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The Cultural Services Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the third Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

# TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024 REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM AT CITY HALL, 3031 TORRANCE BL.

### THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members Cabrera, Carrasco, Hsiao, Klinenberg, Ohara, Polcari, Chair Kraemer

#### 2. FLAG SALUTE

#### 3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Friday, October 11, 2024 /s/ Rebecca Poirier

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

#### **5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** (Limited to a 15-minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for comments on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. No longer than 1 minute per speaker. If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.

#### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A.APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 16, 2024.

#### 7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 7A.CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER - REVIEW CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission review updates on the Cultural Services activities.

### 7B.CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER - DISCUSS AND DETERMINE COMMISSION DARK NIGHTS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission discuss the 2024 November and December meetings to declare which month shall be dark.

### 7C.CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER - REVIEW AND DISCUSS UTILITY BOX SUBMISSIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission review and discuss the artist submission for the Utility Box Program and choose twelve for presentation to the City Council.

#### 8. ADJOURNEMENT

**8A.** Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to MONDAY, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Conference Room.



### MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Cabrera, Carrasco, Hsiao, Klinenberg, Polcari and

Chair Kraemer.

Absent: Commissioner Ohara.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte and Community Services Director

John La Rock.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Hsiao moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Ohara. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Ohara absent).

#### 2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cabrera.

#### 3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS:

None.

#### 5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public spoke.

#### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 19, 2024

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Cabrera moved to approve the August 19, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Ohara absent).

#### 7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

#### 7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte presented Item 7A:

- The Excellence in Arts subcommittee met September 9, 2024, to finalize recommendations for the Commission's consideration.
- Petty Theft performed for the final Torrance Summer Nights Concert with more than 1,000 people in attendance. Per the survey provided at the event, 95% noted that they enjoyed the entirety of the Torrance Summer Nights Festival.
- Torrance Theatre Company's summer musical had a 47% increase in new audience members, and surveys reflected a 90% recommendation.
- Torrance Theatre Company has scheduled Escanaba in Da Moonlight, a comedy written by Jeff Daniels and directed by Cary Jordahl, to open Saturday, October 5, 2024.
- The TRYST and NOMAD exhibitions at the Del Amo Crossing saw an increase in attendance (4,500 attendees), gallery participation, and Instagram engagement.
- Cultural Services Classes have expanded in response to survey requests.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Klinenberg moved to file and accept Item 7A. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Ohara absent).

### 7B. <u>CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE EXCELLENCE</u> IN ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Cultural Services Manager Harte presented Item 7B:

Members of the Commission discussed the subcommittee's recommendations regarding the Excellence in Arts Awards.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Cabrera moved to nominate Diane Reeves for the Excellence in Arts Golden Circle Award. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Ohara absent).

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Klinenberg moved to approve all names for the Excellence in Arts nominations selected by the subcommittee for the 2024 awards ceremony. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Ohara absent).

#### 8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners Cabrera and Klinenberg spoke.

#### 9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

**MOTION**: At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Carrasco moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, October 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hsiao; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval (Commissioner Ohara absent).

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TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file updates on the Cultural Services Division.

 The Excellence in Arts Awards celebrates its 46th year with a fun and moving production, free for all to attend. The winners are excited and developing their artistic offerings to present live. Kirk Rossberg will conduct a Cookie Decorating Contest with the Commissioners. Elected officials have also been invited to participate in the decorating.



• The Torrance Theatre Company's production of ESCANABA IN DA MOONLIGHT, written by Jeff Daniels and directed by Cary Jordahl, opened October 5, 2024. This is the first production



of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season at the cozy theatre in Old Torrance at 1316 Cabrillo Ave. The production is hilarious and runs through October 26, 2024. The scenery was designed by Cary Jordahl's technical theatre student, Lily Mizrahi, from his acclaimed Technical Theatre Program at Mira Costa High School and our own Theatre Technician, Jorge Macias designed the sound, which adds to the fun in ways you'll want to experience for yourself. Recent upgrades include roomier seats with a small shelf in front of each row for audience members to comfortably set their drinks, purses, programs, and other items. There is also a new popcorn machine, which has proven to be

a very popular addition to the concessions stand. Gia Jordahl, Artistic Director, is planning the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala for March 2025, which is proving to be an event you definitely won't want to miss.

The Torrance Art Museum opens October 12, 2024, at 6:00p.m. with the traditional excitement and party atmosphere. IN MEDIAS RES: EXPANDED in Gallery 1 showcases Los Angeles-based feminist artists. Gallery 2 features Jet Pascua, the Filipino-Norwegian artist with his exhibition: JET PASCUA: THE ARREARS ON ARRIVA. The exhibitions are open through December 7, 2024.



Cultural Services Classes is working with various artists to increase offerings in art, language,



and music. We are currently evaluating possible additional class locations in various Torrance parks, such as McMaster Park and we are in conversation with numerous instructors and vendors to accomplish our expansion objectives. We have designed a new social media campaign to support our goals.

The cultural marketing subcommittee formed to research common practices in other cities for providing comprehensive, city-wide cultural event listings will meet November 5, 2024 to compile data and develop a proposal for a comprehensive listing for Torrance cultural events. Members of the subcommittee have begun researching and securing quotes for possible printed materials to support the conversation.



The Torrance Rose Float Association is holding their first Decorator's meeting on Thursday,



October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. in the Garden Room at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. They are inviting everyone who would like to take part in this exciting tradition. It's a fun meeting and an opportunity to get to know the dedicated people behind years of successful Torrance Rose Floats.

• The Torrance Sister City Association has begun planning for the annual Bunka-Sai Festival,

scheduled April 5 and 6, 2024, 11:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Harte

Cultural Services Manager

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: DISCUSS AND DETERMINE COMMISSION DARK NIGHTS

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission discuss the 2024 November and December meetings to declare which month shall be dark.

Traditionally, the Cultural Arts Commission schedules their December meeting as a Dark Night and adjourn to January. Cultural Arts meetings typically try to avoid or reschedule meetings appropriately to avoid the November or December holidays. Seeking further direction, staff look to the Commission regarding potential adjustment to the Commission Dark Night selection.

If the Commission decides to opt for a dark night on November 18, 2024, the regularly scheduled Cultural Arts Commission meeting for October 21,2024 will motion to adjourn to December 16, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Harte

Cultural Services Manager

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND DISCUSS UTILITY BOX SUBMISSIONS FOR

PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission review and discuss the artist submission for the Utility Box Program and choose twelve for presentation to the City Council.

At their meeting of March 21, 2022, the Cultural Arts Commission began a process to review and recommend the components of a utility box public art program. At their meeting of October 17, 2022, a Sub-Committee of the Commission presented 12 locations, 2 per District, to be the locations for installation under the pilot program.

Staff issued a call for artists to solicit artwork designs from the community by providing flyers to local arts organizations and schools, posting on social media, submitting the call on numerous arts websites and Facebook pages catering to artists, and sending direct emails to more than 200 artists who participated in the NOMAD Exhibition in 2024. The call to artists specified the artwork submissions would be presented to the Cultural Arts Commission for review and recommendation. Once the top 12 submissions have been selected, staff will offer to match sponsors with pre-approved artworks. Ultimately, all artworks and installations will be presented for approval to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Harte

Cultural Services Manager

Attachments: A) Artist's submission (PowerPoint presentation)

B) List of Artist's submission (excel)

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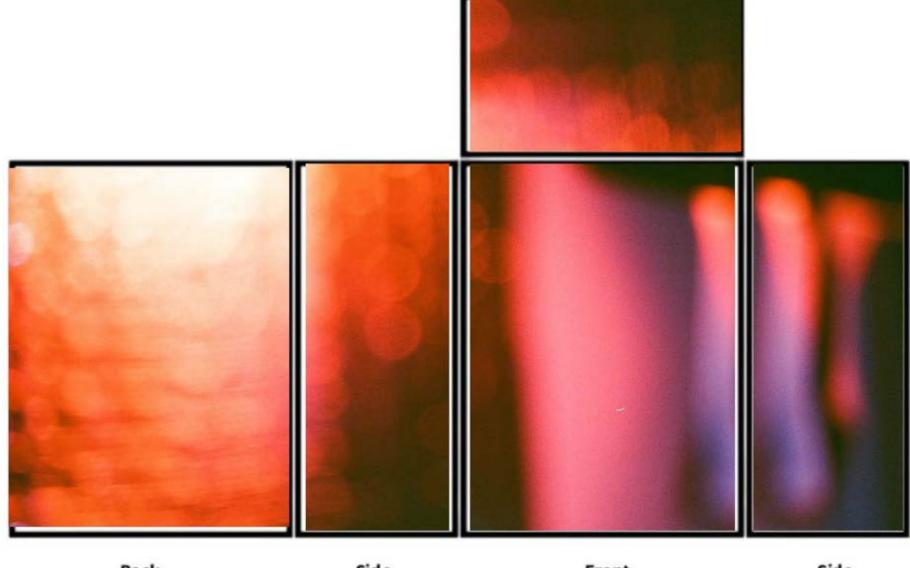


Architectural Abstraction Leland Bourdages 5/12/2024



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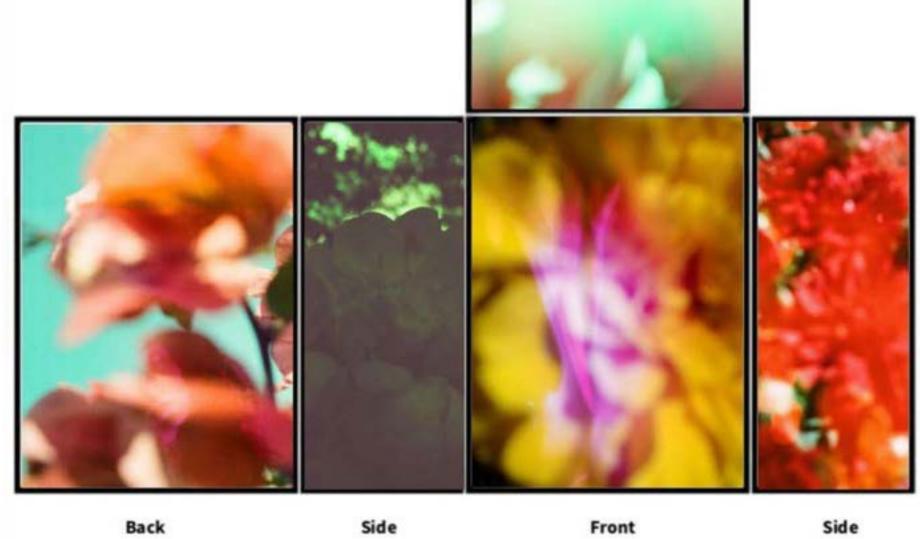




