

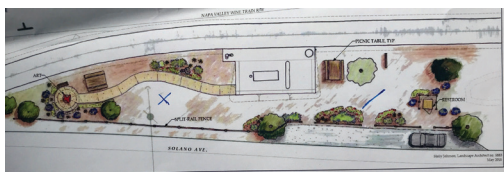


nimbus news brief

2019 FALL/WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Peace Park Collaboration – Where the art of community comes together

Peace takes many forms and is expressed in numerous ways. Nimbus Arts is pleased to be joining an ambitious creative collaboration with the Napa Valley Vine Trail organization, Napa Valley Rotary Club, and acclaimed Napa-based artist, Gordon Huether, to create the “Peace Park.” Funded in part by the Rotary Club, the proposed park is on Napa County-owned land adjacent to the Napa Valley Vine Trail in south Yountville. The site is currently improved with one of the Vine Trail’s iconic sheltered rest stops and has beautiful vineyard and mountain views. The partnership is developing plans to add sculptural elements and landscaped green space to express the creative spirit and shared desire for peace in our community.



Gordon Huether is also adding his experience and expertise to our innova-

tive fine and industrial art education program, produced with the Napa County Office of Education and serving at-risk teens in the Juvenile Court and Community School program. Gordon will guide the design and creation of the focal sculpture; later, a complementary mosaic sculpture from our Hundreds of Hands™ Portico Project will be added. The Peace Park will serve as a place to rest, reflect, share, and celebrate our community. We are very pleased and moved to be included in a project which has the mission to express the important universal message of peace.

Look for more news of the Peace Park project and join one of our community mosaic workshops to enjoy a few hours of artmaking with friends, family and neighbors while adding your own piece to celebrate Peace. More to come in January 2020!



2nd Annual Open House + Art Market

Art lovers from across our community joined the Nimbus team to create art in our studios, meet our artists and purchase original artwork for the home and holiday season at the “Hands on Fire” Ceramics Exhibition and Sale. People of all ages enjoyed free mosaic-making, created holiday cards, made their own personalized

perfume, and observed Raku live-fire pottery and metal arts fabrication.

The 2nd annual Nimbus Arts Open House + Art Market has become one of our most anticipated and rewarding events of the year. While more than 20 local artists displayed and sold their wares, the Nimbus team offered free hands-on art activities and tasty libations to engage and entertain art lovers of all ages. We are grateful to our donors, including the City of St Helena, for helping us create and host free community art events like our Open House. With your support, we can continue to make art accessible and available to people of all ages and backgrounds across the Napa Valley. We look forward to continuing and expanding this tradition in 2020!



Winter Day Camps + Holiday Cheer Classes

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.

Don't Miss our flurry of holiday camps, including our ever-popular “Holiday Gift Making Workshop” + our January art camp, “Mastering the Modernists.” Look for details and registration information on our website. Scholarships are available, please visit nimbusarts.org/class-camps/scholarships/

Our Partnership with UpValley Family Centers

As Nimbus Arts begins its 15th year, the UpValley Family Centers, our longtime partner and collaborator, is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Dedicated to providing support to families in need in St. Helena and Calistoga, the centers have become vital resources and assets in our community.



To commemorate its two decades of service, Nimbus Arts produced and hosted a series of free community mosaic workshops in conjunction with the UpValley Family Centers during which house-themed mosaic elements were created by people of all ages. The pieces are now assembled into a

large beautiful commemorative panel scheduled for installation at the Centers' Calistoga location. Nimbus Arts deeply values the UpValley Family Centers and we look forward to our work together for years to come. In the new year, check out the community-created mosaic panel at the UpValley Family Center in Calistoga, located at 1500 Cedar Street.

