



nimbus news brief

2022 SPRING/SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Hundreds of Hands™ #014: Spring Into Hope

Our "Spring Into Hope" community art exhibit adorned the walls of Vintage Home at the corner of Main Street and Spring Street in St. Helena between April 8 and June 3. Individual paintings of vibrant Sunflowers in yellows and blues served as an affirmation of our support for the people of Ukraine, and celebrated our return to in-person community artmaking events. Our twelfth Hundreds of Hands community art initiative brought together hundreds of people of all ages and abilities at our St. Helena studios for the first time in more than two years.



Community members created over 100 sunflower paintings in our art studios and at home, sharing personal and collective wishes of hope for those enduring strife, loss, and injustice in the Ukraine and around the world.

Welcoming, engaging, and connecting people is at the heart of everything we do at Nimbus Arts. The power of art and its ability to bring people together contrasts so sharply with the disruption and loss in Ukraine. Spring Into Hope signified our support and hope for a return to peace and safety for all.

Thank you to Laura Rombauer and Vintage Home for the public display space, and to Walker Construction for their generous installation support of these murals. A special thanks to Tony Leonardini for setting up his mobile pizza kitchen at our final community art event and directing a portion of the revenue from sales to relief efforts in Ukraine.



Creativity Coffee Blend

Nimbus Arts partnered with Napa Valley Coffee Roasting Co. to curate the delicious new Nimbus Arts Creativity Blend! It's a mixture of Napa Valley Coffee Roasting Company's Red Sea, Guatemalan, and Sumatra offerings. These three beans come together to create a

fruity cup of coffee with smooth, nutty undertones. Purchase a 12 oz. bag at either Napa Valley Coffee Roasting location (948 Main St., Napa, CA or 1400 Oak Ave., St. Helena), or through the Nimbus Arts website. Each 12 oz. bag of Creativity Blend coffee retails for \$15.95; 20% of the purchase price of each bag is returned to Nimbus Arts to support our operation and programs! Thank you to our creative friends at Napa Valley Coffee Roasting Co.

Our 14th Día los Muertos Celebration

Save the date! Produced in conjunction with our partner, UpValley Family Centers, our celebration of Mexican American culture, history, & art returns to the Napa Valley College Upper Valley Campus site on **Sunday, October 30**. We are deeply grateful to the City of St. Helena for their generous grant enabling us to produce this program.

Adult Classes + Summer Camps

Summer is in full swing at Nimbus Arts! All of our studios are open, operating, and waiting for you! We've welcomed back many of our veteran teaching artists and welcomed in several new and talented instructors, with a full slate of programming for everyone from toddlers to seniors. Our popular "Sip n' Paint" evenings are back, providing a great way to reconnect while making art and enjoying great local wines! Camps for youngsters and teens are back too; check out the numerous opportunities to add art to your summer break.



NIMBASH 2022



Art lovers from near and far celebrated NIMBASH 2022! Returning to our late-spring format, guests celebrated community art again at Charles Krug Winery, just 7 months after our previously pandemic-delayed 2021 event last fall. NIMBASH 2022 on May 28 was a colorful evening in celebration of our theme, **Palette Paradiso**. NIMBASH 2022 raised more than \$660,000, with our fund-a-need generating more than

\$190,000 of this total. We are very proud that over 50% of our expenses go back to local artists as wages and commissions.

Our participants added brilliance and energy to our celebration of the arts. The gracious and generous involvement of so many community members, sponsors, volunteers, and art lovers allow us to continue to deliver our full spectrum of art activities and programs to the community we share.

Have a "PEACE" of Pizza with Court & Community Schools!

Nimbus Arts developed and produced a Fine & Industrial Art education program opportunity for students at Camille Creek, Napa County's Juvenile Court and Community School. Nimbus Arts has had a long-standing programming contract to engage and teach these students in the arts, to both leverage the power of art to aid communication and inspire self-expression. These artmaking skills can also lead to employment. Recently, 35 Court and Community School students worked on designing and fabricating personalized mosaic Peace Signs, which were assembled onto the surface of a wood-burning Pizza Oven at their school. The students and staff will appreciate their mosaic art and the art of pizza-making with this new oven for years to come!