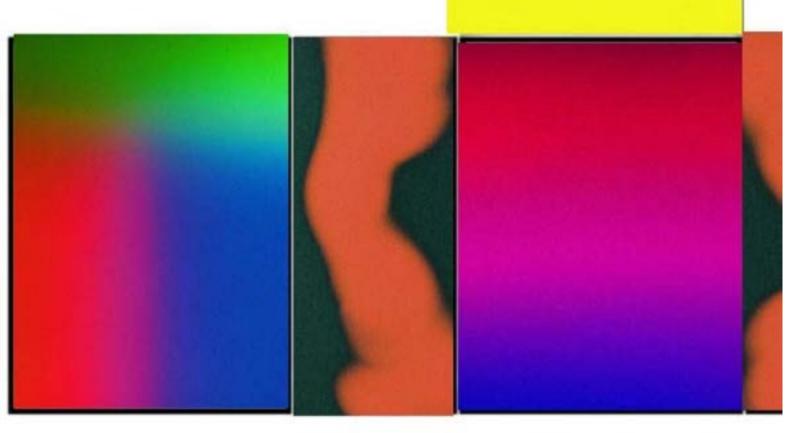
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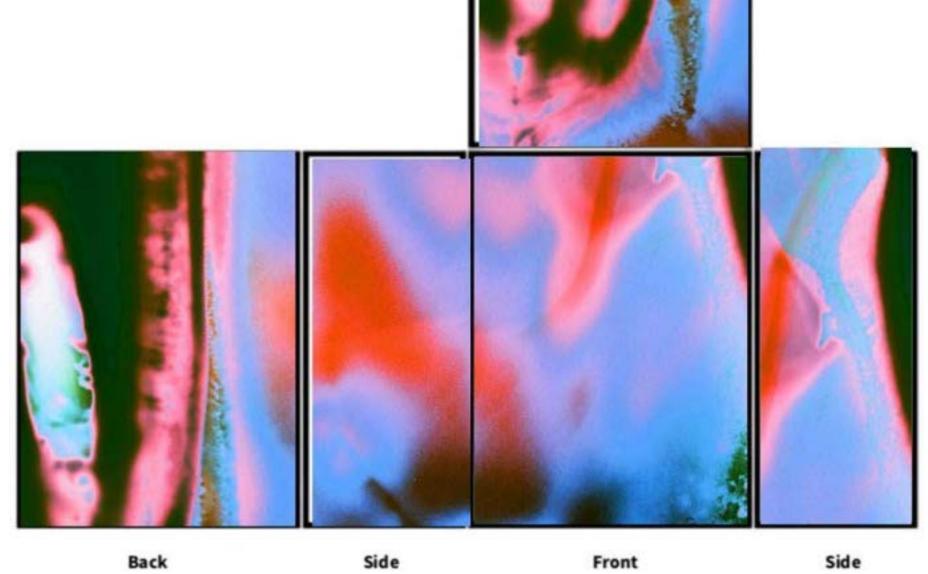
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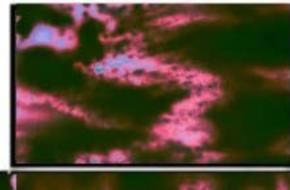
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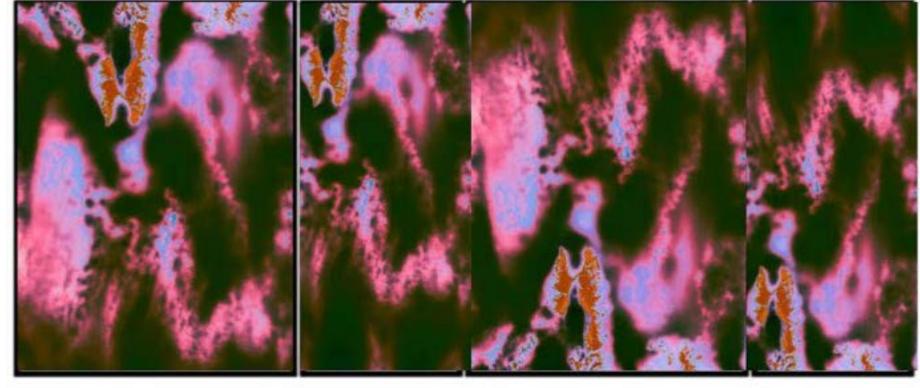
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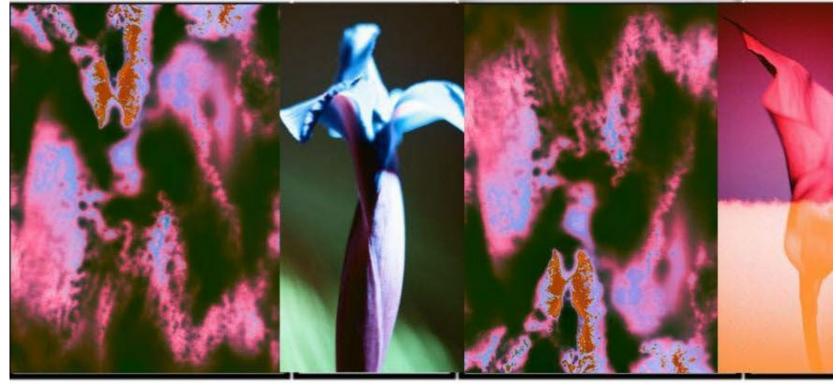


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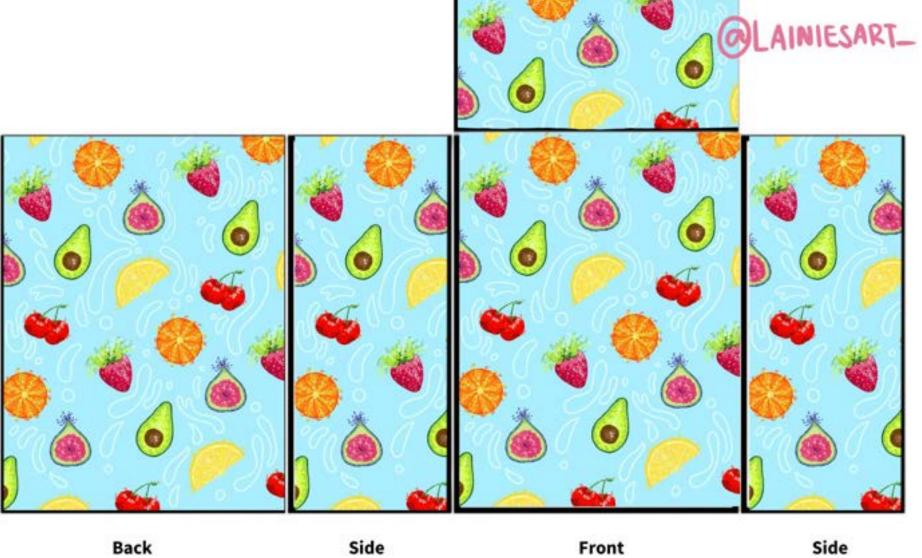


