



CREATIVE ART PROGRAMS

Friends of Flockworks,

As we welcome June, we reflect on a powerful and purposeful May -one filled with art, connection, and growth. From vibrant murals and live music to leadership development, our work continues to affirm that creativity is essential to community and well-being. Here's a look at what unfolded last month and a glimpse at the exciting things ahead!

Kick Off Summer in Downtown Fort Bragg

Join us for a lively street party to celebrate the start of summer! Head to Laurel Street on **Friday, June 6, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM** for an evening of live music, local food, and family-friendly fun in the heart of Downtown Fort Bragg.

Event Highlights:

- Live music from DJ Beetroots
- Pet puppies from Mendocino Coast Humane Society (a chance to adopt)!
- Local food trucks and more

Interested in Helping Out?

Flockworks will be doing some chalk art, bubbles, and a simple scavenger hunt for kids and families. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Tanya at communications@flockworks.org or text 707-941-1180.

We'd love to see you there and have you be part of the fun!

You're Invited: Mural Launch Party at the Learning Garden



This May, we kicked off Phase 1 of the Community Garden Mural at Noyo Food Forest - an exciting collaboration between Flockworks, engaging students of the KUDOS After School Program, and Fort Bragg Unified School District. Under the creative guidance of local muralist [Rebecca Wallace](#) and the leadership of Kaz Costa, Flockworks' Director of Creative Programs, more than 150 students from Dana Gray Elementary, Fort Bragg Middle School, and Fort Bragg High School came together to bring this vibrant public art piece to life.

The mural celebrates native plants, pollinators, and our shared connection to the land, and stands as a living testament to the power of youth voice, artistic expression, and community collaboration.

We're thrilled to invite you to the official mural launch celebration

Sunday, June 8th

1:00–3:00 PM

Noyo Food Forest Learning Garden (on the FBHS campus)

What to Expect:

- Mural unveiling and community celebration
- Light refreshments and sweet treats
- A blooming garden to explore
- Time to connect with students, families, and neighbors

Bake Sale & Fundraiser:

We'll also be hosting a small bake sale to raise funds for Phase 2 of the mural. All donations go directly toward continuing youth-led art in the garden—every dollar helps!

This is a free, family-friendly event and everyone is welcome. Come help us celebrate the power of creativity, community, and the start of summer!

Celebrating 10 Years of the Latino Coalition of the Mendocino Coast

Flockworks is proud to be a member of the Latino Coalition of the Mendocino Coast (LatCo) - a community-driven group dedicated to uplifting and supporting Latino/a families throughout our region.

This May, LatCo celebrated its 10-year anniversary, marking a decade of community leadership, advocacy, and empowerment. One of LatCo's most impactful initiatives is its annual scholarship program for Latino/a high school seniors.

At this year's Scholarship Ceremony, held on May 20th, Tanya Ayala, Flockworks' Communications and Outreach Director, and Norma Trejo, Resource Artist and Arts@School Director, had the honor of helping announce and present 20 scholarships to local students! Each student received \$1,000 to support their continued education and future goals!



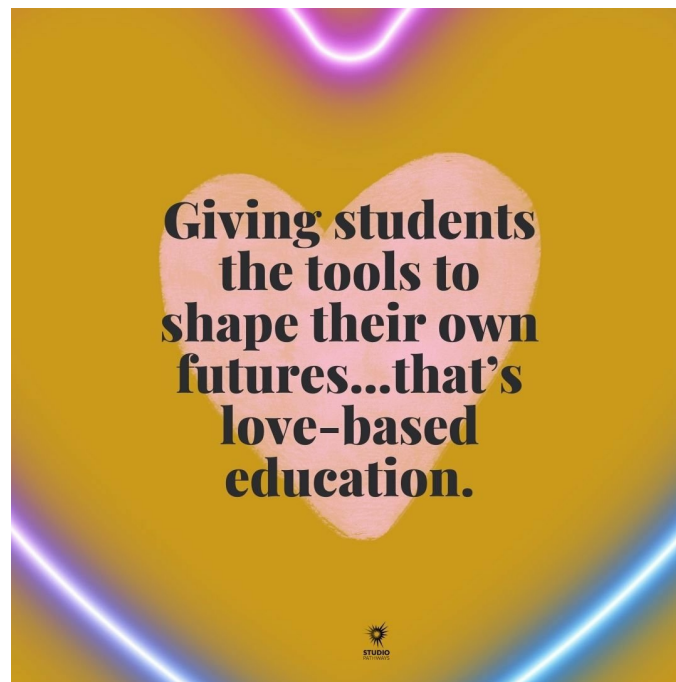
These scholarships were awarded to students from Fort Bragg and Mendocino who exemplify academic excellence, community involvement, and a deep respect for their families and cultural heritage. Many of the recipients are the first in their families to pursue higher education.

