



# 2020

Nimbus Arts Annual Report



## *We are pleased to present the 2020 Nimbus Arts Annual Report.*

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

**NIMBUS ARTS BEGAN 2020** *celebrating our 15th anniversary and enjoying recognition as the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year. Our year-to-year growth was impressive and reflected our importance as a community asset, and we'd grown and matured into a stable and effective organization, well-positioned to meet future challenges. And suddenly there was a global pandemic – challenging us, along with everyone else, to adapt and pivot like never before in order to continue our mission of enhancing health and wellness through art.*

**From the beginning, improving health and wellness through art-making has been one of Nimbus Arts' primary objectives.** We do this by promoting inclusiveness and strengthening bonds between people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, fostering creativity and self-expression, and extending the benefits of artmaking through

collaboration and deep connections into the communities we serve.

**This year** our health and wellness priorities increased while our community-building goals were challenged like never before. Families and individuals needed the personal and collective healing gained through artmaking, yet our studios and offices were off limits or severely restricted.

**Rather than suspend** our programming in response to shelter-in-place, social distancing, and the new protocols of COVID-19, we adapted and improvised. We converted some of our existing classes to Zoom offerings, created more than 1,000 art kits to go and distributed more than 600 for free, conducted 250 virtual art programs, and hosted 20 live streamed paint n' sip workshops. And when shelter-in-place orders were lifted in Summer 2020, we were one of the only organizations in Napa Valley to offer COVID-safe in-studio summer camps and classes.

**We kept art accessible and available** when our community needed it the most, and we never closed our operation or failed to deliver the therapeutic and social benefits of art.

**We are deeply thankful that you, our community,** hold our values and vision, and we are grateful for your support through these challenging times. We are especially grateful to the Nimbus Arts Leadership Circle for their continued and vital support, granting agencies and organizations for their willingness to adapt quickly to the rapid and profound changes we faced, and to our donors, large and small, who helped sustain us. Your support was critical to our socially distanced free art activities for families and others most in need.

**Now, more than ever, we believe in the power of art to engage, inspire, heal, and connect our community.**

With sincere thanks and deep gratitude,

Jamie Graff  
Co-Founder & Executive Director

Dana Johnson  
Co-Founder & Board President

Creating social-distance mats, Summer 2020





“*Nimbus, like a spring rain, swept in and refreshed our Community. Art has sprouted up along our roadways, in our schools and public spaces, but most importantly in our homes. Young, old and all ages in between have been enriched with the playful spirit of creating just for the joy of it.*”

- TIM AND FLIN  
McDONALD,  
Centric General  
Contractors

Student Cloud Sculpture, Nimbus Arts Cloud Camp, 2004



## the nimbus arts story

**FROM THE BEGINNING**, the *Nimbus Arts* approach to art instruction has been highly creative and interdisciplinary, with classes and camps that explore and celebrate artistic, environmental, cultural, scientific, and historical themes.

**Nimbus Arts got its name from “Cloud Camp,”** the first summer camp we offered. Campers, working with professional artists and a scientist, studied cloud formation and meteorology, then drew, painted, and sculpted clouds, ending the week with each camper creating a cloud sculpture bigger than themselves. This hands-on, integrated exploration of a topic through art proved to be an ideal formula, and is still our model today.

**A fundamental philosophy of Nimbus** is that art is best taught by practicing artists who convey their knowledge, experience, and passion as part of the educational process. More than 40 local artists specializing in a wide range of media work as instructors at Nimbus. Foundational art principles and topics are covered in every class and camp. Students at Nimbus develop both true artistic skill and confidence

through repeated exposure to artistic challenges, and they benefit from learning from artists who are truly passionate about what they do.

**Nimbus is now an important** community asset and nationally recognized art education organization, but that wasn't always the case. The creation of Nimbus Arts was inspired by the experiences of the co-founder, Dana Johnson, and her family. As Dana's young daughter was being treated at UCSF Childrens' Hospital, the hospital offered art activities

to the patients and their families. They experienced firsthand the joy, strength and sense of community that can be gained through artistic expression, and wanted to offer that to a wider audience.