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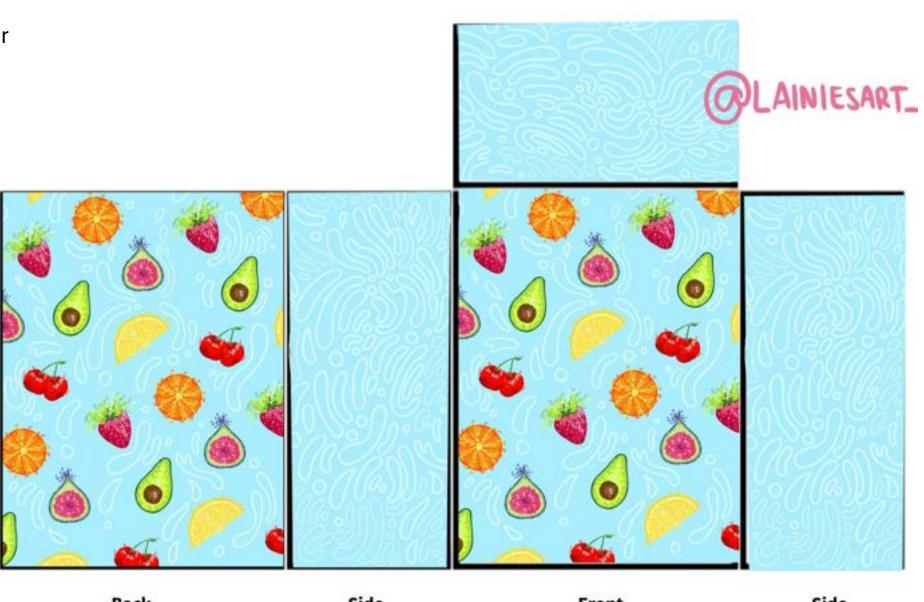
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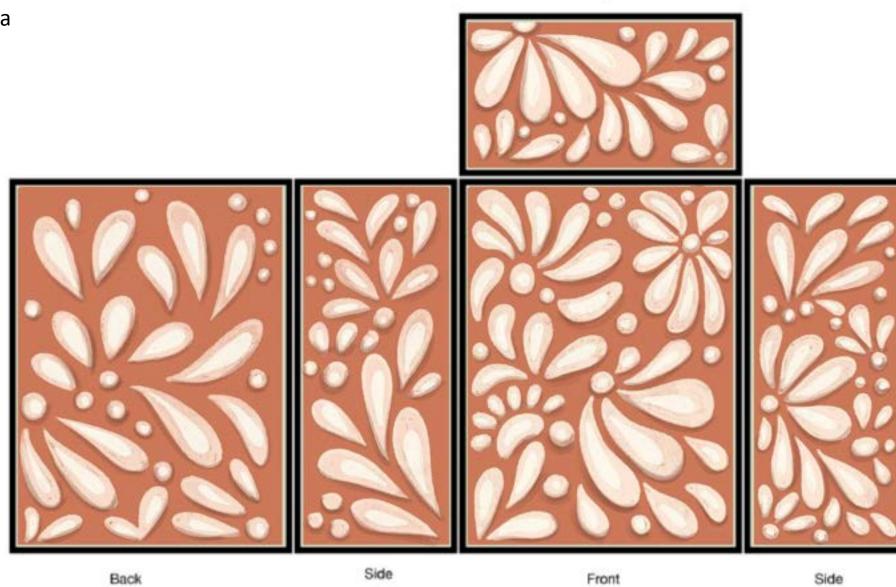
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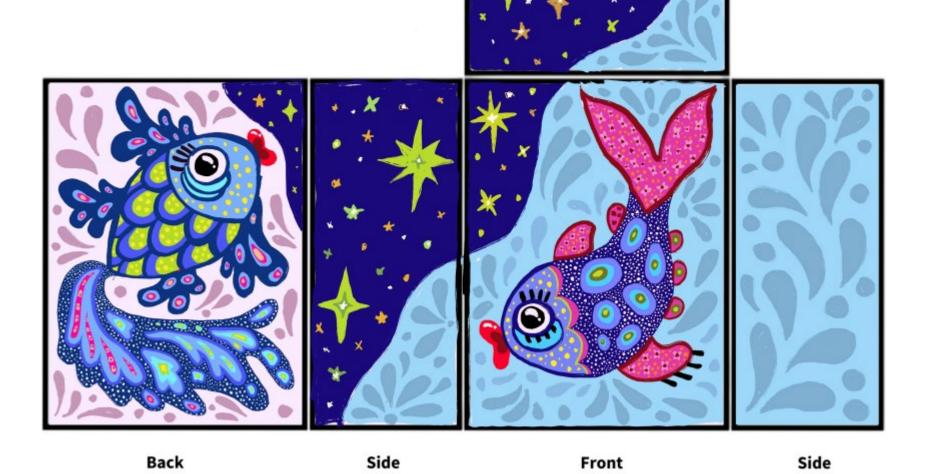
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Fish Alebrijes Felicia Arteaga 7/08/24



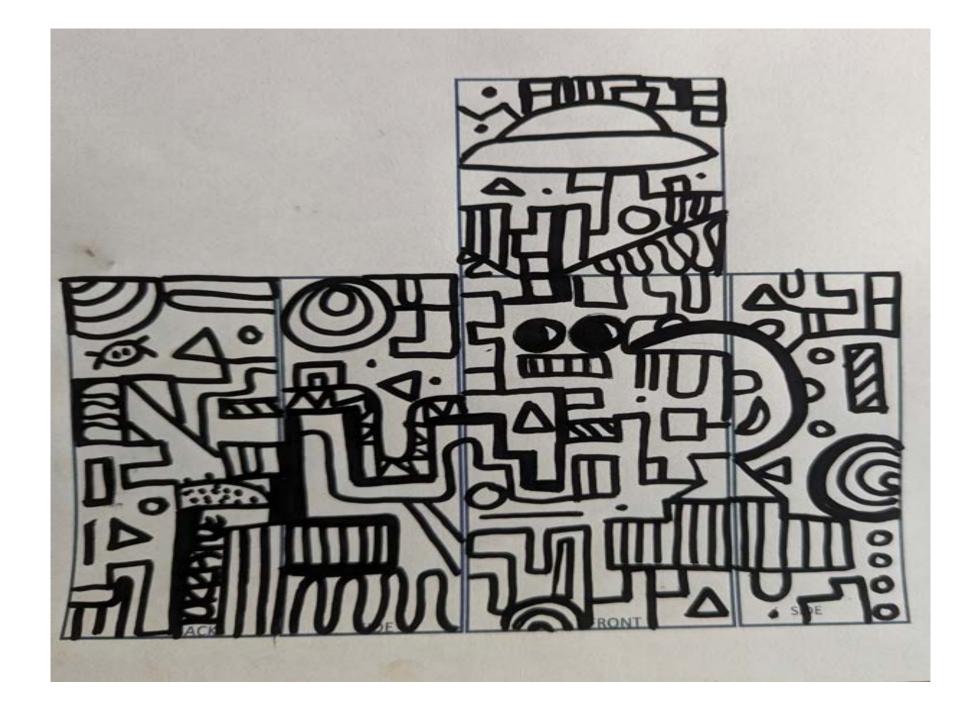
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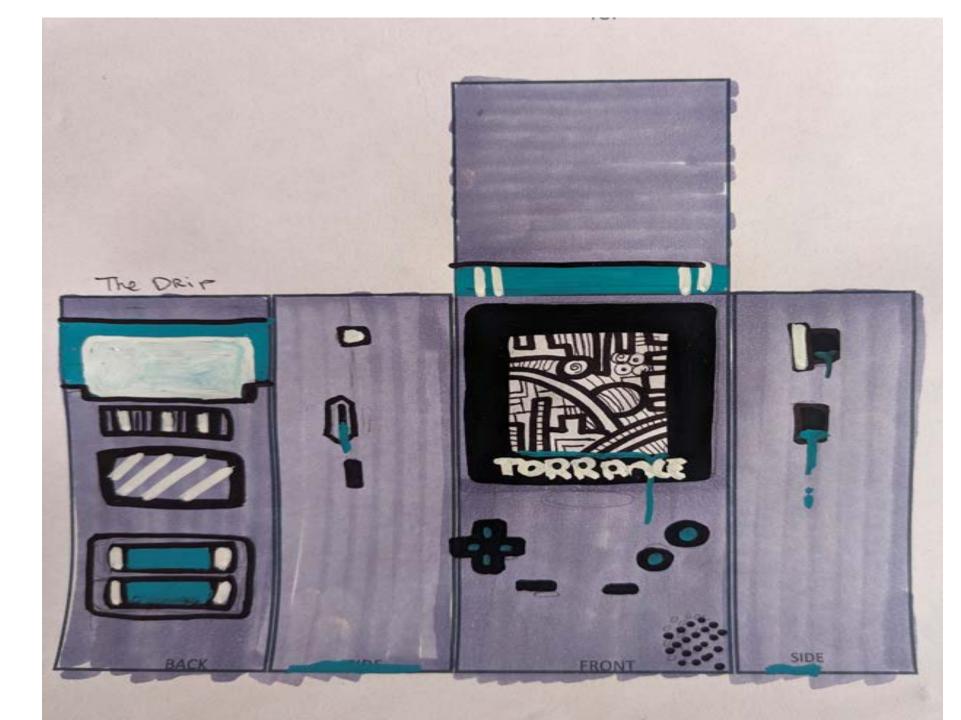
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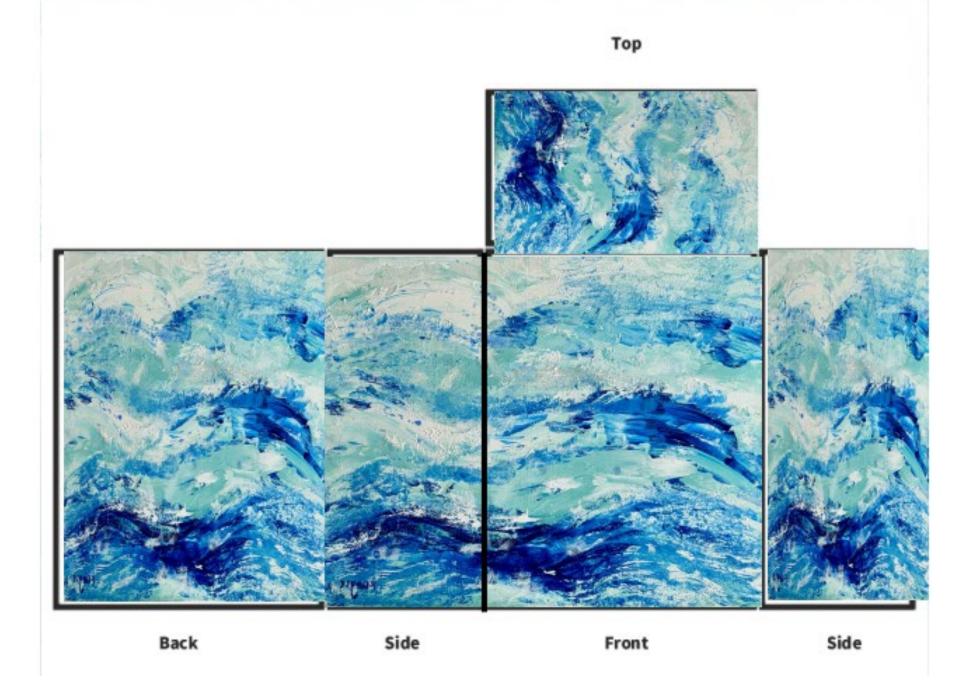
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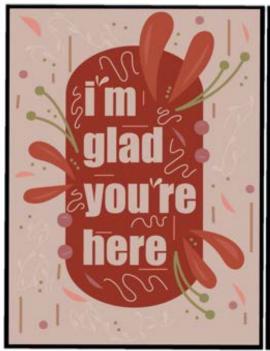


