

Quarterly Newsletter April 2021

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# WE HAVE BEEN BUSY AS BEES!

#### **Greetings!**

We have been busy as bees - literally!

Our team has been working hard completing numerous projects, making headway with ongoing commissions, and beginning new and exciting work!

Check out the details of our recent endeavors, and our sensational fundraiser coming up, below.

## CASA GRANDE POLINATORS MURAL IS COMPLETE!

After 8 months, our mural at Casa Grande High School is finally finished!

This is a great example of our distance learning murals, the adaptation that has allowed us to continue putting art in the



hands of our community throughout the pandemic.

Lead artist Alina, with the help of many apprentices and volunteers, coordinated and created 55 painting kits, which were painted by students at home from two of Ms. Richter's art classes.

Once all of the bees, butterflies and poppies were painted, it took 12 people, 4 days to install and complete the mural.

Read more about the mural in the article below!

Read The Article



## **CUSTOM MOSAICS**

Our apprentices have been hard at work completing lots of mosaic stepping stones and address posts. Lead artists Gio and Alina, and creative director Jennifer, finished them up this week with a grouting party.

Twenty-five stepping stones and six posts, all custom designed and handmade. What a feat! If you are interested in a custom mosaic



piece for your home, please contact us!

Mosaic is a unique skill for any artist to have, let alone a teenager! Your custom commission directly supports their training in this medium.

#### **RVCS WINGS OF FLIGHT**

Lead artist Hannah, and her apprentices Isabella and Flynn, recently finished the Wings of Flight mural for Rincon Valley Charter School. In the photo below you can see the mock up pair of wings that was made to hang at Artstart.

The pair that will be hung at the school's new campus this summer, is twice the size - a 16 foot wingspan! Both sets of wings were assembled from individual feathers, hand painted by Mrs. Friedman's art classes at home. Another distance learning mural success!



Lead artist Gio and his

apprentice Zohar did a stunning job painting Artstart's contribution to the piano exhibition in Petaluma, benefiting the town's waterfront.

View Artstart's piano, among nearly 30 other painted pianos, on display in the Petaluma Art's Center main gallery.





# **SPONSOR AN APPRENTICE**

May & July Sessions are fast approaching and we need your support to make it a successful program!

\$300 provides a talented local teen with valuable professional experience

As a sponsor you will enjoy an inside look on their progress with personal update videos.

**Learn More** 



## SHELTER IN PLACE MURAL UNVEILING

SHELTER IN PLACE: A TEEN PERSPECTIVE was created by our artists and apprentices. This mural is the astounding result of

merging over 100 submissions.

Visit three locations displaying the imagery and story of this epic project: Santa Rosa Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

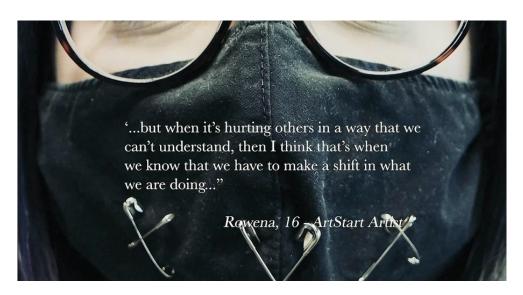
Petaluma Premium Village Outlets, main entrance Downtown Petaluma, 214 Western Ave., store front

Thank you Simon Properties for the display space!



### SHELTER IN PLACE DOCUMENTARY

A short documentary about the creation of the Shelter in Place mural is now available to stream on our website. Huge thank you to all of the apprentices who participated and to film maker Michael Woolsey for his dedicated documentation.



**Watch Now** 

# MAY SESSION - APPLY NOW

Our Apprenticeship program is continuing with a new session running

from May 4th through May 27th.
Session will be held TuesdayWednesday-Thursday, from 2 pm to 6
pm. All apprentices will be paid a small
stipend (about \$250).

Please note: you also have the option to attend from 4 pm to 6 pm if your school schedule does not allow for the full session.

To apply, teens must submit a completed application form and a portfolio. Follow the link below to find all the necessary application materials on our website.

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# SAVE THE DATE - ARTISTS FOR ARTSTART

Artstart's next fundraising event is coming up!

Local artists have generously donated their work to be auctioned to our supporters.

Auction held on July 18th Online bidding from July 9-16th

Pictured: "Van Gough's Iris" Connie Mygatt, 24" x 30". Acrylic. \$450.

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