



Nimbus Arts Mosaic Stone Stack Community Sculpture Project

Call to Artists - Creative Changemakers

- 1. Experienced Mosaic Artists and Instructors**
- 2. Large-Scale Sculpture Fabrication/Designers**
- 3. Cairn or Stone Stacking Cultural Educators, Storytellers, and Artisans**

Application Deadline October 7th

Artist Wage \$55-\$75/hour dependent upon role and experience

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Nimbus Arts invites mosaic artists, sculpture fabricators, cultural educators and storytellers residing in California to submit qualifications for our [17th Hundreds of Hands™](#) Community Art program in collaboration with Mentis, Napa County's leading mental health resource organization. Our team of hired artists will work to provide free mosaic art events engaging hundreds of community members to create mosaic elements that will be assembled and applied onto a large-scale public outdoor sculpture. This project endeavors to tie together the symbolism of stone stacking: communication, balance, strength, and harmony with this unique youth art mentorship program, and sharing connection through community wide art engagement. This project will address community resilience, and public mental health and wellness through art.

This project is grant supported by the [San Francisco Foundation](#) and has awarded Nimbus Arts to be a part of the [Bay Area Creative Corp \(BACC\)](#). The BACC supports organizations eager to collaborate with creative changemakers to deepen and/or create community-informed solutions in the areas of Public Health, Civic Engagement and Connection, and Environmental Sustainability & Resilience. Activities will take place in priority communities in eight counties of the Bay Area region.

1. Mosaic Instructors and Artisans

At the heart of this project is our youth artist mentor program, where skilled artists will train teens, and the community at large in the art of mosaic. This project requires artists with skills in mosaic arts instruction, and mosaic installation.

2. Large-Scale Sculpture Fabricators/Designers

We will employ those familiar with large-scale sculpture fabrication and design to build structural armature, and large stone stack forms.

3. Cairn or Stone Stacking Artisans, Cultural Educators and Storytellers

The significance of creating stone stacks varies from culture to culture but the form is found around the world. Stone stacks communicate the journey of an individual or tribe, mark expeditions and territories, or define hunting, burial, and cultural religious ceremony sites. Nimbus Arts is looking for cultural educators to share knowledge of the use of cairns within Napa County heritage sites and those that can share teachings about the ceremony around stone stacking traditions. This includes artisans with special stone stacking knowledge and skills for exhibition or demonstration.

More about our youth instructor assistant & mentorship program

The springboard for this youth group of trainees will be established through Mentis' "Teens Connect", youth leaders engaged in counseling and providing support services through their Creative Youth program. In this proven art initiative, artists/creative changemakers will teach our student team to lead free mosaic activities throughout our surrounding communities. While this art mentorship will engage art skill and encourage creativity, it will also be bringing awareness to the work of Mentis' "Teens Connect" youth leadership program that provides counseling and mental health support services.

Applicant Submissions

Artists, Sculptors, Fabricators and Cultural Educators must provide the following:

Relevant Skills & Experience: Applicants must provide work history/practice in mosaic arts, art instruction experience, and any relevant youth mentorship/instruction experience.

Meaningful Connection: Applicants must reside in California, and have a demonstrated, established connection to Napa County.

A Flexible Schedule will be required: The nature and duration of this work will be determined and scheduled with each applicant hired, and may range from consistent weekly hours over the course of a year to individual contracted work for a determined duration (i.e. final mosaic installation, a group storytelling session). The calendar established will be based upon both individual artist availability and the calendar required by collaborating community organizations and is subject to change.

Artist Instruction & Mentorship: The hours of instruction, community event dates, and calendar are being established. Our public programs and events will be planned throughout Napa County with collaborating organizations, which will be fluid throughout the year.

Large-scale Sculpture Fabricators/Designers: Will need to be available from September 2023 through the design approval and permitting, armature build out, and final installation. Upon contract a calendar of mutually agreeable dates will be established.

Cultural Educators, Storytellers, and Stone Stack Artisans: Upon contract a calendar of mutually agreeable dates for presentations and exhibitions will be established throughout the year.

Required Documents:

- Resume and/or Bio
- 3 – 5 JPEG Images of relevant work
- 3 references
- Phone Number, email address, and home address

- [Complete Application](#)

Applicants will be evaluated by the following: The artist has demonstrated ability to successfully implement this proposed project, clear experience in the area(s) cited above, the ability to work constructively with students, project managers, and artists, the ability to engage and inspire community participants.

Project Timeline

Application Deadline	October 7 th
Anticipated sculpture installation date	September 2024

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