Surf's Up Karen Doyle 5/29/2024



I'm glad you're here Aimee Spriggs 06/06/2024 Тор











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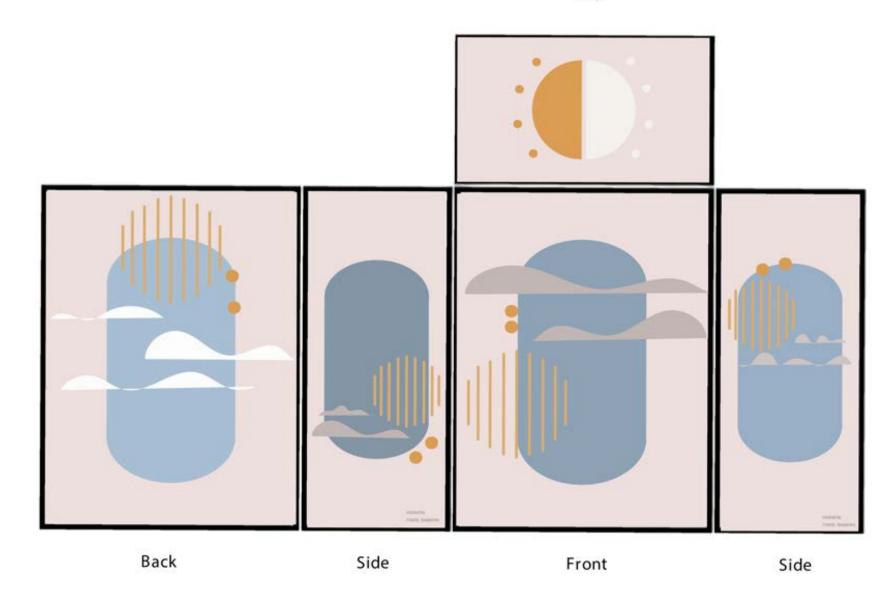
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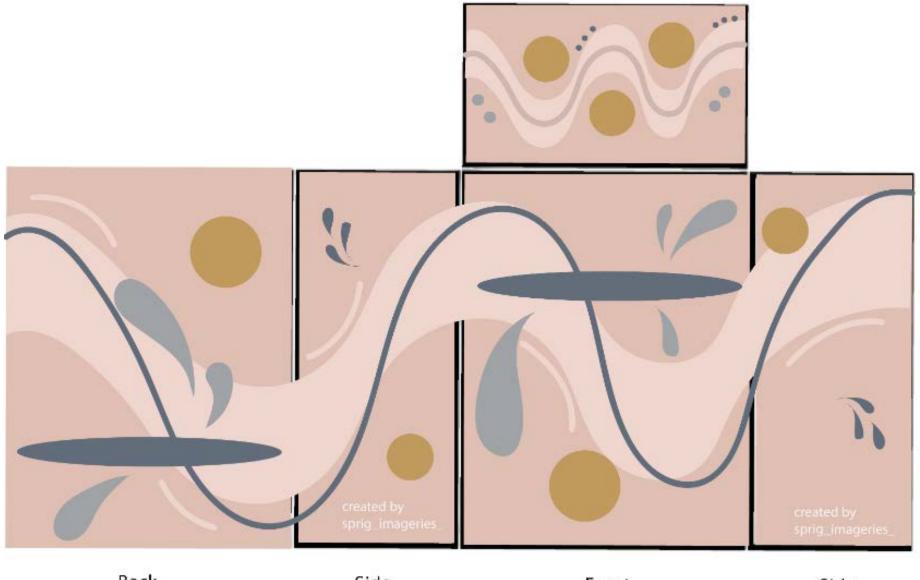
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Aimee Spriggs Sunshine 06/06/2024



Aimee Spriggs Water 06/06/2024



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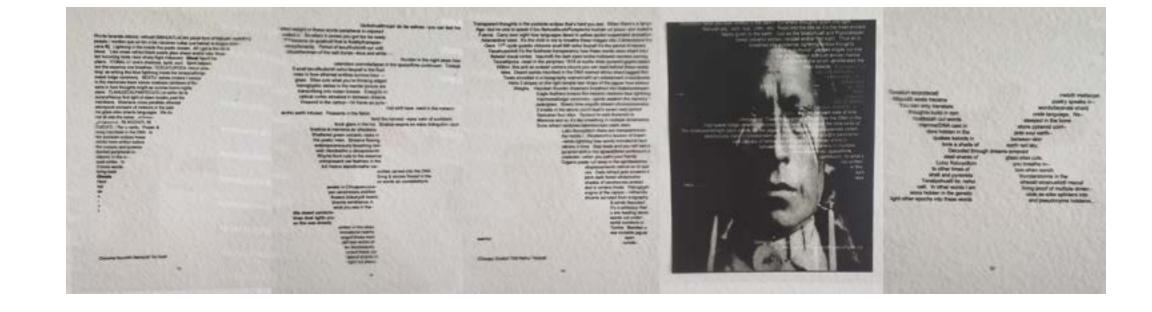
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Aimee Spriggs you're allowed to take up space 06/06/2024



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### Jose Trejo Maya Transparencies in Time 06/12/24



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Flowers – Whites Ashish Sharma 7/30/24











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Flowers – Multi-color Ashish Sharma 7/30/24











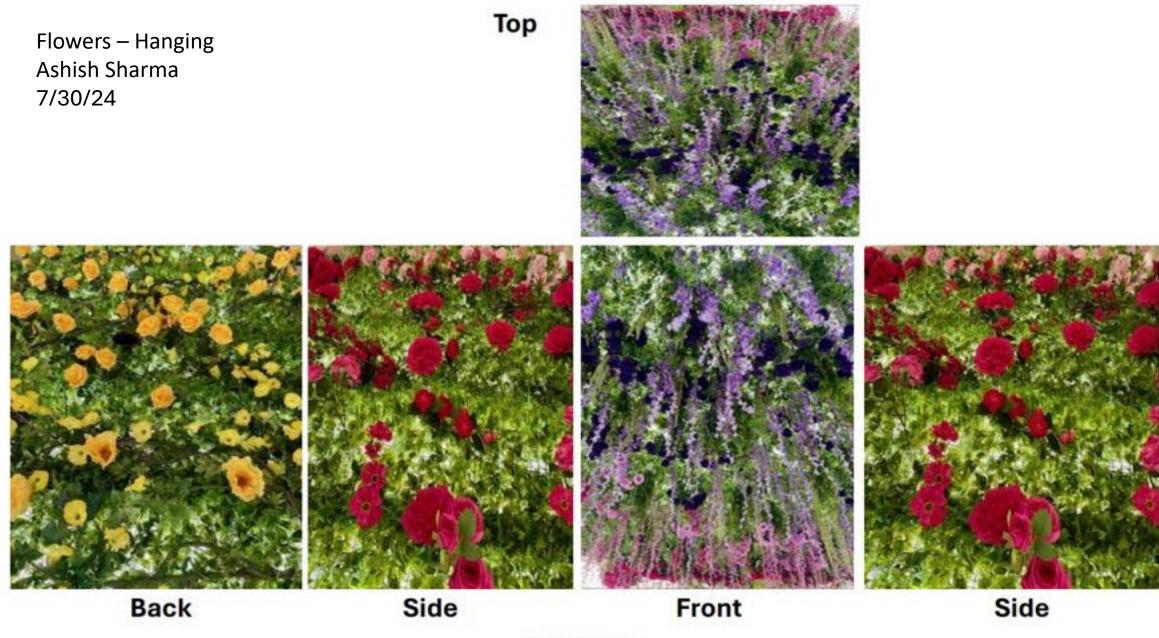
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By Ashish Sharma



By Ashish Sharma

Artwork featured in this submission is by three artists Maria Gutierrez, Alma Velasco, and Chuka Arantou through Able ARTS Work mobile arts program. 7/30/24





Somewhere Beyond Congyu Liu 9/06/24



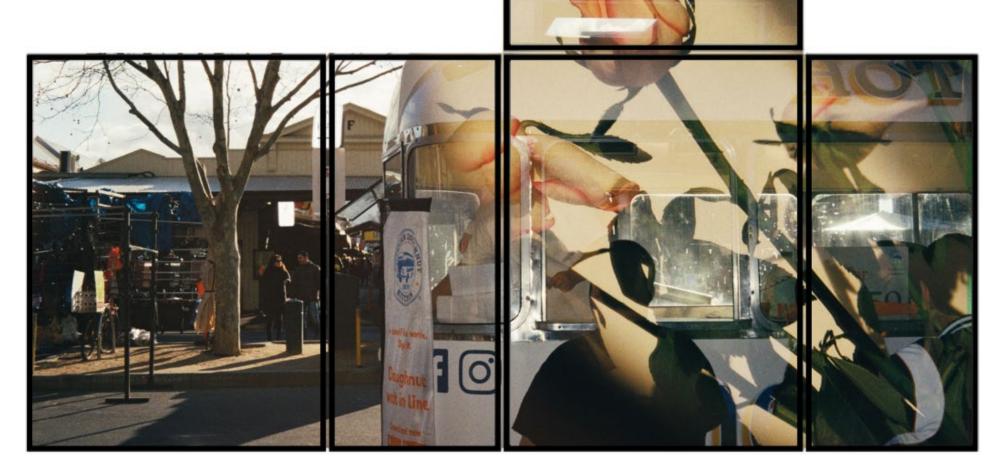


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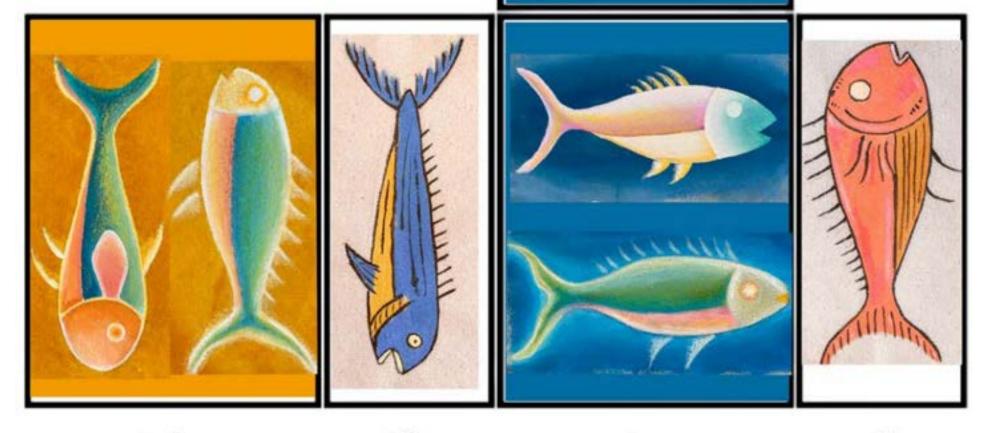


