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## Little Laguna Artists



### Kids Candlemaking in the Canyon

To celebrate the start of fall – and the season’s longer nights – we took a fierce foursome of kiddos for some paraffin fun to **Pure Light** in Laguna Beach: a chic boutique and create-your-own candle studio. Our gang’s eyes lit up as they received an open invite to get their hands into everything at this little-known spot in the canyon, where, in the words of Picasso, “Every child is an artist.”

At Pure Light, ages four and up are welcomed to chip away and let their imaginations play at the art of candlemaking. Start by picking your candle shape and then it’s on to the wall of aromas to pick your fragrance. With 30 scents to sample—from Mango Papaya and Moonlight Path to Hotcakes and Wild Raspberry – you’ll be hard-pressed to choose. Next stop is a Willy Wonka-sized apothecary chest with 50 drawers of charms and decorative embellishments to add inspired design to your wax wonder. Finally, you select your wax color blocks...and create!

We could see the wheels spinning as our little artistes decided what colors to put where, when to add their seashells, how big to chip their wax chunks and where to put the final accents. One raced to the finish, two were strong and steady and the fourth took her own sweet time. It was a kick to watch the kids create and they beamed when presented their poured, then cooled (after an hour or so), wax wonders.

“Next time, let’s make one for Daddy’s birthday,” little Emy said. The candles, in fact, do make great “art-with-heart” gifts for family, friends and teachers. Moms may also like to know that Pure Light hosts kids’ birthday parties—an afternoon of candlemaking complete with a catered feast under a bamboo lanai. A visit to Pure Light is a great Moms’ Night Out, too: shop, create, and sip your favorite vino.

Every year, Pure Light hosts an annual Kids Holiday Event - a week of clever crafts and candlemaking. This year, it runs December 13-20. Stop in and meet owner Judy Kelly, who holds kids close to her heart. She started the store as a tribute to her son, Tyeson, who passed away two years ago. “Tyeson was a really creative kid, and I wanted to embrace that, as well as create a space where people of all ages could spend quality time and discover the special gifts that each of us has been given,” she says.

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