

AVArts

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Dear Community Arts Supporter,

Anderson Valley Arts (AVArts) has been dedicated to supporting arts in the Anderson Valley community through funding arts programs in our schools and awarding student scholarships since 1999. As a small, local non-profit which generates funding primarily through volunteer events and which is run entirely by volunteer members, AVArts depends on community participation and support to help us bring diverse, quality supplemental arts programs to Anderson Valley schools that would otherwise not be possible and to award scholarships to deserving students. With the generous involvement of many talented local artists, craftspeople, educators, businesses and donors, AVArts strives to reinforce community spirit and make the arts a more visible and important presence in our community.

As AVArts funds school and community arts programs, events and scholarships which take place during the school year, we are sending out this third annual update at the start of the 2019-2020 school year to ask for your support by making a tax deductible donation! This past year, with the continued support of the *Amy Ensign-Barstow Memorial Fund at the East Bay Community Foundation* and support from the *George and Ruth Bradford Foundation*, AVArts funded a diverse range of arts programs at both the elementary and junior and senior high schools:

Arts in the Schools Program Grants



Visual arts sessions at AVES which brought local artist Chris Bing into the K-6th grade classes to teach ceramics, paper mâché, drawing and painting and create a rain catchment container mural from September through May, wrapping up with the elementary art show at Lauren's restaurant.



Multicultural dance sessions which partnered dancer and retired Mendocino County teacher Jane Corey with AVJ&SHS Physical Education Teacher Jason Page to carry out structured improvisation, partner and group dances in his junior high school P.E. classes from October through March.



The *Panther Art Project* which brought artist and arts educator Colleen Schenck into AVJ&SHS Teacher Georgette Patterson's Special Day junior high class to engage students in making watercolor and acrylic paintings, masks, animal spirit shields, scratchboards, illuminated letters, mixed media/assemblage sculptures and coil pots from September through June.



A special interactive day of music which brought beloved musician Joe Craven and his daughter Hattie first to the Anderson Creek Independent Study Program class then to an after school program assembly at AVES where they engaged students in exploring how different instruments and their own bodies can produce sound and rhythm in May.



The *History Stories Project* which brought artist and arts educator Cathleen Micheaels together with AVJ&SHS Social Studies & History Teacher Nat Corey-Moran to engage 7th grade World History class students in researching, writing, illustrating and creating original storybooks for 1st-2nd graders at AVES through a Reading Buddy exchange October through June.



Arts Scholarships for Graduating Seniors Awards



An award of \$5,000 to AVJ&SHS graduate Hannah Woolfenden, daughter of Ann Panttaja of Boonville, to attend Dominican University of California to pursue her Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance. As noted in the presentation of the award, supporting Hannah in her continued journey to become a professional dancer is a real joy as this is clearly the journey she was meant for and one which has already brought so much happiness, meaning and purpose to her life!

An Invitation to Support AVArts

We're reaching out again to you this year to personally invite you to continue to help support us through making a tax deductible donation to AVArts. AVArts gratefully acknowledges previous generous contributions from all our supporters including *Handley Cellars* which has provided important support to both the AVArts *Arts in the Schools* and scholarship programs.

We hope the powerful and exceptional arts programs and the scholarship AVArts supported this year will inspire you to make a donation! Checks can be made out to Anderson Valley Arts and sent to us in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for supporting us in any way you are able to—your continued generous contributions are essential in helping AVArts continue to promote and support thriving arts experiences and opportunities for all students in our community!

Most appreciatively,

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