health of the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

The American Geosciences Institute represents and serves the geoscience community by providing collaborative leadership and information to connect Earth, science, and people.

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