**Dana joined forces with fellow Napa Valley residents Jamie Graff** and Janet Pagano, Executive Director of The Cantus Fund. Together they developed a plan for a community-serving art center that would make art accessible and available to children, adults, and seniors from all constituencies across the Napa Valley. Jamie agreed to become Executive Director of the nonprofit organization, and Nimbus Arts was launched in 2005.

**Dana and Jamie** have been joined by hundreds of artists, patrons and supporters over the past decade to transform Nimbus Arts into a vibrant and important community asset that has educated, delighted and inspired thousands of Napa Valley residents and visitors.

**Nimbus Arts continues to strengthen art throughout the community** by creating a home for working artists. Dozens of local artists have joined Nimbus as teaching artists, sharing their skill and knowledge with students while earning income. Others earn income through the sale of their art at NIMBASH and other community events. Elevating the art profile of the Napa Valley through Nimbus classes, camps, workshops, and events also serves to connect locals and visitors with our Napa Valley artist community, deepening both social and economic connections.

**Now more than ever, Nimbus is dedicated to igniting artistic expression across the Napa Valley and making the healing powers of art available to all members of our community.**



# advancing our mission

**TODAY, NIMBUS ARTS OPERATES BOTH FROM ITS EXPANDED ST. HELENA STUDIOS, AND ALSO ONLINE,** where it conducts classes, camps, and workshops. Nimbus also delivers art activities to residents and visitors of all ages at schools, community centers, and events across Napa Valley.

**THE NIMBUS ARTS MISSION SUPPORTS THREE GOALS.** First, we provide a means for artists to live and work in our community. Second, we use the power of art to help educate and empower community members of all ages. Finally, we provide financial assistance so that art classes and programs are available and accessible to all.

**1 SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISTS**  
Key to the success and growth of Nimbus Arts is our talented and committed team of more than 40 local artist instructors, many of whom have been with us since our founding. A fundamental philosophy of Nimbus is that art is best taught by practicing artists who convey their knowledge, experience and passion as part of the process.

**2 STUDIO CLASSES + CAMPS + WORKSHOPS**  
for children & adults

We have grown from offering a few classes in borrowed spaces to running a thriving community art center that produces about 600 art classes and events per year. Nimbus is known and loved for its creative, quirky and compelling programming that often goes beyond the bounds of art, bringing in perspectives from science, agriculture, environmental studies, history, and more.

**3 COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVE**

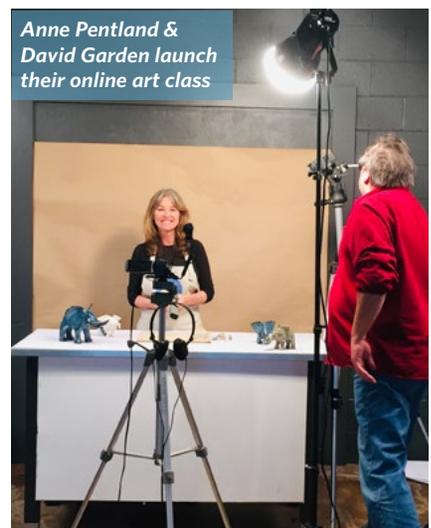
Our community outreach includes free and reduced-fee hands-on art activities for children, families, adults and community groups, and large scale art initiatives through our Hundreds of Hands™ programming.

“We’ve proudly and strongly supported Nimbus Arts for many years. Our support continues because Nimbus Arts has been highly successful in meeting and exceeding their goals, and because of the ever-strengthening bonds Nimbus has established throughout the community it serves.”  
- THE ROGERS FAMILY FOUNDATION

**WE BELIEVE**

- Art inspires and enriches lives.
- Art should be available to everyone.
- Collaboration with other organizations improves outcomes and makes us stronger.
- A multi-disciplinary approach to art promotes curiosity and learning.
- Artists are vital to our community.
- Art brings people together.

Nimbus commits to championing policies and practices of cultural equity that empower a just, inclusive and equitable community.



Anne Pentland & David Garden launch their online art class

# by the numbers: 2020 @ nimbus arts

“An extraordinary resource for parents, educators, artists, and art lovers of all ages, Nimbus is a Napa Valley treasure that elevates and enriches our community.”  
- ACRES HOME+GARDEN

OUR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET WAS \$1,029,168, and our team of 28 artist instructors and 4 full-time + 2 part-time administrative/management staff delivered more than 250 art activities through in-person and online formats.

