



nimbus news brief

2020 SPRING/SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Zooming Through Summer 2020

Enjoy art classes and activities delivered through a new format for our summer season! Reconfigured to comply with the Napa County Public Health Order and our commitment to ensure the safety and comfort of our community and staff, we are working to bring maximum summer enjoyment and creativity from the Nimbus team directly to you and your family!



Nimbus moved quickly to develop a robust and diverse slate of onsite summer camps and private lessons for socially distanced small groups. We also created online art classes and art to-go kits to be enjoyed from your home art space.

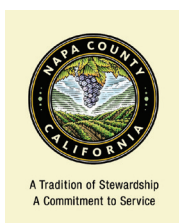
Please check nimbusarts.org for the growing list of classes, camps and kits.

Nimbus Arts: Celebrating 15 Years!

Since our founding 15 years ago, Nimbus Arts has grown from one small series of art camps for young people to a full-blown Napa Valley-serving art center. Our focus on community, creativity, curiosity, and collaboration supports our continuing mission to deliver high-quality art education and activity programs to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We are also proud to support local working artists through engagement, employment and commissions—allowing art to thrive in our community. After a decade and a half, we're continuing to expand our vision to ignite artistic creativity across Napa Valley! Thank you to all our local artists, patrons, and supporters and to everyone throughout our cherished community. ***And thank you to the St Helena Chamber of Commerce for naming Nimbus the 2020 Non-Profit of the year!***



Napa County Board of Supervisors, We Value Your Partnership!



We are deeply grateful to the Napa County Board of Supervisors for their support of Nimbus Arts throughout our history. Napa County grants, awarded to Nimbus during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 cycles, funded operational and physical improvements that helped Nimbus more effectively deliver art education and activities to people of all ages and back-

grounds. And now we especially appreciate the Napa County Board of Supervisors' flexibility in allowing current grant funds to be reallocated in response to COVID-19 restrictions and impacts. Thank you, Napa County, for all you do to support art organizations and artists throughout the county!

A Global Day of Unity + Giving, May 5, 2020, #GivingTuesdayNow

We would like to thank our generous supporters and community members who participated in the worldwide Global Day of Unity + Giving on May 5. Created in response to the significant disruptions and restrictions of



shelter-in-place, funds raised will help nonprofits like Nimbus sustain our operations and advance our mission while adapting to new standards and processes. Nimbus Arts expanded the global day of giving to the full month of May, and three Nimbus Board members matched any donations made during the campaign. In total, more

than \$20,000 was raised, delivering more than \$80,000 after the match. We are so grateful for the community's overwhelming response! All funds will be used to support our staff and artists so that Nimbus can continue our mission to provide art experiences that inspire, educate, heal, and connect our community in as many ways as possible during this challenging time.

Mask Up! Stay Safe + Support Nimbus Arts

Thanks to our friends at 3.1 Phillip Lim, Nimbus is now offering face masks for the whole family. Children's size (white) + adult size (black) are available, both with cool contrasting Nimbus logo. Made of 100% cotton with eco-friendly long-lasting FUZE antibacterial/antiviral coating. Pleated design provides for customizable and comfortable fit. Fully washable and reusable. Order yours today! Children's mask: \$7.50 each or 3/\$18. Adult's mask: \$10.00 each or 3/\$25. For every mask sold, Nimbus will donate a mask to partner organizations, schools, or families in our community! To purchase, go to nimbusarts.org and click "Shop" to purchase.



**Save the Date:
Nimbus 3rd Annual
Open House + Art Market
Saturday November 21 + Sunday
November 22**

Mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Community Open House + Art Market! This festive family event brings the entire community together for fun and

free art activities and an amazing art sale to support our amazing local artists. A special part of this event is the annual "Hands on Fire" ceramics sale featuring the work of our talented ceramics students. This year's event will be structured and managed to meet the Napa County Public Health Order regulations. Check our website for more details as the date approaches but be sure to save the date for arty fun and a great chance to jumpstart your Christmas shopping!