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Collaboration with Mentis Health

The benefits of artmaking on mental and emotional health are immense and consistently confirmed through scientific research. Nimbus Arts has leveraged the power of art for healing and connecting our community since its founding, 17 years ago, and we continue to develop and deliver programming to support this goal. Mental and emotional health, especially over these past pandemic years, has brought our renewed attention and focus to how art can help improve lives.

Nimbus Arts has begun program development and planning with Mentis Health, Napa County's primary mental health organization and its "Teens Connect" program, to deliver beneficial and therapeutic art programming to their constituents and the community. This collaboration, with a special focus on teen mental and social wellbeing, will bring awareness of the important work of the many organizations under their umbrella of support. Our broad community art programs will result in a large collaborative community public art installation.

Other organizations we will support and partner with include LGBTQ Connection, The Mariposa Program, Up Valley Family Centers, COPE Family Center, Juvenile Court and Community School Partners, and the Napa Valley Office of Education. Stay tuned for the roll out of these important and timely artmaking activities, and for more information on the Nimbus Arts/Mentis Health collaboration.



Continued Support from Napa County Art and Culture Advisory Committee



We are deeply grateful to the Napa County Board of Supervisors for their continued support of the Nimbus Arts organization. Their recently awarded grant will be allocated to important organizational and operational programs to improve our systems and processes and train our cohort of new team members. The support we've received from Napa County's Art and Culture Advisory Committee and Board of Supervisors has helped Nimbus Arts successfully navigate the disruptions of the pandemic, expand our operations and programming, and improve our efficiency and productivity. We look forward to continued support of our mission to make art activities and education available and accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds across Napa County.

Pollinator + Garden = Outdoor classroom

Nimbus Arts highlights the power of art to improve lives and leverages the physical, social, and emotional benefits of artmaking in our programs. With the addition of our Pollinator Garden, we've extended our outdoor classroom space while improving our connection to Pollinators: bees, butterflies, moths, bats, hummingbirds, and other creatures that are a critical link in our food chain and essential to the agricultural community we call home. Through the generous support of the Clif Family Foundation, our landlord, Vineland Station, Walker Construction, and the generosity of many others, we've created a pollinator garden with a special habitat to attract and sustain pollinator populations. The space also serves as a beautiful outdoor space for our classes and camps while simultaneously educating our community.



Sattui Preschool Playground Pollinator Mural Completed

Barbara Nemko & the Napa County Office of Education commissioned Nimbus Arts to design a garden inspired mural for the newly completed Sattui Preschool in Calistoga. It was designed by Nimbus Artist Anne Pentland, who worked with instructor Margaret Dennett and several of our Juvenile Court and Community School/Camille Creek students to create this new work of art for the community of preschool children and families to enjoy. The 12' x 4' mural is located low on a school wall so that the youngsters can easily view the artwork and learn, count, and identify all types of flora and fauna. The completed mural was presented to the full board of the Napa County Office of Education at a recent meeting and received rave reviews!



Nimbus Artist Profile: Anne Pentland

Anne Pentland has been a Nimbus Arts mainstay since our founding 17 years ago. Serving as our Staff Artist + Assistant Program Manager, Anne supports and assists in developing classes, camps and workshops while maintaining her place as one of our most



distinguished and popular artist-instructors. Anne earned a bachelor's degree in Studio Art from UC Davis in 1987, studying under world renowned artists Wayne Thiebaud, Manuel Neri and Robert Arneson. Her deep connection to nature and ecology shows in much of her work. Endangered and threatened animals and habitat are celebrated and championed in her exquisite paintings. Her refined style, precise execution and evolved composition

are qualities found in her work and shared with hundreds of community members she's trained and taught through private and group classes, art camps and workshops. Anne believes "art is communication." She strives to make a difference by communicating through art and building awareness through her creativity. A survivor of the Tubbs Fire 2017, Anne recently began capturing the transition and renewal of the fire scarred landscape near her Calistoga home in her work, continuing her message of hope and care for the world we all share.

Estate Planning

Make community art your legacy. Estate Planning 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 launched its Planned Giving program last year and we continue to grow the program as we celebrate our 17th year in the community. Please visit nimbusarts.org for more information on the program and the many options available to join the Nimbus Arts Planned Giving Program.



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