Somewhere Beyond 3 Congyu Liu 9/06/24



Catch of the day Amelie Laurice 9/06/24

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Community Dellis Frank 9/08/24



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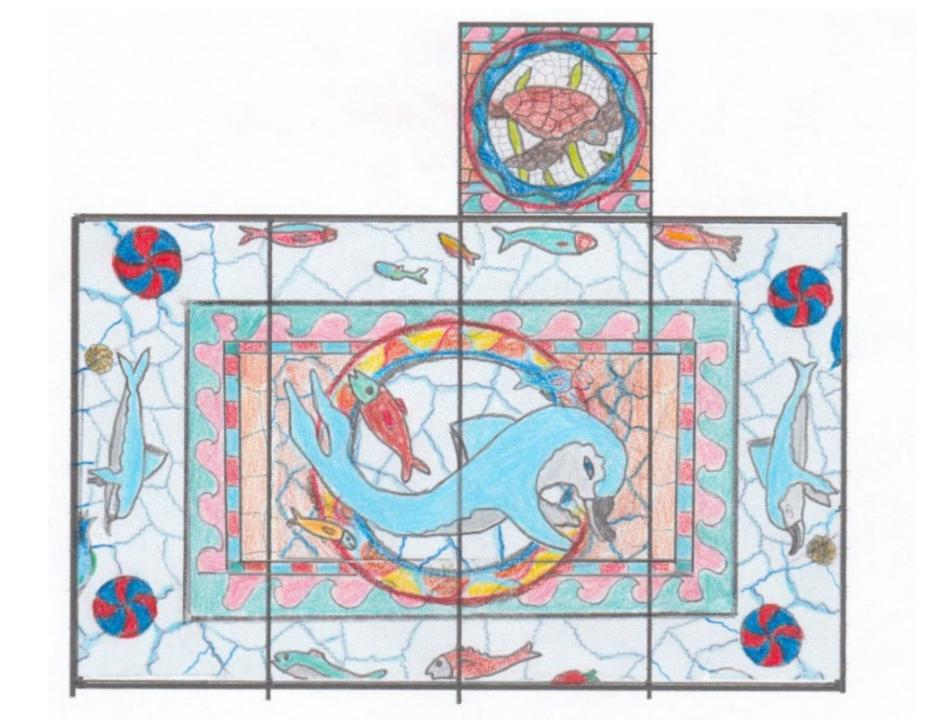
Dellis Frank 9/08/24



There are plenty more fish in the sea Raphaela Cohen-Bacry

9/08/24

Dolphin Mosaic Raphaela Cohen-Bacry 9/08/24



"Yarn Construction" (Red, white, blue and pink) Deborah Lynn Irmas 9/08/24



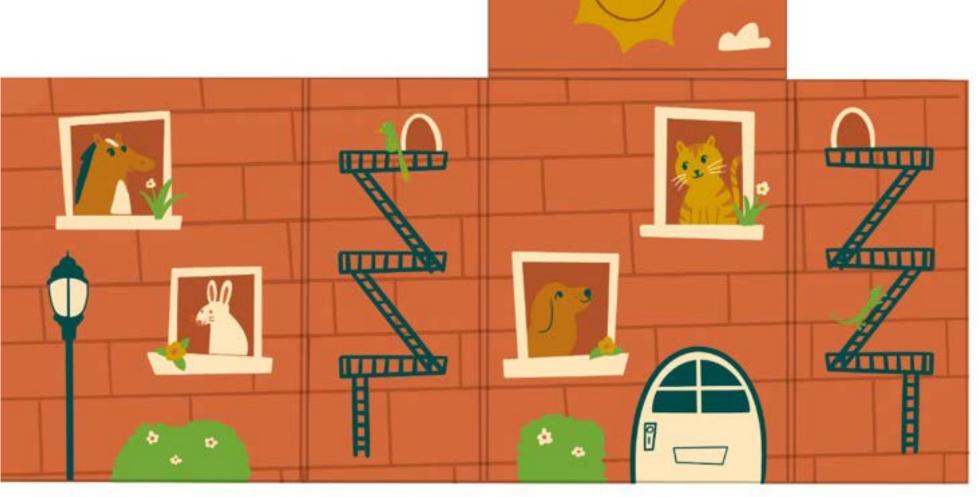
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Torrance by Neli Neli Hanna 9/09/24





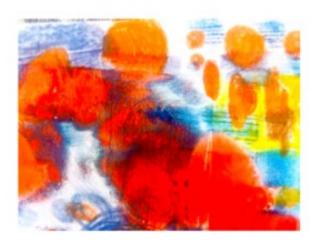
Howdy Neighbor Cynthia Nava 9/09/24



Title: "Torrance Native birds"

Artist: Vanesa Andrade

Location: Refinery Way & W 190th St





Title: "Torrance Natives" Artist: Vanesa Andrade

Utility box #0042 Location: Anza Ave. & Lomita Blvd





Title: "Sea creatures"
Artist: Vanesa Andrade
Utility box # 0131
Location: 201 Paseo de la Playa





Title: "Blooming"

Artist: Vanesa Andrade

Utility box #0130 Location: Del Amo Circle &

Carson St.











Title: "Orchids and friends"

Artist: Vanesa Andrade

Utility box # 0035 Location: Crenshaw Blvd and

Plaza Del Amo







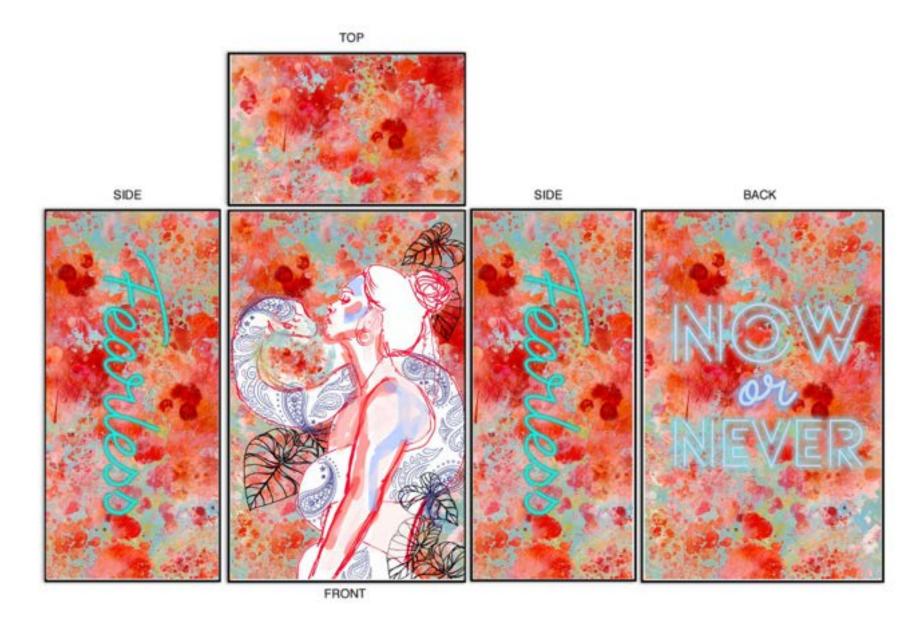




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Surfacing Dina Cline 9/06/24





girl in light blue and pink pastels with a hair in a updo with a feather through it, while a paisley covered snake wraps

Artwork Description: around her and faces her. plants and abstract background +"fearless " on sides and "now or never" on back

TOP



roses will be red and snake will have a blue pattern butterfly monarch



SIDE



SIDE



BACK

FRONT

pastel watercolor like woman carressing neck with a crown of red roses as a cute snake covered in colbolt blue designs come out curiously to Artwork Description: watch a monarch butterfly land \*positive phrase -potential edits - all words in wihite - lips on woman red

TOP



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Artwork Description: colorful abstract +postive phrase

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Artwork Description: Abtract watercolor work with line work + positive phrase "just go with the flow"

TOP SIDE SIDE BACK

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Artwork Description: watercolor like woman in pastels with lotus flower head piece as gold fish swim around + postive phraseArtist Name: Amanda Kruse potential edits - koi fish

TOP SIDE SIDE BACK

FRONT

Artwork Description: man in with a wave of color running over face with spray painted background +positive phrase- potential edits - might have wave run all the way around going under phrase

TOP SIDE SIDE BACK

FRONT

Artwork Description: outline of cowboy boot with wild flowers coming out = posstive phrase with wild flowers - edits will be to refit the boots and flower in space

Artist Name: Amanda Kruse correctly

TOP SIDE SIDE BACK

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Artwork Description: outline of cowboy boot with wild flowers coming out = posstive phrase with wild flowers -potential edits - wild flowers outlines in corners

Artist Name: Amanda Kruse or foating on the side and top panels

Ways of Seeing Trevor Coopersmith 9/19/24

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The design includes three transformed hub-caps into references of the natural world and craft while also re-presenting discarded objects. Torrance is home to the US headquarters of American Honda Motor Company, Acura and other top automotive companies. This work includes social commentary on our automotive dependency in Los Angeles while also celebrating industry and commerce in Torrance.







### Gabrielino / Tongva Collrane Mergens 9/19/24

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Title: "South Bay Lifestyle" Artist: Judy Lange Utility box # 0064 Location: Van Ness Ave and

Dominguez St.



Mockup 1 Vasco Del Rey 9/19/24

Painting will be a bit more flat but still as vibrant using high quality acrylics i will adapt painting to the unique shape of utility box...

i have used elements from my own collection for this mockup.

