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CREATIVE ART PROGRAMS

Friends of Flockworks,

As the new school year begins, we are thrilled to embark on this exciting journey with our community! We've hit the ground running, managing the ASSETs and KUDOS after-school programs, participating in local community events and welcoming many new members to our team. With fresh energy and a continued dedication to our mission, we look forward to creating even more impactful and inspiring community art experiences together!

Internal News

The extensive interview process continued and with thoughtful consideration, we are thrilled to have found our **new Creative Programs Director, Kaz Costa, as well as our Communications and Outreach Coordinator, Tanya Ayala**! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who applied and shared their passion and vision with us.

In addition, we are also delighted to have new team members at the after school programs who have joined us just in time for the busy school year. We are excited for our growing team and the returning staff of amazing individuals dedicated to giving back to our community through art education and enrichment.

As a team, we kicked off the school year with a Welcome Back Dinner, bringing our team together to unite and energize us for the year ahead. It was a wonderful evening filled with connection, laughter, and a shared commitment to our mission. A special thanks to the Alley Grill Food Truck for catering the event!

On Campus

KUDOS and ASSETs Programs

School is back in session! **We were excited to welcome back students for our after school programs this year**.

KUDOS kicked off the school year with a myriad of exciting classes and activities. The Redwood students had an inspiring visit to the Mendocino Art Center. They got to be creative doing a printmaking series and had a blast expressing themselves. You can see their beautiful creations hung in the window in the picture above.

Some Redwood KUDOS' classes this term include Environmental Science, Sports and Games, Life Skills, and Music and Movement.

Dana Gray also offers many enrichment classes so students can choose depending on their interest. They can choose from clubs such as S.T.E.A.M., Sports and Life Skills.

At the Fort Bragg Middle School, they began a sewing class that is already a huge success! The students are loving the new experience as they develop a new skill. They also offer 3D Printing and give an opportunity to obtain a Food Handlers Certification.

ASSET's is also busy providing many classes that offer homework help in subjects like Math, Social Science and Career, Technical, Education (CTE). They aso have an enrichment cooking class. This year they made some empanadas that were served to over 50 students the next day! **We are looking forward to many more enriching experiences like this throughout the school year**.

Collaborating on Fiesta Latina!

We are excited to announce our partnership with the City of Fort Bragg, the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund, and the Latino Coalition (Latco) to host the inaugural Fiesta Latina in **celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month!**

Latco is a group dedicated to empowering our community through education, social justice, and cultural appreciation. We are thrilled to be working with them and the rest of the team! A special thanks to City Administrative Analyst Cristal Muñoz for her vision in bringing our community together through this vibrant event.

There will be a small parade leading to the event, music, food vendors, a salsa making competition and more fun for the whole family. We hope you join us!

Flockwork's ArtPop

Flockworks continues to offer **enriching hands-on art experiences to the community, led by our talented Community Artist and Flockworks Founder, Janet Self!** Janet's work exemplifies the power of art to bring people together and enrich our community.

This summer, we proudly participated in events like**Casper Fest**, where community members had the opportunity to contribute to a collaborative art piece. These events exemplify how Janet's vision and commitment create meaningful interactions and strengthen community bonds.

We always welcome creative volunteers who are interested in joining us for future events. If you'd like to get involved with ArtPops or other upcoming projects, please email us at **communications@flockworks.org**.

Parade Participation

Fourth of July in Mendo

We were delighted to showcase our Flockworks pride at the Mendocino Fourth of July parade. It was wonderful to see so many students join us, and we are thrilled to announce that this year **we won the award for Best Youth Entry!**

Paul Bunyan Labor Day

We cruised through the streets with a blast from the past—a 80's-themed truck! Our Kudos' students worked hard to adorned the truck with dazzling art and handmade cassette templates they decorated.

