

From Ashes to Springtime

An art project inspiring hope & raising money for properties in Pleasants Valley (Vacaville) who were affected by the LNU Fire



Artists are invited to participate in "From Ashes to Springtime" - an inspiring outdoor painting event that is happening in December, March & April in Pleasants Valley (Vacaville).

"From Ashes to Springtime" artist participants will be granted access to six private properties in Pleasants Valley. All properties were affected by the LNU Lightning Complex Fire in August, 2020. These are also properties that participated in the *Sow Beautiful* native wildflower seeding project from October to December, 2020 (after the fire).

Our artistic/inspirational goal is to capture what Pleasants Valley looks like now and then capture it again in March when the wildflower and wild grass seeds have sprouted. Our supportive goal is to raise money for the landowners affected by the fire.

A CALL FOR ARTISTS

Realism Fine Art Call for hand drawn, hand assembled, hand painted, hand developed Classical, Impressionist, Contemporary, Abstract, Mixed media, Illustration, Photography



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REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

The "**From Ashes to Springtime**" Plein Air art project is a three-part event:

Part 1 is painting/recording the "before" (ashes) - December 19, 2020

Part 2 is painting/recording the "after" (the springtime) - March 20, 2021

Part 3 is the art show/sale at a historic Pleasants Valley ranch - April 17, 2020

In order to be eligible for the art show/sale event in April, you must attend **both** painting days and have finished art to show/sell on April 17th.

THIS IS A NOT FOR PROFIT EVENT

- This event has been created to help raise funds for landowners regenerating wildlands and agricultural land after the LNU Lightning Fire
- A minimum cash donation for property access of \$24 is due on the morning of December 19th (also the first day of painting) when we meet at **Morningsun Herb Farm** (6137 Pleasants Valley Road at 9:00 AM) and a signature release of indemnity for all landowners and entities hosting the event (see the end of this document for "Initial Meeting" information.)
- 100% of the \$24 cash donation goes to host landowners
- With your participation in this event, you agree to 35% of the sale of your painting/photographic/art piece generated from this project to go to the host landowners and to cover costs of marketing the art show/sale event
- ***Please understand, we will only host artists sales who have attended both "From Ashes to Springtime" Plein Air painting days and have recorded the regeneration to this rare valley that occurred by nature and nurture***

Change of date due to inclement weather will be posted at VacavilleFarmers.com. A little short-term drizzle, a breeze, we consider part of the grand experience. Wilder than that, we will reschedule.

COVID-19 recommendations will be followed. Social distancing and Mask required. Bathrooms will be provided.

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From your hosts -

For the first time ever, locals have volunteered time and resources in the Sow Beautiful Our Pleasants Valley wildflower reseeding project to restore hope and health after the LNU Lightning Fire - the second largest fire in California history. A fire so hot that



nature does not restore the way it once did on its own. Now we invite you to produce in person, by hand – your impressions of how heart and nature recover.

Sound bites can't tell a story impossible to put into words. We invite you to express and contrast the 2020 Winter scorched devastation to the glorious 2021 Springtime recovery as thousands of wildflowers emerge over rolling Oak chaparral in this small wildlands and agricultural

community - Pleasants Valley laced with the first year volunteer efforts of our Sow Beautiful Our Pleasants Valley native wildflower seeding project.

We've reserved spots and will provide ridge top access and transportation for you to work Plein Air on private lands both Winter 2020, and back again Spring 2021 - from panoramic vistas to intimate pastoral settings. We'd like to introduce you to Pleasants Valley and Vacaville hospitality, we'd like to inspire your natural appreciation for beauty, and we'd like to meet you. Do join us!



- Clay and Karen Lee Ford, Clay's Bees

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PARTICIPATING PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS

Samuels Ranch: Samuel's Ranch, tended by five generations of naturalists, is perched high above Lake Berryessa and straddles both Solano and Napa Counties in California with gentle Oak woodlands, winding pathways, and spectacular wide-angle views. A Rangeland Ecologist, your host Jasmine holds more education and experience than I can list out here. If you are a naturalist, both Jasmine and this elegant property will inspire you.

