



# nimbus news brief

## 2017 SPRING/SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

### **We are on Cloud Nine! NIMBASH 2017 raised a record \$400,000!**



NIMBASH 2017 featured Street Art and offered a unique blend of art activities, amazing local food and wines, silent and live auctions, and a zany

recycled fashion show. Always a sellout, we delighted more than 350 guests and hit a new record for funds raised! We are gratified and overjoyed by this generous show of support, and are especially pleased that more than \$90,000 of our proceeds were paid directly to local and supporting artists through commissions and wages.

NIMBASH has become the Napa Valley's "Art-Party" and top community event, bringing together artists, collectors, philanthropists, volunteers, and community members from across the Napa Valley and beyond. NIMBASH demonstrates and celebrates our commitment to art, and provides significant funding for our education and community art programs, general operations, and scholarships for classes and camps.



Thank you to all the donors, sponsors, volunteers and attendees who made it all possible.

Read more about NIMBASH 2017 in the St. Helena Star, <https://www.nimbusarts.org/press>

Please mark your calendar and join us for NIMBASH 2018, **Saturday, May 12, 2018!**

### **Advancing Our Mission: Working with Students at Napa County Court & Community Schools**

Nimbus Arts and Napa County Court & Community Schools significantly expanded our art education and mentoring program this academic year! With more than 150 students participating throughout the 2016-17 academic year, and 50 students during the Spring 2017 session alone, our program augments the educational needs of students who are under the protection or authority of the juvenile court system. Working with and learning from Nimbus Art instructors, students are introduced to art as a tool for self-expression and self-determination.

The program's Director Caroline Wilson, says, *"...our students tell us being at Nimbus makes them feel capable, empowered, and creative, and that art activates a richer sense of purpose and meaning."*



This spring the program also expanded to include weekly art classes at the Napa County Juvenile Hall. The impact of the program has been incredibly rewarding to all involved and has

helped meet the Nimbus Art mission to bring art into areas of our community that can be elevated and empowered by creativity.

A final note, Nimbus Arts' teacher and artist David Massaro was tapped as this year's commencement speaker for the graduation ceremony of students

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in the Court and Community Schools. Many of the graduates were also participants in the Nimbus Arts program in St. Helena and learned metalworking and welding from David.

We can only continue to deliver these import programs that broadly and directly benefit our community through your support. Please GIVE to Nimbus Arts today!

Read more about our partnership in the St. Helena Star, <https://www.nimbusarts.org/press>

## Don't Pass This Up! Join fellow ArtPass Holders today

Combining community and creativity in our exciting new mosaic and glass arts studio, ArtPass continues to grow and bring art lovers together. After completing a short introductory class, and paying a modest monthly fee, ArtPass holders enjoy full access to our glass and mosaic studio. It's a chance to have access to all the tools, equipment, space, and inspiration you'll need to release your creativity!

Our first ArtPass holder, Dianne Martinez, says, *"Everyone at Nimbus is friendly, accommodating and supportive. It is a nurturing environment where I feel comfortable at work with my new creations and benefit being surrounded by such talented people and their positive energy. I am truly a happy camper!"*

For more information on our ArtPass program, please visit [nimbusarts.org](http://nimbusarts.org) or contact Sandra Cruz at 707.963.5278.

## Nimbus Arts in the NEWS!

The *North Bay Bohemian* featured Nimbus Arts in its May 2017 edition; Cloud Cover' its cover story!

You can read the full article here:  
<https://www.bohemian.com/northbay/cloud-cover/Content?oid=3497429>

## 'Hundreds of Hands' Our 4th public art installation comes to life this fall!

Community art is central to Nimbus Arts' mission; our current "Hundreds of Hands" community art initiative is transforming a prominent but underused part of the grounds of St. Helena Elementary School into the "Creativity Corner!" Located at the corner of Adams and Oak Street, the "Creativity Corner" will serve as an art education and activity space for students and the community.

Over 150 volunteers participated in our free mosaic workshops over the last 6 months and fabricated a meandering dragon mosaic that will be featured in



the central design element, a massive bench and table. The dragon motif celebrates

St. Helena Elementary School's mascot and the multicultural mythology of dragons.

Thank you to the City of St. Helena, the Rudd Foundation, and community donors for their support of the "Creativity Corner." Please GIVE today and support our "Hundreds of Hands" initiative, igniting artistic expression across the Napa Valley!

Please join Nimbus Arts at the Harvest Festival, **Saturday, October 21, 2017**, for the grand unveiling of the Dragon Mosaic Bench.



Nimbus Arts is dedicated to fostering **creative** expression, nurturing **curiosity**, and building a sense of **community**.

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