Over 250 Nimbus activities were offered with many delivered online and supported with our art-kits-to-go



5 Public Schools from American Canyon to St. Helena received Nimbus art instruction



More than 3,000 Children, Teens & Adults participated in Nimbus programming



Nimbus Arts offered 22 Free Community Outreach Events

Nimbus artists led more than 115 private lessons

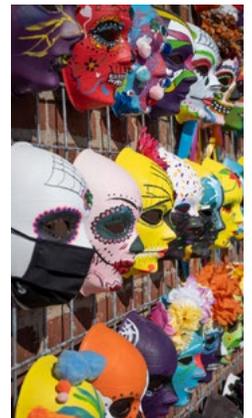
5 Large-scale Community Art Projects: goat, pumpkins, Kandinsky, Dia de los Muertos masks with free art-kits-to-go

Nimbus offered over 193 classes; 66 of them were virtual that were attended by over 720 students

Over 50 Community Partners engaged in Nimbus programs and services

\$2,268 in scholarships for camps and classes were awarded

Nimbus ran 11 Covid-safe Camps offering on-site and virtual instruction to more than 113 campers



Farmers Market and Pop-Up Sales - over \$9,000



Nimbus Arts hosted 20 Paint n' Sip classes

Personalized art-embellished Thank-you notes to firefighters and first responders



# 2020: a year of perseverance

“The partnerships and collaboration that Nimbus is propelling with other strong organizations is great to see and so important—and I love the community art installations around town!”

- ROBIN LAIL,  
Lail Vineyards

**SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS AND ADAPTATIONS** to the Nimbus Arts model began as COVID-19 pandemic restrictions reduced or eliminated the ways in which we normally delivered our art programming, raised funds, and managed our operation.

**With change comes opportunity.** Nimbus Arts adapted quickly to meet the needs of our community, leveraging the power of artmaking to overcome the individual and community impacts of shelter-in-place, social distancing, and economic uncertainty. Nimbus Arts never closed, and we sustained our mission through the year. Despite facing uncertainty and obstacles we rallied to meet the needs of our community when our community was most in need.

## 2020 IN REVIEW:

- **AB5:** Effective January 1, California Assembly Bill 5 changed the employment classification of most independent contractors and “gig workers.” For Nimbus this transformed the organization from a handful of employees to a team of more than 28 as our cadre of teaching artists became our employees. The transition extends greater protections and benefits to our team and Nimbus fully supports the change.
- **Supporting Nimbus Arts and Artists in New Ways:** The creation of the Nimbus Arts Online Gallery on our website provides a platform for our teaching artists to sell their original artwork. The teaching artists gain income when their art is purchased, with Nimbus receiving a modest commission for promoting and managing the sale. More than two dozen Nimbus artists added their work to the gallery creating a true win-win, allowing Nimbus to keep high-quality art education and programs available, and helping our artists to continue to live and work in our community.

Additionally, Nimbus Arts extended opportunities to support local art and artists at the weekly Farmstead Farmers Market. Art activities and artist demonstrations were combined with an ever-changing selection of original art for sale.

Finally, Nimbus Arts hosted frequent “pop-up” sales just outside our main studio. Our frontage on Main Street made these art markets a must stop for locals and visitors and provided a means for Nimbus artists to promote and sell their work.

- **Covid Response:** Responding to public health guidelines was critical for Nimbus Arts to remain open and continue to deliver art programs and activities to our community. We identified and trained a designated COVID compliance manager, established new cleaning and sanitation protocols, reduced use of our studio and office space in accordance with regulations, and rapidly expanded our online and distance learning presence.