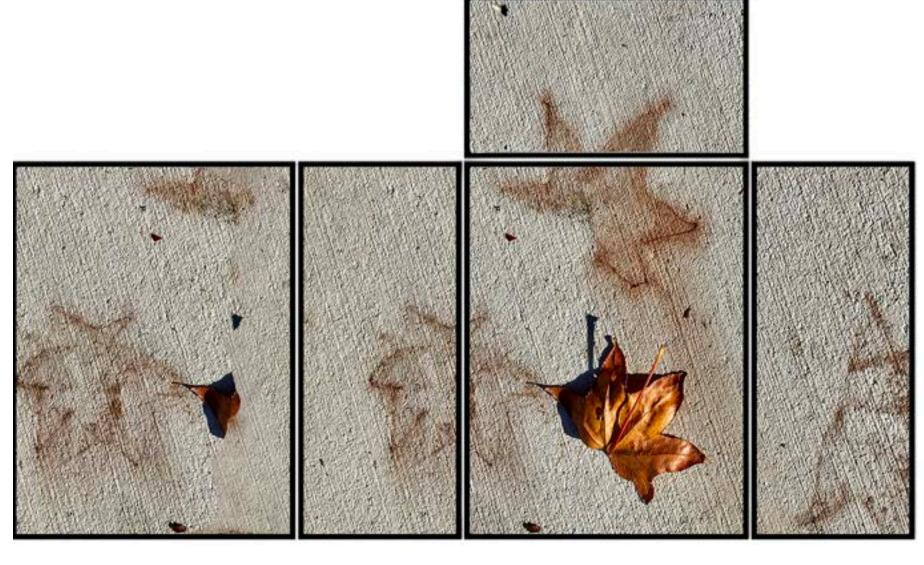




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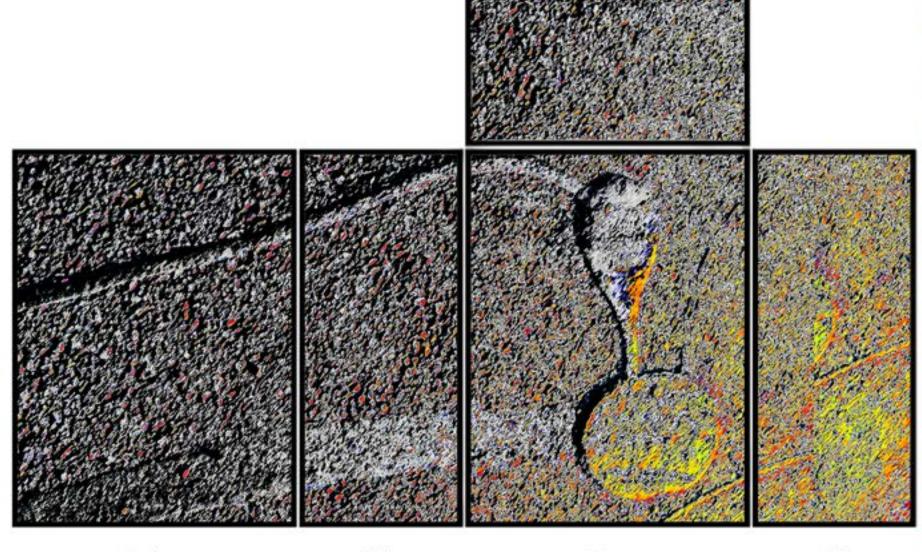
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Diane Reeves
9/24/24

Sidewalk Finds Diane Reeves 9/24/24



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Exclamation Point
Diane Reeves
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Lake Diane Diane Reeves 9/24/24



## UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PILOT PROGRAM SUBMISSION Jones Gutierrez 9/25/24

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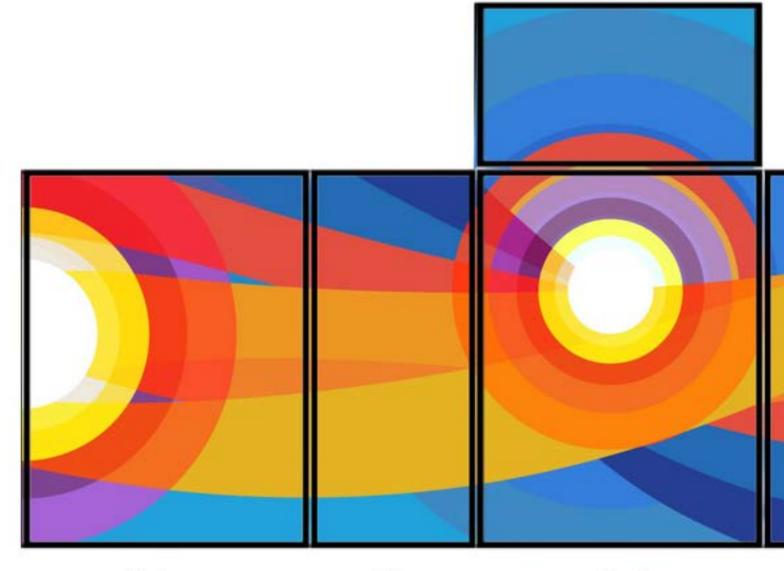




Social and Cultural Diversity and Inclusion of Torrance Rosa Cruglez 9/26/24



Sun Emily Tanaka 9/29/24



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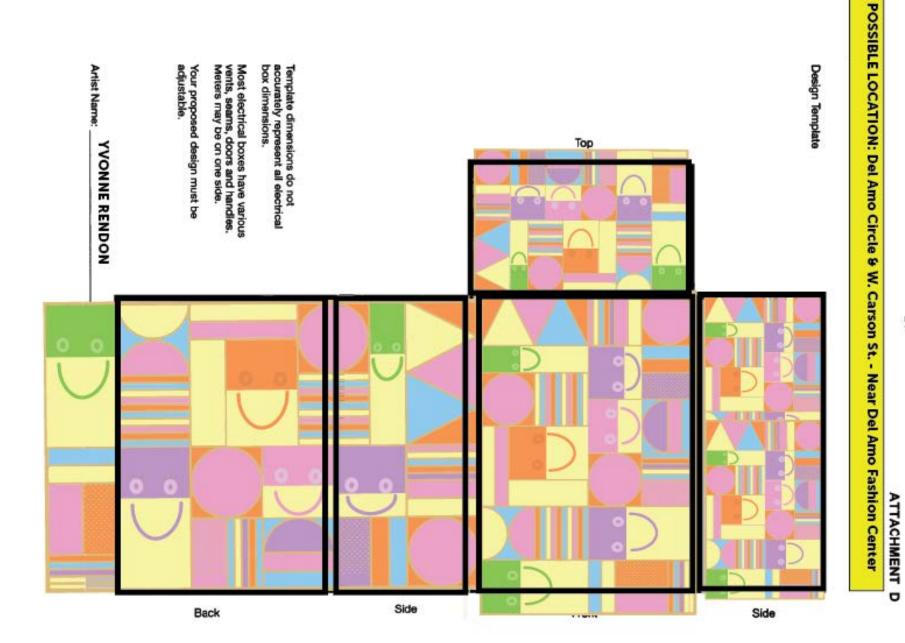
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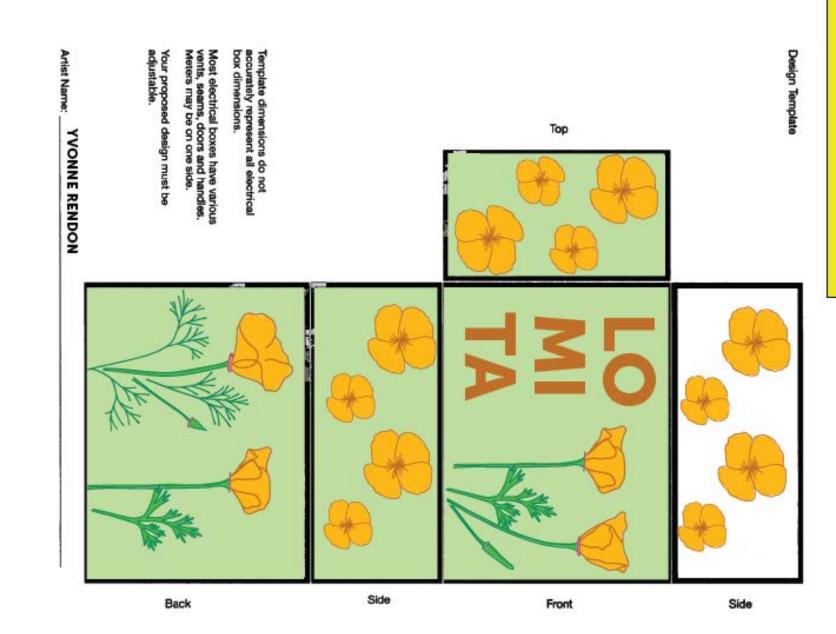