Mark Your Calendars for NIMBASH 2021: Saturday, May 8, 2021

We all missed NIMBASH 2020, but we are already planning for the return of NIMBASH in 2021. This will be our 11th annual "Arty-Party" and Auction! The always-sold-out event will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021, in and around our Main Street studios. Watch for more information in upcoming announcements.



Private Art Classes: Choose Your Own Adventure!

Learn one-on-one or get a group of friends or family together for a private art lesson taught by one of our talented teaching artists! Options range from painting and drawing to U-Paint pottery, ceramics, mosaics, textiles and fashion, and more! We can provide supplies and instruction for a wide

variety of media and activities, and you can also choose your format – socially distanced in our studios or outside spaces, or via ZOOM. Contact us today, or go to nimbusarts.org/class-camps/private-lessons

Nimbus Artist Profile: Andrea Cazares



Dynamic, creative, and always engaging, Andrea Cazares is an incredibly prolific and accomplished artist, teacher and staff member at Nimbus Arts. Andrea teaches painting, drawing and ceramics in classes and camps, teaches cooking skills and art to our Court and Community Schools students, and helps oversee our studio spaces and maintains our vast inventory of supplies.

Andrea brings nearly a decade of fine art experience in painting, drawing, printmaking, clay sculpting, sewing, and art technique to her work at Nimbus Arts. Andrea earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The American University of Rome.

During the pandemic, Sip & Paint has become one of her signature offerings. Join Andrea Cazares LIVE on the Nimbus Arts Facebook page for Sip & Paint, Home Edition and follow her step-by-step instructions. This class is free, but you can help support Nimbus Arts by registering and purchasing our customized Sip & Paint Art Kits To-Go. For dates and times, please visit nimbusarts.org.

Be A Part But Not Apart: Enhancing Health and Wellness through Art - Hundreds of Hands™ #007

Separated by distance, but together through art! Through the power of creativity, our current Hundreds of Hands initiative links our community through shared creations made piece by piece by people at home. Art kits have been created and assembled by Nimbus artists to follow a specific theme. The kits are distributed throughout our community and the artwork is created by YOU-- following the guidance in the kit or by joining an online art session. Upon completion, the individual community-created artworks are assembled into a finished public installation.



A Wassily Kandinsky-inspired community mural, based on his iconic *Farbstudie - Quadrate*, painted in 1913, is our first art community project in this art "at home" series. The completed composite creation will feature the work of more than 70

community members; the work is growing fast and can be seen in the front window of at Nimbus Arts!

We want YOU, our beloved Nimbus Family, to be a part of these creative community participation art challenges. Please check out nimbusarts.org/community/community-creativity-campaign for current information on these projects and more!

Nimbus Supplies Free Art-Kits To-Go to Families in our Community

The Boys and Girls Club of St. Helena and Calistoga, St. Helena Preschool for All, The UpValley Family Center and Napa County Court & Community Schools are all receiving free "art kits to-go" through the generous support of Nimbus Arts, Arts Council Napa Valley, and many other donors. In response to the Shelter-In-Place Order and restrictions on group classes and camps, over 175 art kits, age-and skill-appropriate and with instructions in English and Spanish, are being distributed to young people from toddlers to teens across the Napa Valley.

Each online purchase includes an option to purchase an additional art kit for donation to a family in need. Purchase of the donated kit may be tax deductible and you'll help Nimbus make art accessible and available to everyone on our community through your generosity!

Nimbus Online Art Gallery - Coming Soon!

Help support working artists in our community! Nimbus is developing and launching an online art gallery. Acclaimed artists from throughout the Napa Valley have been busy creating magnificent works of art that will be offered for sale through the Nimbus online gallery. Proceeds from each sale will be paid to the artist with Nimbus only retaining a small commission to cover its costs. Artists will arrange for pick up or delivery to ensure that all art purchased arrives in perfect condition. Watch for further announcements about Nimbus's Online Art Gallery!



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