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CREATIVE ART PROGRAMS

Friends of Flockworks,

November is rolling right along, but we're still glowing from a vibrant October packed with parades, art workshops, and festive celebrations across Fort Bragg. The past month has reminded us how art continues to bring people together and light up our coastal community.

Inaugural Kelpfest Parade: The Seaweed Spectacle

The coast came alive in shimmering greens and blues for the first-ever Kelpfest Parade, a joyful celebration of our ocean ecosystems and the vital role kelp plays in the health of our coast.

Flockworks was proud to serve on the Kelpfest Committee and lead this creative new community tradition in downtown Mendocino. The turnout was fantastic, and the parade overflowed with color, laughter, and community spirit!



A huge thank you to everyone who came together to make it all happen!

- **Michael Cox and the Redwood Symphony musicians**, whose lively tunes filled the streets with energy and joy.
- **Mrs. Fairyanne and her Storytelling and Theater classes at Fort Bragg Middle School**, whose creativity and enthusiasm added magic to the day.
- Our **community volunteers**, who helped ensure everything ran smoothly.
- The amazing Fort Bragg High School volunteers from the **Interact Club**, for their energy and teamwork.
- **Norma Trejo**, for her wonderful work with Kudos on the float and costumes.
- **The Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department**, for keeping everyone safe on the streets.
- **Victoria Anaya**, for coordinating transportation for students and offering support in so many ways.
- **Janet Self**, for her beautifully designed and educational installation, along with the engaging hands-on activity that so many enjoyed.
- **Tess Albin**, for generously lending musical instruments that helped bring our sea-inspired creations to life.

And of course, to everyone who dressed up, walked, waved, and cheered — thank you for showing up and making the inaugural Seaweed Spectacle so memorable!

Continuing the Educational Journey

We're excited to share that Flockworks is collaborating with the Noyo Center for Marine Science to develop a Kelp Curriculum — a creative, educational program designed to help students explore the importance of kelp forests and coastal ecology through art and hands-on learning.

If your site, school, or program is interested in participating or learning more, please reach out to us at communications@flockworks.org.

To learn more about kelp and the work being done across the United States, check out "[50 States, 50 Fixes: How to Revive California's Underwater Forests? Smash a Spiky, Hungry Foe.](#)" Cove by cove, scientists, divers, and volunteers are working together to restore and protect kelp forests — one of our most vital marine ecosystems.

Chalk Art at The Longest Table!



What an incredible afternoon we had at The Longest Table Fort Bragg on Sunday, October 5! The event, hosted by the City of Fort Bragg, brought neighbors and visitors together around beautifully set tables and delicious food. Franklin Street was filled with laughter, and connection as our community came together to share a meal, enjoy live music, and celebrate the spirit that makes Fort Bragg so special.

We were thrilled to contribute to this joyful event with chalk art activities for attendees of all ages. The sidewalks became vibrant canvases covered in bright colors and imaginative designs—each piece a reflection of our community's creativity and togetherness.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who stopped by to create, connect, and celebrate with us. The Longest Table truly reminded us of the power of shared experiences—and the beauty that happens when our community comes together.



The Longest Table

The Longest Table has gone nationwide. From coast to coast, big city to small, the movement is growing and the joy multiplying. On track for 50 tables this year. Join the fun with even more tables next year.

[Learn More about the Longest Table](#)

Coastal Celebrations: Honoring Halloween and Día de los Muertos

At the Magic Market, we were thrilled to join the excitement and host the Costume Contest for the second year in a row! A big thank you to our generous donors — Cowlick's Ice Cream, the Cookie Company, Café One, Bears, and Coast Cinemas — for providing wonderful prizes, and to everyone who joined in the fun! [See highlights here.](#)



At **Trunk or Treat**, hosted by the CV Starr Community Center and the City of Fort Bragg, our Kudos students helped decorate our booth with their creative floating candles, colorful ghosts, and playful bats — adding a burst of imagination that delighted local children and families. What a fun and festive Halloween celebration!

At the **Día de los Muertos celebration at the Larry Spring Museum**, we were honored to lead a hands-on craft activity and take part in this meaningful cultural tradition — surrounded by music, food, and remembrance. Special thanks to Sally and her students at Noyo High School for creating a beautiful papier-mâché skull that truly captured the spirit of the day, and to Olivia Diaz for inviting us to participate and for all her hard work in organizing such a heartfelt event. We're also deeply grateful to our high school volunteers from Upward Bound and the Latinos and Allies Club for their time, energy, and enthusiasm.

Each of these gatherings showcased the heart of our community — creative, generous, and joyfully connected.

Join the Flockworks Team — Help Inspire our Community!

Flockworks is seeking creative, community-minded individuals to join our team!

We currently have two new open positions: Administration Assistant/ELOP Support and Creative Center Coordinator at Cobalt Gallery.

Whether you're an artist, educator, or simply passionate about creativity and youth empowerment, this is a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact in our community.



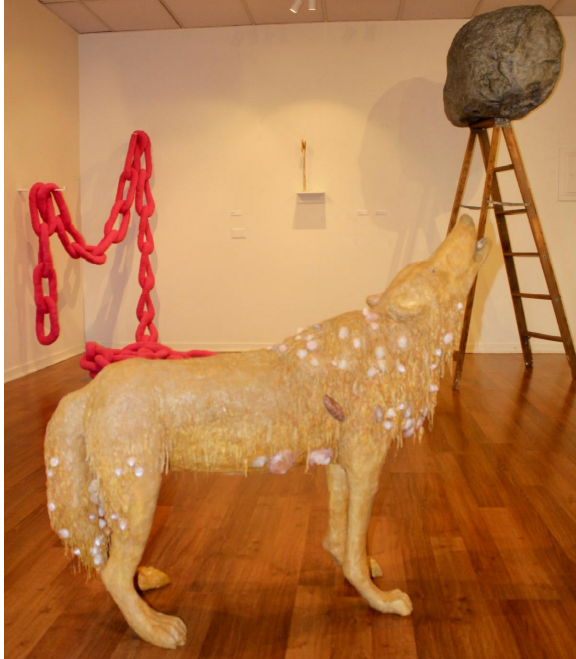
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What's Coming Up at Cobalt in November

Introducing Salt and Stone — Works by Hopi Breton



We are honored to feature Bay Area artist Hopi Breton in her new exhibition, Salt and Stone. Hopi is a sculptor, educator, and faculty member at Diablo Valley College, where she leads the Sculpture Program.

Her work, which spans metal fabrication, casting, and large-scale puppet creation, reflects her deep engagement with materials and storytelling. From her New Orleans roots to her current work in Mendocino County, Hopi brings an inspiring blend of technique and imagination.

Learn more: hopibreton.squarespace.com

Instagram: [@hopibeart](https://www.instagram.com/hopibeart)

Gallery Hours: Thursday–Saturday, 12–5 PM
or by appointment: cobaltgallery@gmail.com.

Crochet Star Workshop with Booboo & Cosita Crochet

Join Booboo and Cosita Crochet for a cozy, creative evening learning to make beautiful crochet stars — perfect for ornaments, garlands, or gifts! All materials are provided, and no experience is needed. A donation is suggested to support the artists and future workshops. Come create, relax, and stitch some magic with us!

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THURSDAY 11/20
5:30 - 7:30 PM

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430 N. MAIN STREET



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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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