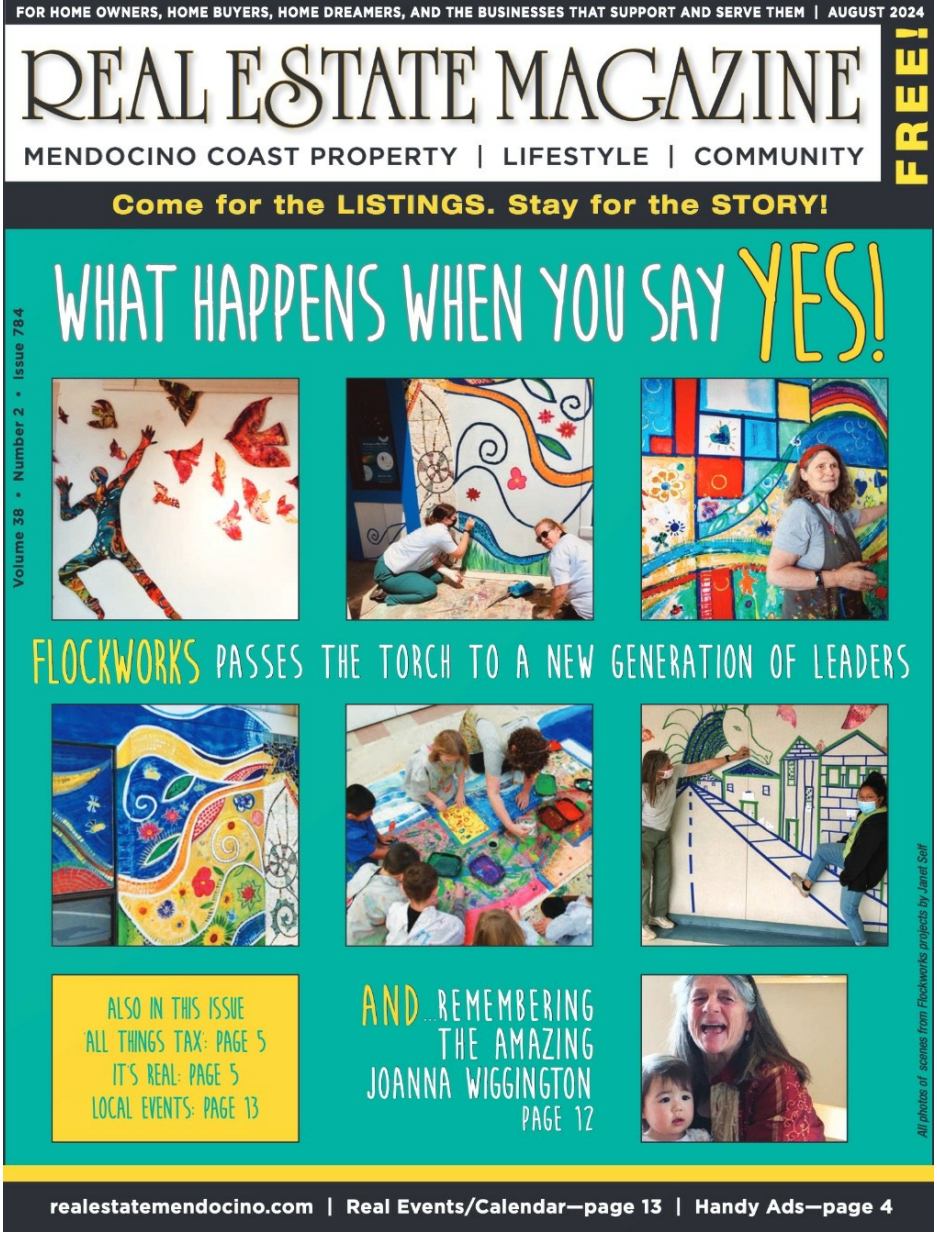
Thank you to all who helped and joined us as we celebrated creativity, community, and the timeless magic of art!

Feature in Mendocino Real Estate Magazine

We are thrilled to share Flockworks was featured in last month's issue of Mendocino Real Estate Magazine! The article covers the beginnings of Flockworks, our work during the pandemic, and our exciting new direction. Our mission remains to bring art into the heart of our community, transforming spaces and lives through creative expression.

The article also honors our beloved Joanna, highlighting her unwavering passion for community and her inspiring spirit throughout her life. We are deeply grateful for the love she poured into Flockworks. She has inspired us and we know her influence will continue to shine through our work and in the community.

A big thank you to the team at Mendocino Real Estate Magazine for this wonderful opportunity to share our story. We are excited to continue this journey with all of you by our side!



To read the full article, visit their[website](#).

Stay tuned for more updates and engaging opportunities in the coming month, and remember, your involvement is the cornerstone of our success. Here's to another month of creativity, growth, and community spirit!

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