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Nimbus Artist creations for sale at the Farmstead Farmers Market pop-up

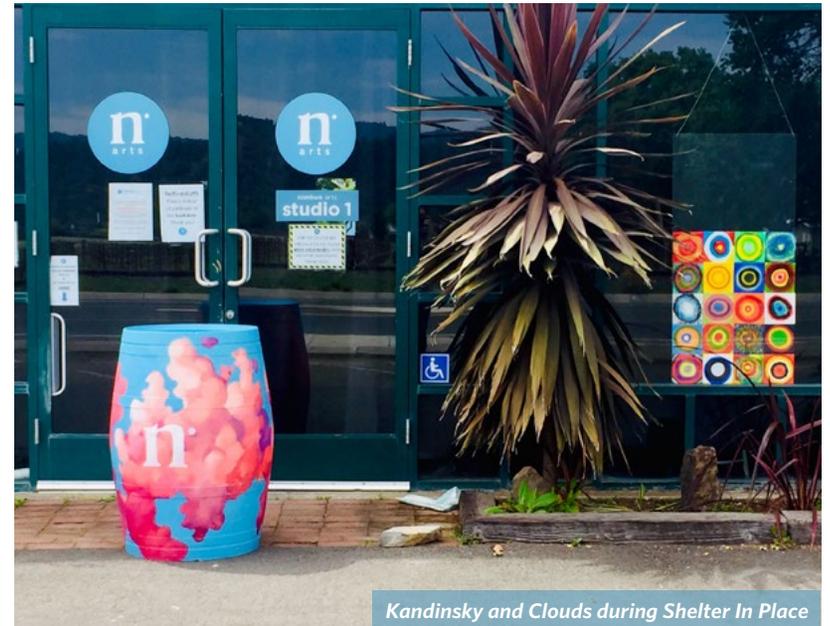
# 2020: a year of perseverance

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2020:  
A year of Art-Kits-To-Go

- **Summer Camps:** Our early response to pandemic restrictions and implementation of social distancing and sanitation measures enabled Nimbus Arts to open and operate summer camp sessions for young people. The camps, while limited in attendance in order to remain compliant, hosted nearly 113 youngsters and teens and provided one of the very few camp options open and available in our community.
- **Scholarships and financial aid:** Reaping the immense personal and social benefits of artmaking must be available to all. Nimbus Arts works hard to provide access to all through its scholarship and financial aid programs. We awarded \$2,269 as 2020 began, and then transitioned our deployment of financial resources to meet community need as pandemic restrictions were enacted. Specifically, we moved from a formal application process and provided more than 600 art-kits-to-go and online programming for free. Grants and donations of more than \$25,000 made this important initiative possible.
- **Napa Valley Public Art:** Our five, large-scale public art initiatives for 2020 fostered community building, while maintaining social distancing and validated this concept for recurring public art installations. The installations, created by assembling individual works of art from community members and artists of all ages and ability levels, delivered the immense benefits of artmaking for all who participated.
- **1,000 Art-Kits-To-Go:** When Shelter-in-Place and social distancing restrictions were enacted in early 2020, Nimbus responded with a revamped community art initiative created at home as an individual or family project. Each art activity was built around a specific theme and art supplies and instructions were packaged into Art-Kits-To-Go for individual use. Community artists picked up the kits from a safe and clean location at Nimbus Arts, created their



Kandinsky and Clouds during Shelter In Place

individual work of art, and then returned the completed work for assembly as part of a public art display.

- **Fundraising:** Raising funds to continue our mission was critical and complicated this year. NIMBASH, our single largest source of income, could not be held due to pandemic restrictions. We are so grateful to our NIMBASH sponsors and ticket holders for agreeing to convert their early participation and payments to general operating donations to Nimbus Arts. Their support came at an especially critical time.

Likewise, our Year End Appeal Letter raised more than \$60,000 through gifts large and small. Donors came from throughout our community and we are deeply humbled and gratified that the Nimbus Arts mission and vision is shared by so many.

# 2020 classes, camps and workshops



**NIMBUS ARTS** expanded delivery of a wide variety of classes, camps and workshops in 2020 to meet social distancing guidelines. We were able to continue our popular art camps for young people by reducing capacity and utilizing our recently improved outdoor instruction space. We also rapidly increased our zoom and online presence, often combining programming with Nimbus-designed art-kits-to-go. With art activities designed for family units and people of all ages, delivered in a safe and responsible way, Nimbus Arts met the challenges of 2020 and leveraged the power of art to renew and affirm the strength of our community.



