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MANLEY ART CENTER, HOME OF PELICAN BAY ARTS ASSOCIATION

We continue to support our mission to promote, through education, the appreciation, distribution, and enjoyment of fine arts and crafts. We recognize the value and critical role that diversity, equity, and inclusivity serve in helping our art center and community thrive and that our mission is truly carried out when we support a culture of openness and inclusivity.

We believe that art can transform lives. Arts and culture open the doors for understanding, respect, and appreciation of our differences and uniqueness.

We are committed to providing a welcome place where everyone who enters the Manley Art Center — patrons, artists, employees, volunteers, and vendors — feels valued and respected regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, income status, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, or ability.

- Diversity means that we celebrate all the ways we are different. We welcome and respect a diversity of thinking, background, experiences, and culture.
- Equity means we identify, provide and support opportunities for all individuals to grow and thrive in their participation in the arts.
- Inclusion means we ensure that everyone has a voice and opportunity to participate in the arts. We provide a safe environment to share ideas where all voices have an opportunity to be heard.

We will encourage diversity in the arts through programming that respects and celebrates diverse life experiences and heritages. By implementing creative, diverse art programming, we will have a more vibrant, healthy art center that feels welcoming to all. We are committed to upholding these principles which are integral to fulfilling our mission to promote, through education, the appreciation, distribution and enjoyment of fine arts and crafts.