



# nimbus news brief

## 2021 FALL/WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

### The Art of Persistence

**Strength, endurance, commitment, resolve, purpose — all elements of persistence** — were features of the past year for all of us. By providing support, encouragement, and participation, our community enabled us to persist. Maintaining and sustaining Nimbus Arts as a community asset and resource kept us going. The resolve and strength of our community was mirrored by our resilient and creative working artists and staff whose own persistence was on display as they created new art programs and enabled us to deliver important and engaging art programs and activities to people of all ages at a time when they were most needed. **Thank you.**



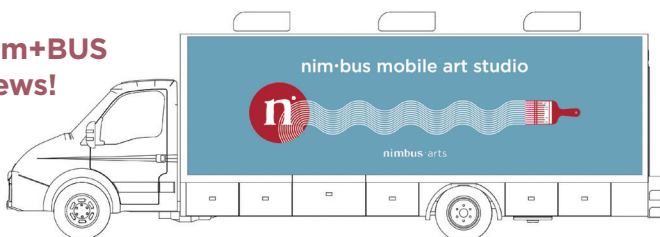
### Bravo NIMBASH 2021 and Save the Date for NIMBASH 2022!



**NIMBASH** returned on September 11, 2021, with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Following COVID-safe protocols, the in-person event wowed over 400 art lovers and patrons. Held for the first time at the beautiful Charles Krug Winery, NIMBASH raised over \$750,000 to support Nimbus Arts programs, art scholarships and financial aid, and delivered more than \$149,566 in wages & commissions to our esteemed local

working artists. This year's "off-cycle" NIMBASH will be followed by NIMBASH 2022 on May 28th – so **Save the Date!**

### Nim+BUS News!



Launching **Nim+BUS** took a big step ahead recently. Nimbus Arts is reviewing design specifications and program requirements with a leading manufacturer of customized activity vehicles. The result will be a complete design, production schedule and budget. While we've raised funds to complete design development and start work on Nim+BUS, we still need support to complete and activate our studio-on-wheels. Launching Nim+BUS will extend the community-building benefits of artmaking across Napa County. We'll bring Nim+BUS to schools, community gatherings, festivals, and events far and wide, and Nim+BUS will strengthen our mission to make art accessible and available to people of all ages and ability levels.

### Our Free Fall Community Events

For the **Nimbus Arts Floating Pumpkin Exhibit** at Farmstead, 200 pumpkins sponsored by Long Meadow Ranch were acquired from St. Helena High School's FFA program and carved by families across Napa Valley. Then they were all put on display in the Farmstead demonstration garden from October 29-31 to be enjoyed by both diners and visitors! We are grateful to Long Meadow Ranch for allowing us to use their beautiful garden and for sponsoring the 200 community pumpkins.



Nimbus Arts presented **"Perch and Ponder: Owls of Remembrance,"** a Día de los Muertos Community Art Installation



celebrating the iconic owl. Over 100 free owl kits were distributed and completed by community members of all ages. The art installation was displayed for two weeks from October 25-November 7 in downtown St. Helena. This festive community art installation was generously sponsored by the City of St. Helena and the Arts Council Napa Valley. We are deeply thankful for their generosity

and for the generous construction support from Walker Building Co. and a special thank you to Laura Rombauer and Vintage Home for the exterior display space.

Our **13th annual Día de Los Muertos Celebration**, produced in conjunction with our longtime partner, The UpValley Family Centers, returned to the Upper Valley Campus of Napa Valley College, on Sunday, October 31. Hundreds of local families celebrated Mexican-American heritage and culture through art, folkloric dance, family and community-made altars, music, food and great family-focused activities. Nimbus Arts created and distributed 250 free cultural art kits to the community at the event.



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## Happy! Happy!!, Joy! Joy!

The Joyous Season is here, and Nimbus is going all out for our most festive and fun time of the year! Our **Gift & Master Artist camps** returned! We brought on the JOY with creativity and passion as campers created orig-

inal, inspiring, and uplifting holiday gifts, and artwork. Nimbus Arts helped light up the town of Calistoga with community art to support and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the beloved **Calistoga Lighted Tractor Parade!** The festive and fun installation was installed by Walker Building Co. and located at Dr. Wilkinson's Resort's wall on the corner of Fair Way and Lincoln Ave. in downtown Calistoga; we are deeply thankful for their support.

On December 4-5, our **Winter Open House** welcomed art lovers from across the community and visitors from around the world to the Nimbus studios. Kids of all ages joined our wonderful wintery art challenge, and their creativity was on full display as we exhibited the artworks for all to admire. Nimbus artists conducted demonstrations and workshops ranging from pottery painting and holiday ornament making to hand-printed holiday cards — and beautiful, original artworks created by local artists were offered for sale.

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## Napa County Court & Community School Program resumes

Instruction for our Fine & Industrial Art program for historically underserved youth in the Napa County Court & Community School launched November 1 at their newly constructed Napa campus. Led by Nimbus artists, these art classes span many media and



serve as an outlet for self-expression, creativity, and build skills that can lead to a career. Additional Court & Community instruction at the Nimbus Studios in St. Helena will start up again in January 2022 for ceramics and metal arts.

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## Under Construction this Spring: A Demonstration Pollinator Garden at Nimbus!



Nimbus Arts will be buzzing — literally — when our demonstration pollinator garden behind our studios gets underway this spring. Specialized planting beds will encourage pollinator communities to grow and prosper, and this means we're supporting a vital link in our agricultural community. We're also helping ensure that food crops are productive and bountiful. Our pollinators will be buzzing, fluttering and singing our praises amongst the burgeoning habitat being created. We need more busy bees (and birds and butterflies) from our community to chip in and help us stimulate and grow our pollinator demonstration garden for populations across Napa Valley. Watch for more information about how you can help, both with our garden and/or yours!

## Hundreds of Hands™ #012; Wellness Wednesdays

Wellness Wednesdays will launch in Winter 2022. Join artists of all ages and ability levels from across our community one Wednesday each month in Nimbus Arts Studio 2 for an evening of community artmaking led by talented Nimbus artist-instructors. Making art together is a great way to strengthen the bonds of friendship, forge new relationships, and a great way to enliven and beautify our community. Some of the projects created in these workshops will be combined into a large-scale community art installation. The completed artwork will celebrate the creativity and strength of our community.



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## Nimbus Artist Profile: Mary Miroglio

Making finance and administration a true art form, Mary Miroglio has supported the Nimbus Arts family for more than a decade. The New Year brings a fresh canvas and a new vision for Mary as she enters a well-earned **retirement**. We are deeply thankful for



all Mary has done for Nimbus — from heroic efforts at NIMBASH, managing everything from ticket and table sales to vendor coordination and live and silent auction administration, to managing our ever-more complex accounting and payroll as we've grown. Her tireless work through the pandemic was essential for us to keep Nimbus operating and engaging with our community, and her quick pivot to managing government grants and loans ensured that our working artists were sustained through even the darkest moments. Mary has been a guiding light at Nimbus, and she's irreplaceable; we are grateful for all she's done as part of the Nimbus team and are thankful she'll always remain part of the Nimbus family. ❤️

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## We love our Leadership Circle & Donors

Leadership Circle is the highest donor level offered by Nimbus Arts and is vitally important to the organization's operation and mission. Commitments to the Leadership Circle are multi-year, enabling Nimbus Arts to more effectively designate funds to specific areas of need or opportunity. Leadership Circle donations amplify and expand the impact of other grants, gifts and donations, helping Nimbus make the most of the generosity and support of our community.

**Thank you!**



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