## CLASSES + WORKSHOPS: A SAMPLING

**CERAMICS:** Hand building, wheel throwing & sculpture techniques, U-PAINT Pottery, Traditional Tree of Life Candelabra, Clay for Kids & Teens, Mud Pies, Ceramic Bird Feeders & Houses, Bake Me A Cake, Italian Pottery Painting, Ceramic Haniwa Soldiers, Fish Fish - Wonderful Ceramic Wall Sculpture



**FIRE & METAL ARTS:** Plasma Cutting and MIG Welding, Bell Making with Repurposed Objects, Metal Garden Sculptures, Wonderful Wind Chimes, Horseshoe Household Designs, Creative Abstract Metal Sculptures, Garden Waterfall Sculptures, Metal Sculpting & the Human Form, Basic Blacksmithing Class, Bladesmith Class

**MIXED MEDIA:** Special SoulCollage® Artist Retreats, Screen Printing, Textile Arts, newly added Perfume Making classes, Kintsugi Class

**GLASS & MOSAIC:** Small Fused Plates and Coasters, Mosaic Tiles, Summer Party Mosaic Glass Votives



**PAINTING & DRAWING:** Drawing Club, Paint Works, Watercolor Plein Air: Intro to Watercolor Workshops; Draw Paint Construct, Still Life Drawing in Chalk Pastel

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Introduction to Digital Photography, The Language of Photography - Developing One's Personal Vision



**HOLIDAY:** Everlasting Pumpkins, Spooky Halloween Craft Night, Ukrainian Egg Dyeing, Block Printed Holiday Cards, Holiday Ornament Making Studio, Kids Holiday Ornament Activity

**TODDLER SERIES:** Ro Sham Bo drop-in studio

**ADULT & TOURIST SERIES:** Paint n' Sip Series, Nip n' Sip Series

## SEASONAL IN-PERSON CAMPS

Arty Insect Camp

Farm Fresh Camp

Clay & Play Camp for 5-7-year-olds

Clay & Play Camp for 8-13-year-olds

Parade & Float Camp

Get Tactile with Textiles Camp

Master Artist Camp

The Breakfast Club Camp

Sculpture Camp

Mastering the Modernists Camp



## ZOOM + ONLINE + VIRTUAL

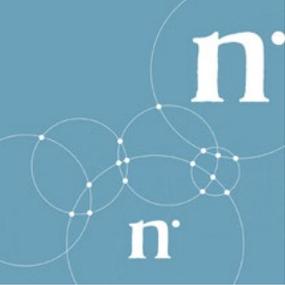
**Over 250 programs** accessible through shelter-in-place and social distancing restrictions. Our artists mixed zooming, webcasting, and online content and presented informative and entertaining programs on drawing, painting, ceramics—and more!



• **Keep Printmaking:** 3-day solar plate printing workshops - Master Printmaker Dan Welden, creator of the Solarplate. (Program dates, Jan/Feb 2020, prior to COVID restrictions)

“What Nimbus Arts has done for this community is truly extraordinary. I cannot think of another organization that provides so much pleasure, education and inspiration. Thank you from all of us!”

- MOLLY CHAPPELLET, artist, author, vintner



# enhancing health + wellness through community outreach

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH REMAINS CENTRAL TO THE VALUES AND MISSION OF NIMBUS ARTS.** *This year we've had to adapt our model to deliver art programs in so many new ways. We've significantly increased collaboration with partner organizations to reach underserved constituencies. Restrictions and limitations on studio use and group assembly, coupled with distance learning in our schools, required us to experiment and innovate to find new ways to provide socially distanced but connecting art experiences to our community. We developed and launched our art-kits-to-go and a range of online art-making offerings. And we expanded our reach to families in need through social service and community-serving organizations, providing at-home art activities for free.*

## THE POWER OF ART:

**For most of the year our community was separated** by shelter-in-place and social distancing. Our schools relied on distance learning, many workers transitioned to “zooming,” while others saw their work limited or suspended. It's been a time of great anxiety, isolation, and adaptation. Artmaking at times like these serves as a means of self-expression and making art together, as a family unit or online with others, reinforces the connections and importance of community.

**Nimbus moved rapidly and decisively** to meet community need throughout the pandemic and wildfires. Overcoming isolation and fear and connecting within the community and family were our essential objectives. Within a week of shelter-in-place, Nimbus launched its first socially-distanced community art program: “Can You Kandinsky,” and followed through the course of the year with new community-wide, free programs every few weeks. Artmaking remained accessible, available, and relevant—this strengthened resolve, stimulated creativity, and served as a tool to connect and communicate with others. The vibrant and creative artwork produced by hundreds of community members and artists also served to beautify and inspire when installed for public display.

## COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS AND PARTNERS:

- **The Boys and Girls Club of St. Helena and Calistoga, St. Helena Preschool for All, The UpValley Family Center and Napa County Juvenile Court and Community Schools** all received free ‘art-kits-to-go’ through the generous support of Arts Council Napa Valley, Nimbus Arts donors, and granting agencies and organizations.

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“The longtime collaboration with knowledgeable, creative and enthusiastic Nimbus Arts artists during October’s Día de los Muertos 3D project-making and presentation has been the highlight of my year. The Nimbus Arts artists develop different Mexican folklore crafts to honor the holiday while honoring the students’ individual creative voice, perspective and abilities.”

- SILVIA SEYVE, St. Helena High School Visual Arts Teacher



Nimbus Teaching Artist, Andrea Cazares, hosting a Facebook Live Paint n' Sip





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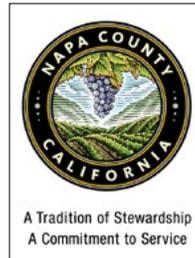
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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

“Nimbus continues to be an amazing gift to this community, and we are forever grateful to the entire team for your creativity, genius, dedication and commitment.”

- TREVOR & KELLY FOSTER, Nimbus Arts Leadership Circle and Supporters

- Napa Valley Vintners and Auction Napa Valley:** Nimbus Arts was invited to apply for grant funding through the Napa Valley Vintners and their Auction Napa Valley for the first time in our history. Emblematic of our position in the community and durability as an organization, grant funds were awarded to support and extend community art programming to our most underserved constituencies. We are deeply thankful for this support, especially as it came at a time of critical need.
- Grant from Napa County Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee:** Napa County has been a longtime supporter of Nimbus Arts through its Arts, Culture and Heritage grant program. We are deeply thankful for their continued support and adaptability over the past year. Support through the county helped Nimbus adapt to the operating changes triggered by public health restrictions, specifically the creation of additional covered outdoor areas suitable for socially-distanced work activities.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DURING SHELTER-IN-PLACE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

### FIVE SOCIALLY DISTANCED COMMUNITY ART PROGRAMS

- G.O.A.T. Art Challenge:** “The Greatest of All Time” and are found across Napa Valley. Community artists were challenged to create their greatest goat portrait. Completed artwork was displayed at Nimbus Arts and online.
- Can You Kandinsky?** Inspired by Wassily Kandinsky’s iconic *Farb-studie-Quadrat*, painted in 1913, Nimbus community artists were challenged to create their own Kandinsky-style artwork. More than **70 artists** of all ages participated, and their works were combined into a large-scale installation displayed at the Nimbus studio.

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- Global Day of Giving, May 5, 2020 - #GivingTuesdayNow:** This global initiative to support community

serving nonprofits during a period of immense need and financial stress raised more than \$20,000 for Nimbus Arts. Driven largely through community donations, the funds helped offset the income lost through the cancellation of NIMBASH and extra costs associated with public health requirements.



# enhancing health + wellness through community outreach

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Nimbus Teaching Artist Vincent Serrano Pagnucci leading a socially-distanced plein air painting class

- **Plein Air Studio:** Napa Valley is renowned for its beauty and majesty and the outdoor painting “en plein air” is a perfect way to capture its beauty while maintaining social distancing. Renowned Nimbus teaching artist, Vincent Serrano Pagnucci, led socially distanced sessions through the summer, capturing the refined beauty of our mix of vineyards, mountains, and forests.
- **LNU & Glass Fires, The Art of Gratitude:**

Nimbus Arts was called upon to support relief efforts to evacuees when wildfires hit our community twice this year. Supporting these efforts made us even more aware of the immense gratitude we owe all the first

responders and firefighters who came to protect us. In recognition, Nimbus created and distributed art kits for personalized artistic thank you notes. The notes, created by people of all ages throughout the community, were distributed to emergency worker base camps and support areas while the fires were being brought under control. Nimbus is deeply thankful for their courage, sacrifice, and service.