This inspiring program is made possible thanks to the generosity of individual donors, community foundations, local Mexican restaurants, and many supporters who believe in the power of investing in youth. From heartfelt memorial donations to the popular March dine-out fundraiser, every contribution helps make these scholarships a reality.

Flockworks is honored to stand with LatCo in this meaningful work that supports the next generation of leaders, artists, and changemakers.



Thank you, LatCo, for all you do!



A Love-Based Response in Times of Opposition - Studio Pathways

At Flockworks, we believe art is more than just a creative outlet—it's a powerful tool for emotional wellness, resilience, and connection.

Throughout May, our youth programs have continued to show how artistic

expression helps young people process emotions, navigate challenges, and develop healthier, more empathetic ways of engaging with the world around them. This approach aligns deeply with the work of Studio Pathways, an inspiring educational collective focused on creative pedagogy and building cultures of care. A guiding question from their work that continues to resonate with us is:

“How do you teach a love-based response instead of an inflamed reaction?”

After attending the Creative Education Symposium this spring, our Director of Creative Programs, Kaz, returned with several powerful resources for educators and staff, including:

- A Love-Based Response in Times of Opposition – A thoughtful reflection on love-driven teaching and the role of art in supporting healing and connection

The Creative Education Symposium is held each March through the Humboldt County Office of Education. It’s a meaningful opportunity for reflection, learning, and inspiration—well worth keeping in mind for next year.

[Read More](#)

Victoria Anaya-Franco Selected for Statewide Strategic Design Team



We’re proud to announce that **Victoria Anaya-Franco, Director of the KUDOS program, has been selected for the Strategic Design Team for California’s Ecosystem for Expanded Learning!**

This statewide initiative, coordinated by the California After School Network, brings together leaders from across the state to shape a more responsive, equitable expanded learning system. Victoria’s inclusion is not only a personal milestone—it’s a meaningful

step forward for Flockworks as a growing partner in expanded learning across California.

As KUDOS Director, Victoria oversees programming at all sites and plays a critical role in building strong staff teams, providing relevant professional development, and fostering meaningful community connections. She also serves as a key liaison between the California Department of Education (CDE), Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE), Fort Bragg Unified School District (FBUSD), and Flockworks—ensuring our programs meet state standards while staying rooted in community needs.

Victoria’s professional path reflects her depth of experience and dedication. She first

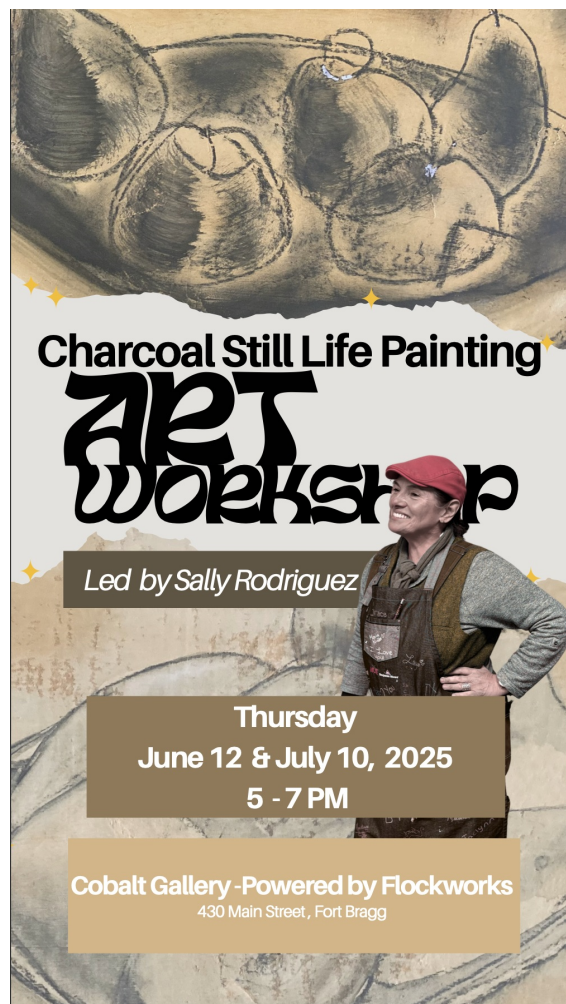
joined the KUDOS program as an aide at age 17 and has grown through nearly every role -site lead, instructor, coordinator, and now director. Her broader experience includes business management, human resources, payroll, and hospitality leadership -giving her a wide skillset that she brings to her work with heart and vision.