Torrance Beach Yvonne Rendon 9/29/24

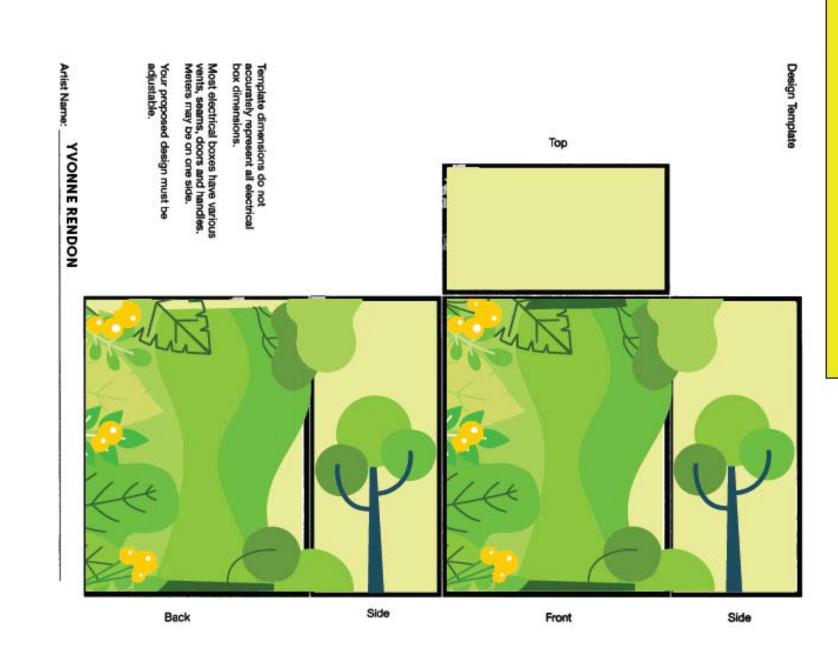
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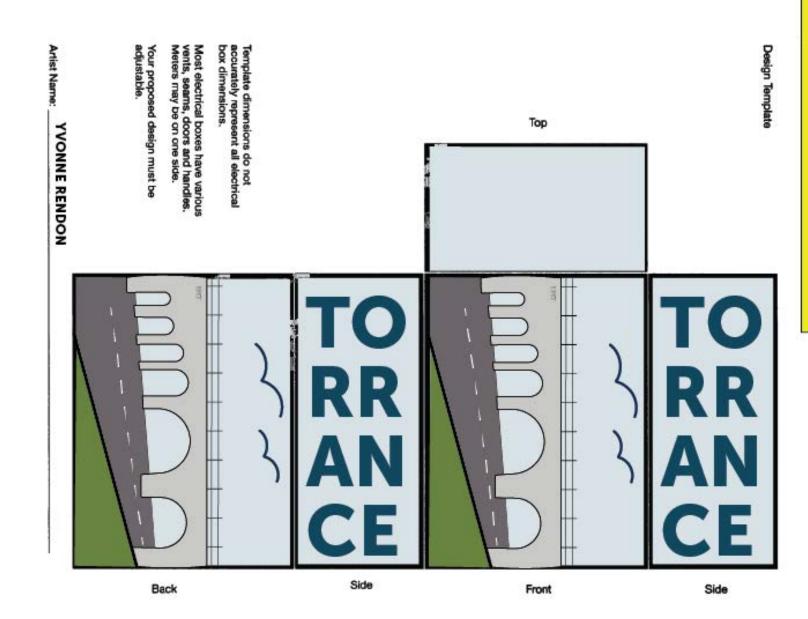
Lomita Poppies Yvonne Rendon 9/29/24



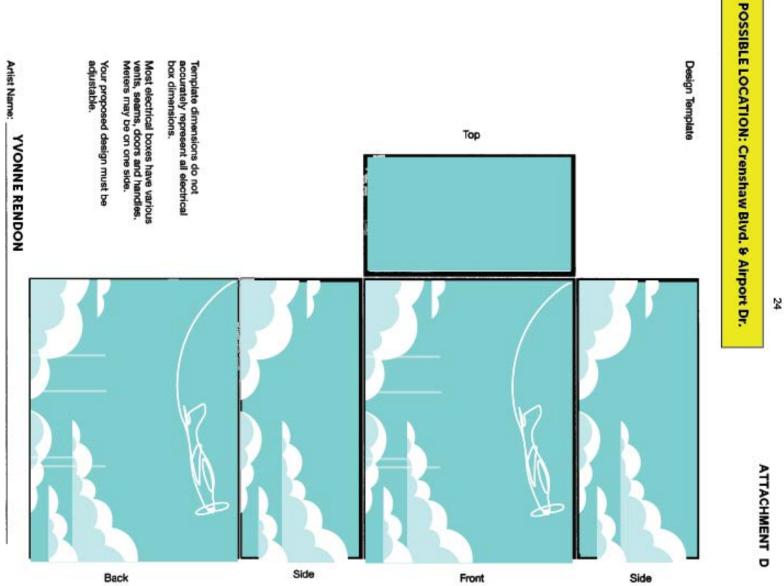
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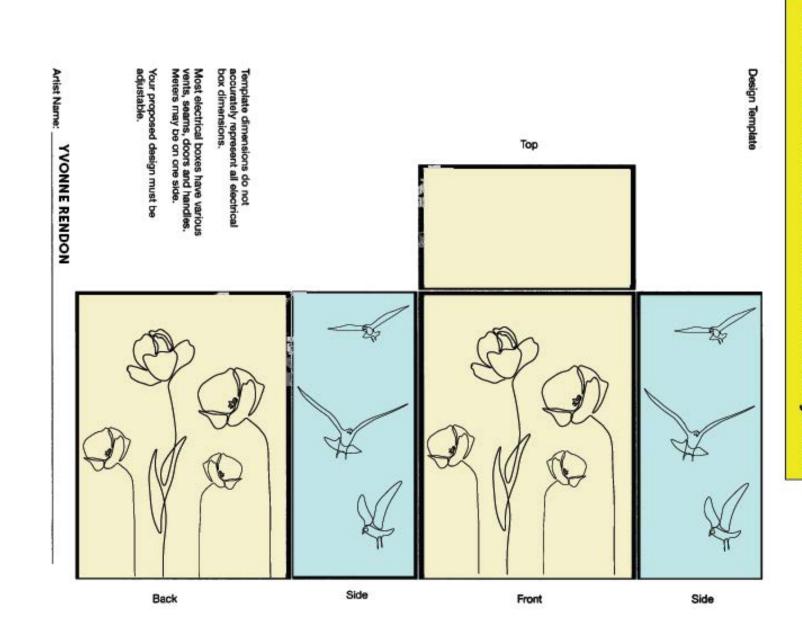
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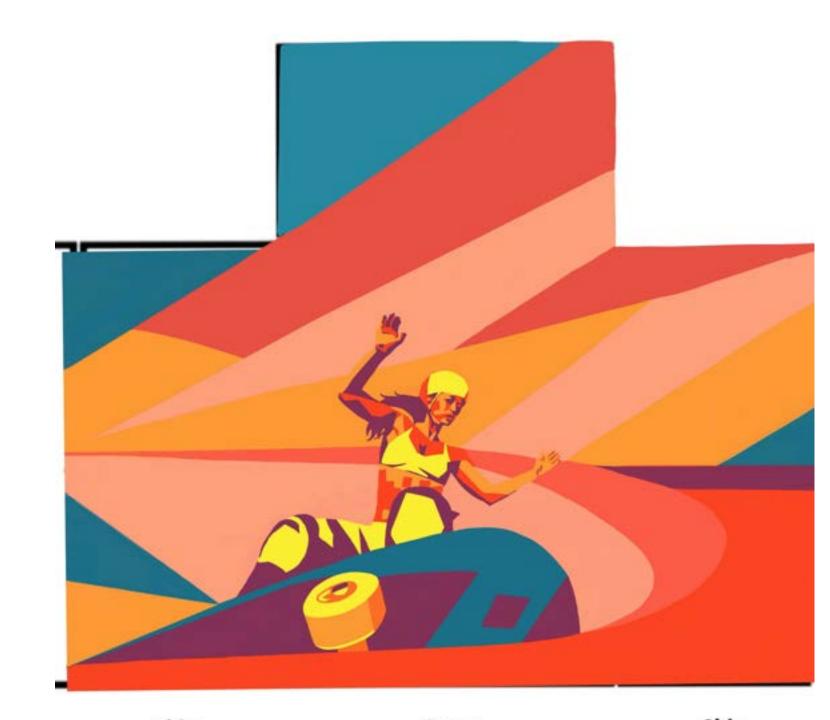
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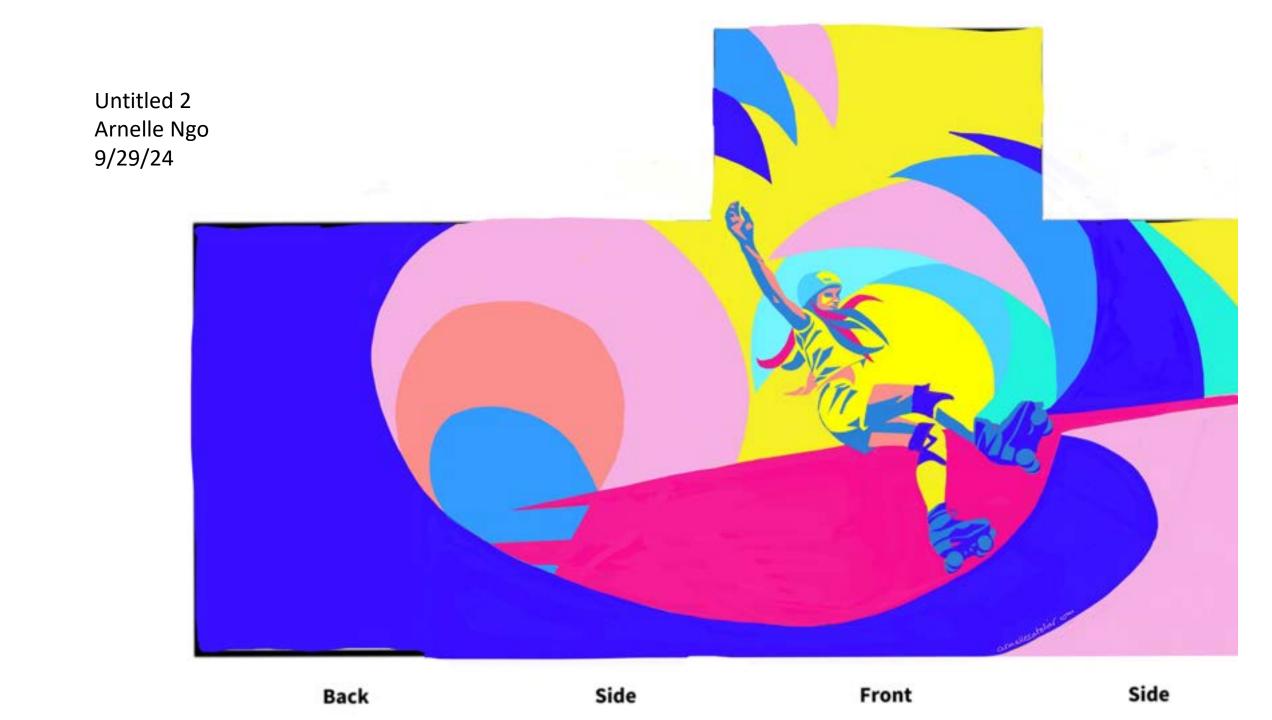