Firefighter thank-you note created by a young Nimbus artist

- **Día de los Muertos Masks with 150 free art-kits-to-go:** Social-distancing and group event restrictions meant that we could not produce our annual community celebration

as in earlier years, but quick work by our talented artists transitioned this year’s event into a colorful and energetic community art installation. Community members of all ages from throughout Napa Valley decorated traditional Día de los Muertos masks that were then assembled and installed on Main Street in St. Helena. The vibrant display was impossible to miss and reflected the energy and vitality of the season.

- **Floating Pumpkins:** Nimbus offered over 100 free pumpkins and challenged community members of all ages to create their own personal jack-o-lantern. Completed carvings were collected and mounted on poles and rails to enliven Farmstead’s Halloween Garden. Illuminated after dark, the glowing pumpkin ghouls and goblins proved to be a striking, vibrant, and fright-filled installation, open to the community to enjoy and celebrate during an otherwise cancelled Halloween.



Floating Pumpkin Installation supported by and displayed at Farmstead



# the view ahead

“*Nimbus is a difference maker in our community. Their talented team of professional creatives opens the door to provide opportunities for learning while using their art to problem-solve and build community. Through their hard work not only are the lives of the hundreds of participants in their programs enriched but the entire community is made better.*”

- CHRIS DENATALE, President & CEO, Arts Council Napa Valley + Chair, Napa County Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

*AS WE WRITE THIS IN MID-2021, vaccination rates are climbing for our county and public health restrictions are being reduced. Movement back to in-person classes and camps has begun and we see a clear path to resuming public events, including our much-missed annual ‘arty-party,’ NIMBASH 2021, which is scheduled for September 11, 2021 at Charles Krug Winery.*

**We’ve restarted in-person classes and camps**, and will be expanding our art markets, planning offerings for the annual Día de los Muertos and other community celebrations. Our return to in-studio programs will be amplified and augmented by diverse Zoom-based art programming. As we move back to more familiar ways of doing things, we are also integrating things we’ve learned during the pandemic and are cognizant that some things have changed for good.

**Many health standards were elevated** in response to the pandemic, and we will maintain many of these elevated standards moving forward, committed to providing a consistently safe and clean environment for our programs and community.

**Our drive to engage constituencies most in need** will be redoubled as we work with and through the social service and community organizations that were our frequent collaborators during shelter-in-place, social distancing and wildfire evacuations. Internally, our commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion remains unwavering and we continue to strive to provide opportunity to all.

**We’ll also strengthen our commitment** to our all employees, management, administration and teaching artists, to provide compensation, benefits, and working conditions that protect them and allow Nimbus to thrive.

**We’re formalizing and reaffirming our commitment to equity** and inclusion by aligning organization programming, systems and policies

with our comprehensive policy statement, “Nimbus Arts Commitment to Racial Equity and Inclusion.”

**We are deeply grateful** to the supporters, donors, and granting agencies and organizations that helped us through this disrupted and anxious year. We look forward to validating and continuing their support for years to come.

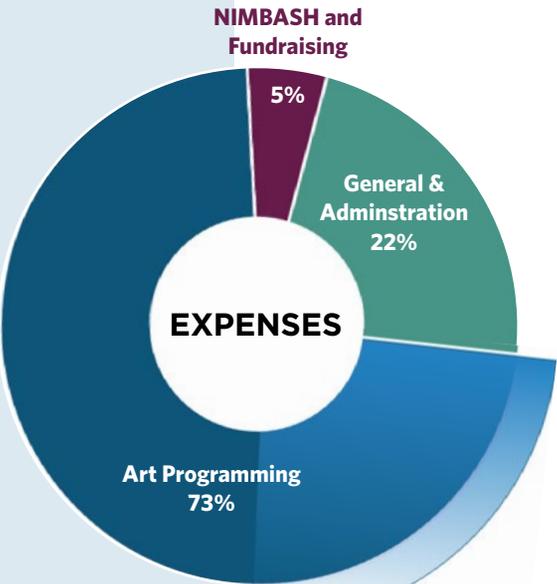
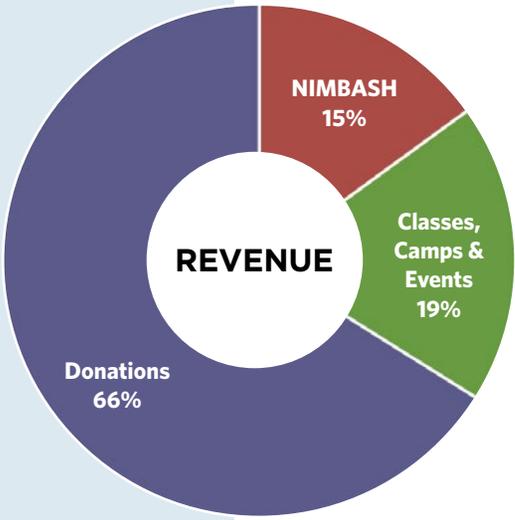
**We’re also expanding giving opportunities** and will launch our Legacy Giving campaign in 2021. Joining the program will support our mission and continue our work for years to come, helping us improve lives and strengthen our community through art.