Día de los Muertos Community Celebration features Altar art by Local Students



Nimbus Arts, with the generous support of the Damian Maldonado Memorial Foundation, continued its extensive cross-curricular Día de los Muertos program for area schools. Combining studies in the traditions and heritage of Día de

los Muertos celebrations with cultural arts and craft techniques, students design and complete unique classroom art altars. Sixty-five, fifth grade students at Calistoga Elementary School worked with Nimbus artist-instructor, Anne Pentland, to create traditionally themed elements, images, and mementos of family members. Simultaneously, artist-instructor, David Garden, Jr., worked with sixty students and their St. Helena High School art instructor, Sylvia Seyve, creating traditional and reimagined Día de los Muertos masks for addition to the altar.

The student-created altars were displayed at the 12th annual Día de los Muertos event on Saturday, November 16 at the Napa Valley College Upper Valley campus, alongside other altars created by families and groups from throughout our community. The Día de los Muertos community celebration is produced in conjunction with the UpValley Family Centers and celebrates Mexican American heritage through music, dance, food, and art. It has become a highly anticipated and beloved event for people of all ages and backgrounds across the Napa Valley.



NIMBASH 2020: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for the 11th annual NIMBASH "Arty Party" and Auction. This always-sold-out event will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Look for additional

information on NIMBASH 2020 in upcoming announcements or visit our website to learn more.

The St. Helena Painters' Guild

The St. Helena Painters' Guild began as a group of painters and printmaking students of local artist and teacher, Vicki Long.



Upon Ms. Long's retirement, this group found a new home at Nimbus Arts. While the guild's membership has changed through the years, all members are proficient printmakers and painters that work in other media including oils, acrylics, collage, and assemblage. Meeting at

Nimbus for nearly ten years, the guild appreciates their access to a well-equipped studio, and all that Nimbus Arts does to support our creative community. If you'd like more information on the St. Helena Painters' Guild, please call the Nimbus Arts office.

Our 2018 Annual Report Released

2018 marked a big year of growth for Nimbus Arts – we expanded our studios and staff and established many building blocks for stability and growth. Our 2018 Annual Report, available now on our website, documents our work and provides a detailed look at all that Nimbus does to make art accessible and available to people of all ages and backgrounds across the Napa Valley. Please visit nimbusarts.org and check out our recently published 2018 Annual Report.



The City of St. Helena supports the Power of Art

Nimbus Arts received a nonprofit grant from the City of St. Helena to support free art programs at public events. Through their generous support we've been able to provide free art activities at the St. Helena Farmers Market, the Sons & Daughters of Italy in America Italian

Heritage Celebration, the Hometown Harvest Festival, the 12th Annual Día de los Muertos Celebration, our Nimbus Arts Community Open House + Art Market, and the Home for the Holidays + City Tree Lighting event. The city's grant has enabled Nimbus Arts to make exciting and educational art activities available to people of all ages from throughout our community. We are deeply grateful for their support.

Nimbus Artist Profile: Nikki Ballere Callnan



Nikki, and her husband Will, are truly a 'dynamic duo.' They've been engaging and educating people of all ages at Nimbus Arts classes, camps, and workshops since our founding nearly 15 years ago! Together, they've built NBC Pottery, a very successful studio that supplies custom handmade ceramic service wares to many wineries, resorts, and restaurants including

Napa Valley landmarks such as The Restaurant at Meadowood and The French Laundry. Their highly creative and diverse work is also treasured in many homes and estates throughout the country. Nikki has a BFA in Ceramics and an MFA in Spatial Arts. Her work is inspired by nature and includes many natural forms and details. She has an affinity for working with young people and has introduced hundreds of youngsters to pottery at Nimbus Arts over the years.

Starting in January 2020, Nikki will continue this work, teaching kid's clay classes every Monday afternoon from 3:45 – 5:45. Additionally, Nikki will soon also teach an adult ceramics class later on Monday evenings from 6-9. Young or old, novice or accomplished potter, everyone who attends Nikki's classes experiences the joy and creativity of working with clay. Please check out Nikki's amazing pottery and class schedule on the Nimbus Arts website.



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