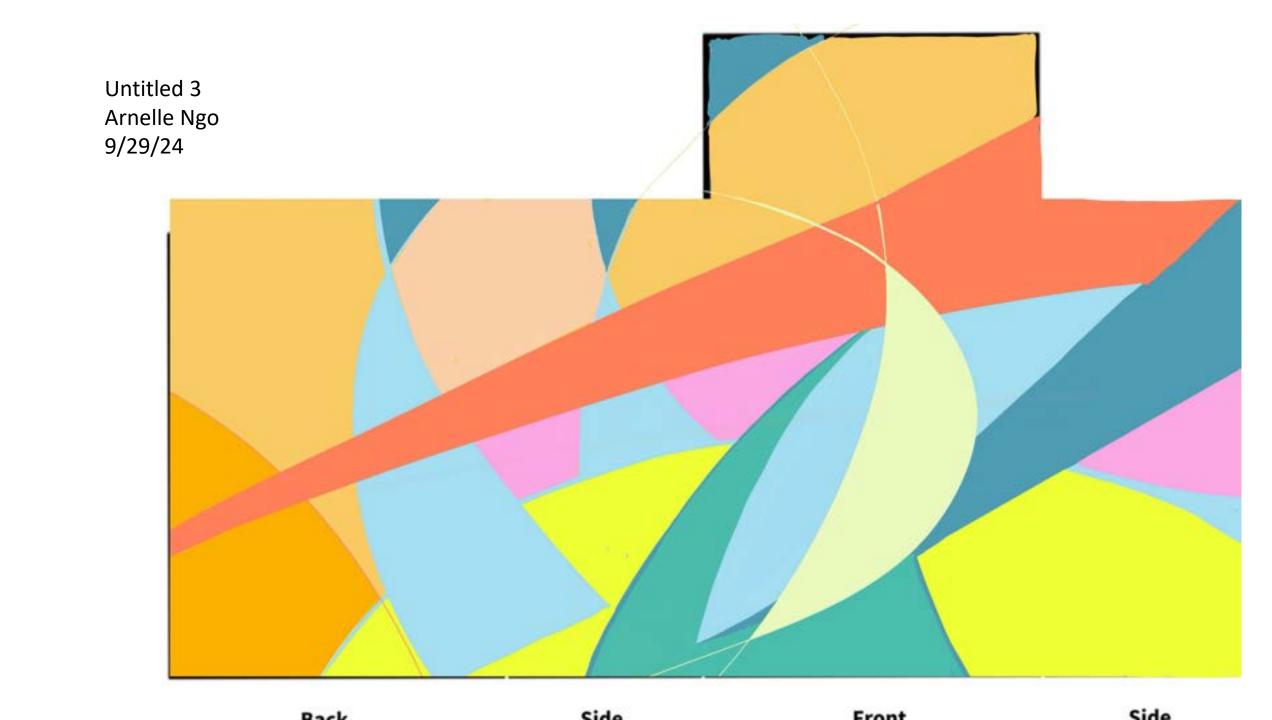
Anza Nature Yvonne Rendon 9/29/24



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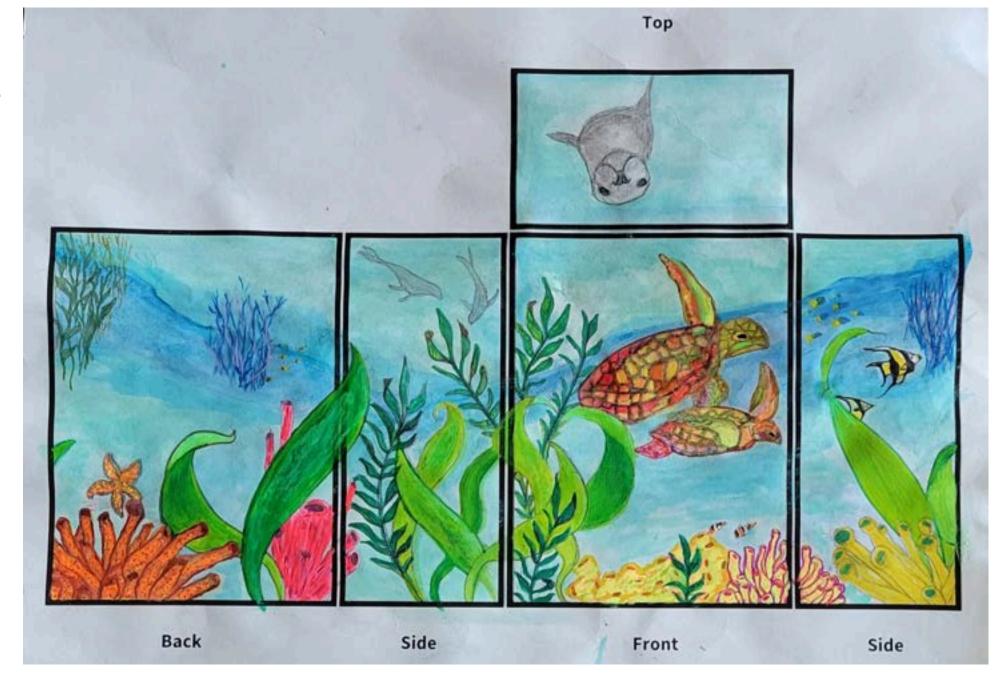


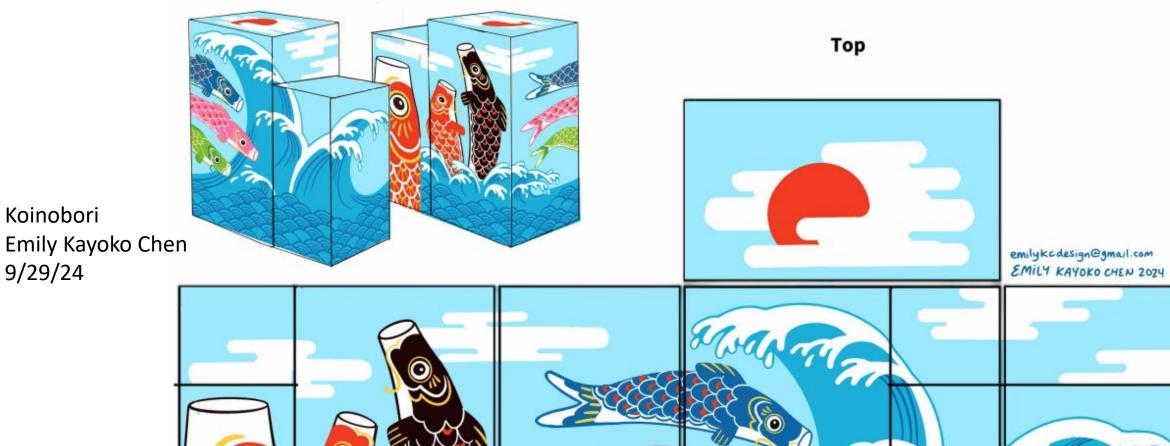


Vibrant Garden Magdalena LaTorre 9/29/24



Below the Surface Magdalena LaTorre 9/29/24





Koinobori

9/29/24

First Name	Last Name	# of submissions	Title of Work
Holly	Milstead	1	Point Vincent Lighthouse
Leland	Bourdages	1	Architectural Abstraction
Michael David	Walrond	9	Untitled (SHDWSOFDUST)
Lainie	Charpentier	2	Juicy 1
			Juicy 2
Felicia	Arteaga	3	Talavera Corner
			Fish Alebrijes
			Seafood Combo
Amber	Kitayama-Skoien	3	Creamii Art :
			Where the Marsh Meets the Ocean
			Busy City
			The Drip
Karen	Doyle	1	Surf's Up!
Aimee	Spriggs	4	I'm glad you're here
			Sunshine
			Water
			you're allowed to take up space
Jose	Trejo Maya	1	Transparencies in Time:
Ashis	Sharma	3	Flowers: Whites
			Flowers: Multi-color
			Flowers: Hanging
Gabby	Gonzalez	1	Able ART Work Students
Congyu	Liu	3	Somewhere Beyond
			Somewhere Beyond 2
			Somewhere Beyond 3
Amelie	Laurice	1	Catch of the day
Dellis	Frank	2	Community
			Community 2
Raphaele	Cohen-Bacry	2	There are plenty more fish in the sea
			Dolphin Mosaic
Deborah Lynn	Irmas	1	"Yarn Construction" (Red white blue and pink)
Neli	Hanna	1	Torrance by Neli
Cynthia	Nava	1	Howdy Neighbor
Vanessa	Andrade	5	Torrance native birds
			Torrance Native
			Sea Creatures
			Blooming
			Orchids and Friends
Dina	Cline	1	Surfacing

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Amanda	Kruse	8	Fearless / Never give up It Always Seems Impossible Until It's Done / Don't Stop Until You're Proud Great Things Never Come from Comfort Zone Just Go with the Flow 1 Just Go with the Flow 2 Mindset is Everything We Rise by lifting others 1 We Rise by lifting others 2
Trevor	Coopersmith	1	Ways of Seeing
Hung Viet	Nguyen	1	Ancient Pines
Collrane	Mergens	1	Gabrielino/Tongva Utility Box
Judy	Lange	1	South Bay Lifestyle
Vasco	Del Rey	1	mockup 1
Diane	Reeves	4	Cracks Sidewalk Finds Exclamation Point Lake Diane
Jones	Gutierrez	5	Untitled
Rosa	Cruglez	1	Social and Cultural Diversity and Inclusion of Torrance
Emily	Tanaka	2	Sun Bloom
Yvonne	Rendon	7	Torrance Beach Del Amo Circle Lomita Poppies Nature Torrance Bridge Ariplane Anza Nature
Armelle	Ngo	3	untitled 1 untitled 2 untitled 3
Magdalena	Latorre	2	Vibrant Garden Below the Surface
Emily Kayoko	Chen	1	Koinobori