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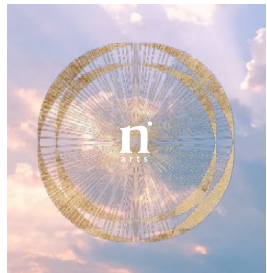
## 2021 SPRING/SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

### Timely and Focused Support from Napa County Board of Supervisors



We are deeply grateful to the Napa County Board of Supervisors for their continued support of Nimbus Arts and especially for their flexibility and speed with grant awards through the pandemic period. Unused funds from the 2020-21 grant cycle were eligible for conversion to support general operating expenses and grants in the 2021-22 cycle were able to be directed to the exceptional expenses incurred to sustain and reopen during COVID restrictions. The quick action and thoughtfulness of the Board of Supervisors and the Art and Culture Advisory Committee helped community serving nonprofits like Nimbus Arts bridge the darkest period of the pandemic. Thank you, Napa County, for all you do to support art and artists throughout the county!

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### Save the Date - NIMBASH 2021 is back!

Following the unanticipated cancellation of NIMBASH 2020 due to the global pandemic and severe restriction on public events, we are pleased to announce NIMBASH 2021! The Napa Valley's 'arty-party' returns on **Saturday, September 11, 2021**, at

Charles Krug Winery. We are very grateful to Charles Krug for their support and partnership in bringing NIMBASH back! Our event will continue with the full slate of interactive art activities, great local wine and food, a magnificent art market, live and silent auctions, and our famous art-tastic fashion show! Mark your calendars now for the party-not-to miss, the 11th annual NIMBASH "Arty-Party" and Auction! Look for additional information on NIMBASH 2021 on the Nimbus Arts website. **Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, August 4th at 10AM**, so **act fast** as seating will be limited, and tickets will sell out quickly. Tickets can be purchased on our website; [nimbusarts.org](https://nimbusarts.org).

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### Our 2020 Annual Report Released

Our 2020 Annual report is available now on our website. Appropriately themed "Our Year of Perseverance," the report documents the rapid shifts and modifications we made to meet our mission through even the most severe pandemic restrictions. You'll read how we pressed on, never gave up, and never closed despite



cancelling our annual fundraiser and suspending our in-studio and in-school programs for nearly an entire year. Thanks to the strength and generosity of our community and the fortitude and dedication of our team, we persevered! Please visit [nimbusarts.org](https://nimbusarts.org) to access the report.

### Hundreds of Hands™: #009 Hare Raiser, #010 Tree of Life, #011 Tape Art



Sustaining and strengthening community connections through artmaking during the period of shelter-in-place and social distancing was a top priority for Nimbus Arts and was achieved through our Hundreds of Hands™ community art initiatives. Early on, as COVID restrictions were put in place, we quickly transitioned our in-studio programming to art-kits-to-go supported by online content that provided direct connection to others. Our strong belief in community was represented through the art installations assembled from individual artworks created by people of all ages and abilities. Together, the art highlighted the vitality, creativity, and diversity of our community.

The Hundreds of Hands™ initiatives that spanned this year were distinctive and unique, yet all shared a spirit of hope. **Hare Raiser** celebrated the arrival of spring, and the sense of renewal as pandemic restrictions began to abate.

**Tree of Life** followed shortly thereafter as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, with artwork created by and celebrating local families. Produced in collaboration with COPE Family Center, the art kits were distributed to families with limited access to art programs and activities. With the theme "Save the Pollinators," the **Tape Art** community art installation created two beautiful murals made completely out of tape, from free workshops and tape art kits provided by Nimbus Arts to the community. Generous support from organizations and individuals throughout the communities we serve is essential to our Hundreds of Hands initiatives and we are deeply thankful for their support.



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### St. Helena Farmers' Market Classroom

Community education is in full swing St. Helena Farmers' Market. In collaboration with the Farmers' Market, and to honor Nimbus' month of pollinator awareness programs, we teamed up to design a stunning pollinator-themed arch at the entry of the market classroom. Through generous sponsorship, Nimbus Arts also created and distributed more than 150 charming wooden butterfly art kits free to community members, and organized 100 pins to be designed and painted as gifts to the many market vendors and farmers. The Farmers' Market Classroom is the hub of educational activities for children and programming in support of several local organizations and initiatives.



### Nimbus + Legacy Giving = Long term impact

Planned Giving provides a way to support the things that are important to you for years after your passing — to deepen and continue your legacy. Nimbus Arts is launching its Planned Giving program and will offer art lovers who value our community-focused art programs an opportunity to keep art accessible and available in Napa Valley for years to come. Please visit [nimbusarts.org](http://nimbusarts.org) for more information on the program and the many options available to join the Nimbus Arts Planned Giving Program.



### Arts Council Napa Valley supports Community Art

Arts Council Napa Valley recognized the immense need for art activities during the pandemic and we are grateful for the CARES Act grant they quickly provided to Nimbus Arts. The grant will partially fund the creation and distribution of free art kits, expand the delivery of virtual programming, restore Día de Los Muertos collaborative programming with local schools, and our support community-building and educational activity for Napa County youth this fall.



### Nimbus Artist Profile: Amanda Wright

We are pleased to have Amanda Wright join the Nimbus family of instructors. She will be leading new programs and instruction in ceramics. Her work features traditional forms with white stoneware and neutral-colored glazes enlivened with a modern

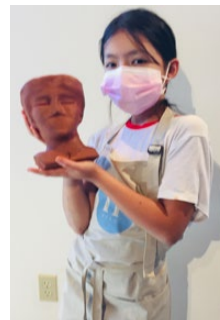


spirit. Amanda creates utilitarian art intended for everyday use. After leaving a career as a fashion designer and relocating from southern California to Napa Valley, Amanda discovered her passion for ceramics as a student at Nimbus Arts and soon established her

now burgeoning studio. Her beautiful and artistic creations can now be found around the world. See more about Amanda and her work here: [amandawrightpottery.com](http://amandawrightpottery.com) – and tune in for more news about Nimbus Ceramics studio updates and classes!



### Summer Camps + Custom classes



There's no secret about our "Camp Confidential" and we are excited for our return to a more complete and diverse slate of summer



offerings. The Nimbus Arts' team is energized and ready to bring you back to our studios for live, in-person camps all summer long! Our powerhouse line-up will get you back into the arts in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere of wonder, conducive to learning and creating. We are formatting our camp programs to maintain compliance with State and County COVID safety guidelines. Please visit [nimbusarts.org](http://nimbusarts.org) for the latest information and how you can customize any of our classes just for you and your friends!



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