Girl On The Hill: High atop Mount Vaca on the border of Napa and Solano Counties, this lavender farmer and fabric artist, influenced by French heritage and San Francisco upbringing, work with the rhythms of the area's natural sagebrush-steppe microclimates to restore lavender fields prized for their incredible beauty and scent. On this property you will find zero gravity vistas toward the Sierras and an original historic adobe ranch home.

Zinger Ranch: First there was the dream of having a ranch, and then there was the vision to create a safe haven for rescued farm animals. Moving through this hillside Oak Savannah to Oak Woodland property is all up, with winding car or hosted all-terrain (whats that thing called?) roads accented by boulder-dotted vistas. If you like farm animals, you'll find them here, and at the top ridge, you'll look down upon a small agricultural valley cannot be seen by public access. On a clear day - look for Bird's Landing and Mount Diablo!

Brazelton Ranch: This third generation rounded hill farmland is rich in the history of cattle grazing, stone fruit orchards old and new, and a friendly, open fruit-stand loved by locals. The property nestles among the lowest of hills as they touch the valley floor. Easy access with an overhead view of the old orchard and distant views of hills tumbling into ripples of a ravine

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PARTICIPATING PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS (CON'T)

Windgate Trainers: For horse-lovers! You'll find every size and color horse from mini to mighty in a maze of outdoor stalls, friendly hosts, lovely setting under tall trees, and a place to set up your easel under a tent top if you'd like.

La Borgata neo-Italian villa or Spanish-style hacienda: Julie Andrews would sing a tune atop the hill at La Borgata. If rigid, textural structures set against smooth, sensuous, alive hills are your thing, the afternoon sun of this valley through newly green trees and vernal native ground cover with deep shadows - it's just magical.

Public Access not to be missed - Putah Creek & Pleasants Valley Roads intersection: Take the long way home - to the top neck of Pleasants Valley Road, turn right on Putah Creek Road, pull over to the right to park. Grab your camera, watch for traffic crossing the road, instead of the scene in front of you, because big, healthy, migrating duck and geese casually mull about, charming against the backdrop of cattails and the water reflecting of that big, big sky.

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ART SHOW/SALE EVENT

"From Ashes to Springtime" **Public Sale, Special Speakers, & Celebration** Saturday, April 17, 2021 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Historic Joyful Ranch: Outdoor exhibit and sale event under a tall tree canopy in at this historic event-space, in the narrow of Pleasants Valley. We provide space for your booth and chairs, WiFi, refreshments, guest speakers, very interested attendees looking for a in a way that they can remember the recovery of beautiful Pleasant Valley from the LNU Lightening Fire. Open for set up 10:00 am. Break down by 4:30 pm



Artists are responsible for sales and applicable taxes and proof of insurance, and provide proprietor 35% of sales income.

We will advertise through radio, social media, local art groups, and whomever else will pass the word.

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INITIAL MEETING & GENERAL INFORMATION:

WHEN: Saturday, December 19th - 9:00 AM

WHERE: Morningsun Herb Farm, 6137 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville

At Morningsun Herb Farm: enter at 2nd driveway. Please drive up to max. speed limit 40 mi/hour and watch for animals crossing Pleasants Valley Road in morning and evening. Minimum Cash donation for property access \$24.00 due at that time along with signature release of indemnity for all landowners and entities hosting the event.

Map of private properties, schedule, bathrooms, and public scenes of interest, great local independent restaurant telephone numbers, etc. for pickup will be provided upon payment. Please respect hosts privacy - access to properties will only be provided on the day of the event. Retain any liquids, food wrappers, trash, from your adventures during the day for throw away later in a receptacle. No smoking or being inebriated on public or private lands.

We are so excited to share with you what Spring may bring, and perhaps also, what of the fire that remains - what a story.

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