



# nimbus news brief

## 2018 SPRING/SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

### **NIMBASH 2018: Wanderlust sets new mark for support of Napa Valley community art**

The theme of NIMBASH 2018, Wanderlust, challenged guests to explore new artistic horizons. Through a magical



and energetic evening of interactive art, music, style, and design, more than 350 art lovers brought the event to a new level. Nearly \$500,000 was

raised with more than \$117,000 directed to our fund-a-need!

NIMBASH supports art and artists across our community in so many ways. Dozens of artists are contracted and paid to design, construct, and animate the NIMBASH event. Others provide their art and receive a commission for its sale in our live and silent auctions. Our Penny Gallery and special art offerings provide income for more local artists. The money raised at NIMBASH supports community art events and scholarships for classes, camps, and workshops that are led by our artist-instructors.

Nimbus Arts relies on NIMBASH as its primary annual fundraiser. The record-setting result achieved this year, made possible through the generosity of people from throughout our community and across the country, means that our mission to make art accessible and available across the Napa Valley will advance and expand. We are deeply grateful to our artists, guests, volunteers and dedicated team who make NIMBASH one of the most exciting and anticipated events each year.

Read more about NIMBASH 2018 in the St. Helena Star, [www.nimbusarts.org/press](http://www.nimbusarts.org/press) (St. Helena Star, May 17, 2018)

### **Summer Camps - The Best Summer Ever!**

The always-popular Nimbus Arts summer camps are filling up fast! Designed for children between 6 and 14, our one-of-a-kind camps are created to inspire the



2017 Calistoga 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

imagination and fire up artsy inspiration! Developed and taught by our professional artist team, we provide

students exposure to a wide variety of art media. Projects are tailored to match the skills and interests of the young artists and reveal a wide variety of multidisciplinary topics. Some of our summer 2018 favorites include the always-popular parade float design and construction camp where campers showcase their creation in the Calistoga July 4th parade and our Farm Fresh camp where art, river tromping, and cooking on the farm are the highlights!

### **Fund-A-Need: Nimbus Arts New Studio Space**

Demand for Nimbus Arts classes and workshops continues to grow and our current studio has been stretched to accommodate all the different programs and their expanding attendance. In addition, our lease on our current ceramics studio space is coming to an end. When space a few doors down from our main studio came available, offering opportunities for improvement and expansion of purpose-built spaces, we simply couldn't say no.



Taking on new space isn't simple or cheap. The space needs reconfiguration from its previous use plus the full complement of new equipment and furnishings. We are overjoyed and so grateful to have NIMBASH

Fund-a-Need funds available to put to work on this project over the summer.

The new spaces will house a metalworking studio and new-and-improved ceramics workspace. This expansion will also allow us to improve the main studio and office workspaces. When complete, it will mean more work for

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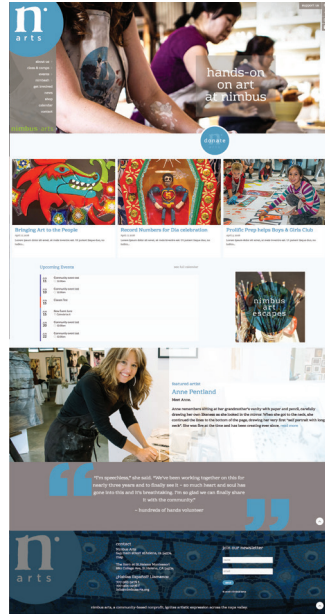
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our artist-instructors as they lead more classes, camps, and workshops for more community members and visitors -- all in a more productive and inspiring setting!

If you would still like to give to our new space, please go to: [nimbusarts.org](http://nimbusarts.org)

## New Look and Utilities for the Nimbus Website

All of us are doing more and more online, and especially from our smartphones or mobile devices. Nimbus Arts has been upgrading its website to take advantage of these technological improvements and match up with the utilities and function we've all come to expect. Soon, a visitor to our website will be able to review the calendar of upcoming classes, camps, workshops, and events-- access detailed information on those of interest-- and then register online. It will be an efficient, seamless, and easy-to-use system that matches with our expectations for website use. We expect the new site to launch early Fall 2018!



## Big News with City, County, and State Grants

The importance and relevance of art in our community is underscored by a trio of grants totaling over \$60,000 awarded to Nimbus Arts this Spring.

The City of St. Helena supported additional improvements on our Hundreds of Hands™ #004 initiative, the Creativity Corner. The funds will help add improvements to increase the ways the space can be used for educational and social gatherings.

Napa County, through its Arts & Culture Program, granted funds to Nimbus Arts to help the organization upgrade and integrate its administration and communication functions. When fully implemented, the upgrades will reduce staff workload and increase the timeliness and accuracy of program information.

The California Arts Council awarded funds to Nimbus Arts through its statewide grant program. The funds will support and expand the successful and effective Courts & Community Schools program that Nimbus

launched in 2015 in conjunction with the Napa County Office of Education. The program provides training combined with mentoring to young people who are in the criminal justice system.

Each of these grants provides funding for an area of importance or need for Nimbus Arts. We are deeply thankful for the support we receive from our city, county, and state.

## Hundreds of Hands™ - Hearts Across the Valleys



Nimbus continues its partnership and planning for community outreach programs with the Napa Valley Community Quake Mosaic. This inspirational community made artwork of broken treasures will be installed on a railcar at the gateway to the dynamic and ever-expanding Napa Railroad Art District. Nimbus Arts is the principal agency in project development support and will host several free community mosaic-build events throughout Napa County to create elements for this unique mosaic mural. We feel strongly about our role in forming and managing activities for our community to engage together in art activities. Together, we will share, heal and recover together.

The wildfires that touched so many lives in Napa and Sonoma Counties last October continue to have an emotional and economic impact on many families. Nimbus Arts is leading its most ambitious Hundreds of Hands™ initiative, a mosaic art project that will celebrate the strength and resilience of our communities. Hundreds of mosaic hearts will be created across the region and will be combined into installations where the fire impacts were most severe. Representing the outpouring of love, support, and compassion following the fires and the hope and strength of our community as we rebuild, these mosaic installations will be durable markers of our strength and resilience for years to come.

Look for upcoming Nimbus Arts mosaic workshops for Hearts Across the Valleys. They will be held at our St. Helena studio and at locations throughout affected counties.

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