**The past year has shown that art makes a difference.** Meeting the challenges we’ve faced has affirmed our belief that art activities and education are highly beneficial and therapeutic during times of stress, anxiety and isolation. Even through the most difficult times we saw clearly how art connected people across our community and gave voice to their feelings.

**Nimbus Arts will draw on the strength and understanding** gained through this year of perseverance as we continue to bring the power of art to the community we love and share.



# 2020 financial summary



**SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS:**

32.9% of Art Programming expenses (\$244,033) were paid as wages to local Artist Instructors.

## REVENUE

### Contributed Income

Individuals	\$	220,266
Foundations	\$	159,500
Corporate	\$	23,939
Government Grants	\$	144,710
NIMBASH & Special Events	\$	126,825
<b>Total Contributed Income</b>	\$	<b>675,240</b>

### Program Income

Classes and Camps	\$	94,242
Community Outreach	\$	—
School Programming	\$	18,900
Art Experiences	\$	37,931
Scholarship Programs	\$	(2,268)
Merchandise Sales	\$	10,535
<b>Total Program Income</b>	\$	<b>159,340</b>

**TOTAL REVENUE \$ 834,580**

## EXPENSES

Art Programming	\$	742,492
NIMBASH & Fundraising	\$	56,031
General & Administration	\$	224,591
Merchandise	\$	6,126
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>1,029,168</b>

## STATEMENT FROM OUR TREASURER:

**THE YEAR BEGAN WITH GROWTH AND OPTIMISM** as we built upon sustained and stable growth. By the end of the first quarter, we faced restrictions that altered our operations and caused us to cancel our single largest source of income, NIMBASH.

**Nimbus Arts quickly adapted** and met these unexpected challenges. NIMBASH sponsors and early ticket purchasers converted their support to general operating donations to Nimbus Arts (\$130,000), community donations through our successful Year-End Appeal Letter (more than \$60,000), and other donations both large and small, reflect the support we have throughout the community.

**Governmental units also helped us** through the year with granted funds from Napa County and Federal Government PPP loans, now fully forgiven.

**Nimbus Arts has maintained an emergency reserve fund** to protect the organization in times of extreme financial strain. The fund was tapped to enable Nimbus Arts to sustain operations in 2020. Our economic outlook for 2021 is improving. Our work in secondary and primary education made our team eligible for early stage COVID vaccinations along with other essential workers. Coupled with recent reductions in group assembly restrictions, we've reactivated our studio programs and NIMBASH 2021 is returning in the Fall.

— Claire Stull, Board Director & Treasurer, Nimbus Arts



# nimbus arts circles of support

“Art binds people to place and to each other. During the recent pandemic Nimbus Arts provided solace to our town by staying true to its mission of fostering community through art. Their nimble transition to digital learning provided the support we needed to stay engaged and develop artistically despite the isolation of lockdown. Thank you Nimbus Arts for continuing to teach us how to hope, dream, create, clarify, and communicate what really matters!”

- BETH MYERS,  
Nimbus Arts Supporter

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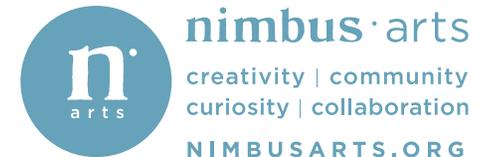
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