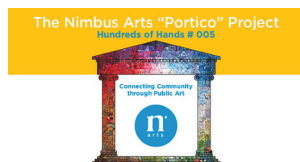




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2018 FALL/WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

A Door Opens: Hundreds of Hands™ #005, Community Mosaic Porticos



The Community Mosaic Porticos is our fifth Hundreds of Hands™ project. Mosaic elements made throughout our community will be combined to create massive porticos adorned with mosaics inspired by millefiori and passacaglia quilt patterns. These doorways will be installed in St. Helena and on the Adventist Health Hospital grounds and will celebrate our community connections, health, healing, and hope for the future.



Nimbus Arts' Hundreds of Hands program brings together people from across our community to make art at free public events, workshops, and classes. The artwork is assembled into large scale public installations, serving to beautify and enliven our

community and as a visual testament to the bonds forged through the shared language of art.

Please join us in January-March 2019 for free mosaic community workshops!

GIVE TO HUNDREDS OF HANDS TODAY!

Visit nimbusarts.org to make you donation.

California Arts Council funds expanded Nimbus Arts At-Risk Youth Arts Education Program and Teaching-Artist Training

Nimbus Arts' Juvenile Court & Community Schools art program, provided in conjunction with the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE), serves middle through high school age students who've been truant or expelled from other schools, or end up in the criminal justice system. Students gain valuable art and life skills through mentoring and education from Nimbus Arts instructors.

Funded through a California Arts Council grant, Nimbus artists and staff took part in a comprehensive training and education program focused on educating this constituency of at-risk students. The training, conducted over a three-month period, equipped the Nimbus team with more tools to connect with the students and deepen the impact of the art instruction delivered. The grant is also funding arts education for incarcerated teens.



The Nimbus Arts Juvenile Court and Community Schools program is funded through the Napa County Office of Education, the Nimbus Arts Leadership Circle, the California Art Council's Jump StARTS

grant program, and through individual donations, large and small, from our Nimbus Arts community.

Time to Upgrade! Nimbus Arts Open (+ Expanded) House! Studio 1 + Studio 2 + Studio 3

Nimbus Arts unveiled its new and upgraded studio space to its supporters and the community at a festive and energetic open house on Saturday, November 17. More than 250 people of all ages joined Nimbus artists, staff, and board members to tour and experience two new Main Street studios dedicated to metalwork, ceramics, printmaking, and more. The original Nimbus Arts studio has been improved with a dedicated mosaic studio, general instruction and activity space, and upgraded office space.

Art activities during the open house spanned all three studios and guests also enjoyed the Hands on Fire Ceramic sale, offering the work of Nimbus ceramics teachers and students.



3,000 square feet of new, specialized studio space allows us to expand the number and frequency of Nimbus Arts classes and workshops, providing more employment opportunities for working artists from across our community.

Nimbus is now fully equipped for private events and gatherings like corporate team building events, birthday parties, and seasonal celebrations. The studio expansion and upgrades were funded through the 2018 NIMBASH Fund-a-Need and donations from generous Nimbus supporters.

If you didn't make it to the open house, please stop in and check out the upgraded and expanded studios!

Nimbus Artist Profile: Joseph Close

We are so pleased to introduce our new metal arts artist-instructor, Joseph Carl Close. Joseph works closely with the Court and Community students, and also teaches a variety of Nimbus Arts metal arts and sculpture classes to our community.



Joseph is an artist with wide-ranging artistic skills and experience. He's spent more than 20 years immersed in a variety of creative disciplines ranging from oil painting to hand-blown glass to steel sculpture, primarily in Ohio.

Earlier this year, Joseph moved to St. Helena and joined the Ehlers Society, a local art collective founded by Mercedes and Melissa Baker. Nimbus Arts provides a

way for Joseph to work as an artist and teacher, helping keep the arts alive and well in our community.

Our 2017 Annual Report Released

Visit nimbusarts.org and check out our just-published 2017 Annual Report. The report details our recent growth and accomplishments; it outlines our future ambitions as well. Inside you'll learn about our expanded Court and Community Schools program, our community-serving Hundreds of Hands initiative, and how our community comes together to celebrate art by supporting our work. Each year, Nimbus Arts continues to deliver art education and activities to even more children, teens, adults, and seniors across the Napa Valley!

NIMBASH 2019: Save the Date!



Mark your calendars now for the 10th annual NIMBASH "Arty-Party" and Auction. This always-sold-out event will be held on **Saturday, May 18, 2019**. Look for additional

information on NIMBASH 2019 in upcoming announcements or visit our website to learn more. Tickets go on sale January 15, 2019.

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, Thank you, Thank you!

Festive and Fun! Holiday Classes and Camps

The holiday season is upon us and Nimbus is spreading the cheer with a full slate of classes, camps and workshops for people of all ages and interests. Look for details and registration information on our website.

Endangered White Rhino Featured at Día de los Muertos

Returning to Napa Valley College Upper Valley Campus on October 28, our annual Día de los Muertos - now in its 11th year - hosted hundreds of community members from St. Helena and across the Napa Valley. Featuring altars honoring deceased loved ones, traditional arts and crafts, folkloric music and dance, and homemade Mexican cuisine, the event is co-produced with the UpValley Family Center.



Nimbus Arts provided day-long art activities for people of all ages and exhibited a massive altar featuring the endangered and nearly extinct white rhino. Art students at several elementary and middle

schools in the Napa Valley worked with Nimbus artists Anne Pentland and David Garden, with the support and involvement of RLS teacher Kendra Kelperis and SHHS teacher Sylvia Seyve, to craft the altar and a life-like, four-foot tall white rhino sculpture. Día de los Muertos exemplifies our work in local schools and underscores our commitment to art education for young people.

Launch of our New Website

Our new website has launched! We've upgraded and improved our website to make it more informative and useful; online registration is much easier. The upgrade and redesign were made possible through a capacity building grant from Napa County Arts & Culture Advisory Committee.

Inspiring Creativity and Stimulating Learning...from our Private Classes



"Through my classes and teachers at Nimbus, I understand what was in the mind of the artist and how it was made. This helps me express my own ideas through art. My art teacher, Nick, shares his own life experiences and this inspires me to work toward my goal of becoming an architect."

I love Nimbus!" - Danny Reidy (age 11)

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