A passionate creative herself, Victoria enjoys music, crafting, and reading (especially novels by Jodi Picoult and Janet Evanovich). Her favorite part of the job? Making a meaningful impact on children and families in our community—and seeing the joy in every smile.

Victoria's commitment runs deep. She is part of a multi-generational legacy in expanded learning: her adopted mother is the Expanded Learning Specialist at MCOE, her daughter currently works as a KUDOS aide, and her son is eager to join the program when he's old enough.

We are honored to have Victoria representing Flockworks at the state level and bringing her insight, experience, and care to the future of expanded learning in California.

Cobalt Gallery: Summer Workshops & Artist Call



Charcoal Still Life Painting
ART WORKSHOP
Led by Sally Rodriguez
Thursday
June 12 & July 10, 2025
5 - 7 PM
Cobalt Gallery - Powered by Flockworks
430 Main Street, Fort Bragg



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CREATIVE A&T PROGRAM
ART WORKSHOP
NAPKIN PAINTING
June 26 | 5:30-7:30PM
Creativity Lab at Cobalt Gallery
430 N. Main St, Fort Bragg, CA
Hosted by:
Patti and Lisa Harney
Create a beautiful hand-painted napkin—perfect for Mother's Day or to brighten your own kitchen. No experience needed, just your creativity and a love for making something uniquely yours!
Materials will be provided. Cost of \$35.
Find link to register at
www.flockworks.org/cobalt-gallery

Things are in full bloom at Cobalt Gallery, and we're excited to invite you to upcoming workshops and creative events! Our space continues to serve as a hub for art, learning, and connection.

Are you an artist who wants to lead a workshop? We'd love to hear your ideas! From printmaking to storytelling to fiber arts—we're always seeking instructors to share their craft with the community. Contact us at cobaltgalleryart@gmail.com.

Learn more or pitch a workshop: [Cobalt Gallery - Powered by Flockworks](#)

Stay tuned for a calendar of events coming soon!

You're Invited to First Friday at Cobalt Gallery: Introducing Acrobat Thresholds by Lee Altman

- Opening Reception: Friday, June 6th, 5–8 PM
- Exhibit runs June 7–29 during regular gallery hours

Cobalt Gallery proudly presents Acrobat Thresholds, a new exhibition by Lee Altman. In this evocative series, Altman explores the tension between transformation and balance, using graceful, acrobatic forms as metaphors for navigating change, mortality, and creativity.



Also featured are works from the Threshold Emblems series, abstract compositions inspired by sacred geometry and made with repurposed objects, inviting viewers to consider the journey from the personal to the universal.

Experience the energy, symbolism, and beauty of Altman's vision—an evening of art, conversation, and creative reflection.

Congratulations to Our Graduating Senior Aides!





We are so grateful for the dedication and hard work of our senior aides Bailee, Avi, Thomas, and Emiliano. As they graduate this year, we celebrate their achievements and thank them for all they've contributed to our programs. Wishing you all the best in your next adventures!

Stay tuned for upcoming updates and exciting opportunities in the coming months. We are thankful for everyone for making this an amazing team to be a part of. Here's to another month of creativity, growth, and community spirit!

The Admin Flockworks Team



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