



nimbus news brief

2017 FALL/WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

Hundreds of Hands™ #004, Dragon Imagination Station Completed, Dedicated



Hear our mythical mosaic ROAR! This dragon mosaic bench is the centerpiece of the "Dragon Imagination Station," our latest Hundreds of Hands™

community art installation. It is part of the ongoing revitalization of a new outdoor classroom and art activity space at St. Helena Elementary School. Already in use, the installation was unveiled and dedicated at the St. Helena Harvest Festival on November 4, 2017.

The Dragon Imagination Station features a massive 50+ foot LEED-standard built mosaic bench, and its creation brought together hundreds of community members, students and volunteers. The colorful dragon motif honors the school's mascot and enlivens a prominent corner of St. Helena. The space will be used by students during school hours and will be programmed with community art activities by Nimbus Arts at other times.

With a cost of nearly \$19,000, creation of the Dragon Imagination Station was made possible through a nonprofit grant from the City of St. Helena, matching funds from the Rudd Family Foundation, and community donations from Nimbus Arts supporters. Hundreds of children, teens, adults, and seniors pieced together mosaic sections and emblems at community events, art workshops, and gatherings. Visit napavalleyregister.com to view *St. Helena Star's* coverage of the dedication provides additional information and photos of the project.

Stop by and check it out today at the corner of Adams and Oak Street in St. Helena!

Nimbus Arts Responds - Community Art Outreach to Families Impacted by Wildfires

The generosity and compassion exhibited across wine country following the wildfires provided further proof of our community's strength and resilience. It took no time at all for Nimbus to rally our team of artists who were eager to get their hands into the community offering creative "relief" through art activities at the Napa and American Canyon Boys and Girls Clubs to over 380



children displaced by the wildfire school closures. Hundreds of families were served through this urgently needed and spontaneous program, and it was also a very healing moment for the Nimbus Arts team, helping us get art back to work!

See a brief video of this effort here:
vimeo.com/243375443

Our Community is at the Heart of every Hundreds of Hands™ Project Design

Nimbus will launch its next Hundreds of Hands™ Project: #005 to honor, connect, and bring healing and empowering art activities to the communities of Napa and Sonoma Counties.

Over this past year we have developed collaborative projects as part of our Healthy Communities initiative with partners throughout Napa County, including St. Helena Hospital's Blue Zones Project and Queen of the Valley Hospital's VIA Heart Program.

Now, our goal is to broaden our project's reach into some of the areas most affected by the recent wildfires in Napa and Sonoma County through our Heart Quilt Mosaic project. This dual-county initiative relies on identifying and including partners throughout Napa and Sonoma Counties, such as the UpValley Family Center and other service and relief organizations.



Our artist-designed mosaic "heart quilt" will be created by the community at gatherings that will serve to bring us together to connect, heal, and celebrate the beauty and spirit that exists here. The community-made mosaic

elements produced at the events will be assembled into large-scale sculptural works to be installed in locations in Napa and Sonoma Counties where fire damage was most severe. The installations will serve as a reminder of the changes and challenges caused by the Valley fires and the strength, resilience, and fortitude of our community.

"We believe the arts are a powerful force, and together we will create works of enormous consequence and meaning." Jamie Graff, Executive Director.

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Look for these upcoming free community activities in 2018!

By contributing to Nimbus Arts now, you will be supporting our new dual-county Healthy Communities Heart Quilt project.

GIVE TO HUNDREDS OF HANDS TODAY!

Visit www.nimbusarts.org to make your donation.

Expanding Our Art Education Partnership: Educating and Mentoring At-Risk Youth

"Art improves lives." That's the simple belief we hold that guides our mission. We see validation of this belief in Nimbus Arts' Court & Community Schools art program, provided in conjunction with the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE), and supported by Festival Napa Valley donor funds to the NCOE offices. Expanding this program to serve more young people is a priority for Nimbus Arts.

The program serves middle through high school age students who've been truant or expelled from other schools, or end up in the criminal justice system. The students face significant social, economic and emotional challenges during a very important growth and development phase. In our program, the students gain valuable art and life skills through mentoring and education from Nimbus Arts instructors. As the students experience the freedom of creativity and self-expression, the transformative nature of art serves as a powerful tool to help them see themselves differently and offers a different way of connecting to the world around them.

Starting in the spring of 2016 with 50 students, we now serve more than 175 students including young people within Napa County Juvenile Hall, and the newly added Palisades Continuation School in Calistoga. This program is funded through the Napa County Office of Education, the Nimbus Arts Leadership Circle, and through individual donations, large and small, from our Nimbus Arts community.

Collectors Café Returns



Enjoy a glass of wine as you explore the world of art. The Collectors Café delivers a series of intimate salon-style evenings with leading artists and art historians. The lectures and salon-style discussions provide an in-depth review of a specific body of work, style, or medium. Meant to educate and stimulate, the group engagement and discussion through the evening deepens understanding and explores the subtlety and nuance of each topic area.

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We kicked-off our renewed Collectors Café on Thursday, November 16, with "The Language of Photography" led by the distinguished and erudite Matthew Baum.

Look for more Collectors Café programs in 2018, including minimum fee bi-monthly Figure Drawing salons open to all!

NIMBASH 2018: Save the Date!



Mark your calendars now for the 9th annual NIMBASH "Arty-Party" and Auction, which will be held on **Saturday, May 12, 2018.**

Purchase your tickets now:

<https://nimbash2018.eventbrite.com>

Become a sponsor today:

https://www.nimbusarts.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NimbashSponsorInfo_2018.pdf

Auction opportunities:

<https://www.nimbusarts.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NIMBASH2018-DonationPacket.pdf>

Our 2016 Annual Report Released

Visit nimbusarts.org and check out our just-published 2016 Annual Report. It's been another year of growth and accomplishment for Nimbus Arts as we deliver art education and activities to even more children, teens, adults, and seniors across the Napa Valley!

New Grant enables Nimbus to offer arts programming in Napa!

We are delighted to announce that Nimbus Arts recently received the Wandering Rose Venue Project Grant from Arts Council Napa Valley for \$4,900. These funds will be used to explore the potential for Nimbus South art programs by offering free public art activities in 4 locations in the city of Napa in 2018!

We love our Leadership Circle



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 the Nimbus Arts to more effectively designate funds to specific areas of need or opportunity. Thank you!

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