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December 2, 2020 Dear ArtSeed Friend,

We did it! We actually did it! Considering that this was the first time we had tried such a thing, our 2020 Summer Fine Arts Intensive, done virtually instead of face-to-face, was an awesome success. Fifty-plus people were involved, many from the Bay Area, but others from as far away as Mexico, Turkey, and Europe.

Every day for three weeks, and weekly since March, parents could count on structured programming by ArtSeed, addressing tough topics and making meaningful art while minimizing screen time. Quickly adapting, ArtSeed's display in the Presidio can be enjoyed virtually along with featured artists in our new website gallery. It's thanks to your spring donations that in 2020 we were able to adapt and learn to excel in new ways. Our first-ever virtual 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Art-a-thon in April was a blast. We thank you, our generous supporters! With the Giving Season upon us, I ask that you support ArtSeed again. My favorite task is thanking those of you who made it all possible, so look out for hand-made "magic mail"!

<u>Please join us for the excitement as ArtSeed begins its third decade.</u> Your nurturing helps us mentor such young folks as Sam Kuang, who interned with us this summer thanks to California Lawyers for the Arts. As our Hunters Point Shipyard studio resident artist, Sam has grown and learned skills which benefit ArtSeed, such as website administration, email blasts, and non-profit virtual events. Sam, we're proud of you. Diligently seeking scholarships to so many colleges now at this critical time in your life, your steadfastness inspires us all!

Friends, check out Sam's updates to our website — <a href="www.artseed.org">www.artseed.org</a> — to explore our Michelle Vignes Virtual Gallery. Discover upcoming and ongoing weekly online arts and education opportunities. Find out about our brand new <a href="ArtSeed Shop & Share">ArtSeed Shop & Share</a> where one-of-kind legacy collectibles and other ArtSeed goodies are available. Your purchases and donations will directly support our students. You might want to volunteer (click that icon) or find out how ArtSeed might benefit you or your loved ones. <a href="Please click on the Donate Icon">Please click on the Donate Icon</a> which is really easy or send us a check payable to ArtSeed. Super heroes needed!

ArtSeed's guidance of under-resourced, but promising, youngsters is made possible by you, our loyal champions. Whatever gift you can provide will be gratefully received. You might wish to dedicate your donation to someone. We will acknowledge both of you with a nifty, special surprise.

Thanks for being an ArtSeed Friend! Our artists and Board of Directors wish you a Happy New Year!

Josefa Vaughan, Founding, Executive and Artistic Director William Bicknell, President, IT Manager Kevin Quan, Treasurer Edna Arterberry, Community Liaison

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PS. Save the date and celebrate with us on Thursday, December 31, 4-6 p.m.

Click this link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/avh-imhd-vjy">https://meet.google.com/avh-imhd-vjy</a> or go to our website homepage. The link is in the section for *Virtual Gatherings, Remote Learning, and Art-making Together!* 

Email: <u>josefa@artseed.org</u>, Voice/text: 415-656-9849, Web: <u>www.artseed.org</u> Presidio WorkSpaces and exhibition location: 1007 General Kennedy Ave, SF, CA 94129 (call ahead!)

ArtSeed's mission is to connect the most resourceful and gifted with the youngest and most vulnerable citizens of the Bay Area and beyond by exploring both classical and cutting-edge fine arts disciplines.