

Community Installations



Large Scale . Hand-Made . Collaborative Ceramic Tile and Mosaic Installations

Designed to instigate a deeply committed, inspired collaborative project for public arts community engagement, enrichment and enhancement.

This wonderful process conjures presence and place making, inspires and awakens participation in community collaboration with the promise to enhance lifelong memories, develop and strengthen positive relational traits.

Our combined effort supports and sources wonderful connections as we develop devoted contributions to our community.

Within this we create, beautify and embellish our environment, while working closely together, we express our collective concerns and inspirations!

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Installation Process

Potential Steps of Engagement ~

- Meet Staff, Volunteers, Local Indigenous and Community Members
- Choose and create themes and target processes chosen, including dividing the tasks and skills suited to the facilities demographic.
- Research imagery related to our chosen themes
- Create sketches for this imagery
- Choose a design team, who will take all the sketches and ideas from the whole community and bring them into cohesion.
- Tile Making - Proper slow drying - First Firing
- Tile Glazing - Second Firing
- Design and layout of handmade and commercial tiles for mosaic
- Installation on sealed backer boards
- Adhere all tiles with thin set
- Grout and Grout Seal all panels
- Install panels
- Grout Seal should be maintained each year to hold colors

Materials ~

- Paper and Pencils for initial sketches
- Books and computers for research of imagery and themes
- Clay and Glazes for Tile Making - Quantity depends on process chosen
- Donated commercial tiles for mosaic - I have an excellent back stock
- Hardibacker Board, Thin Set Tile adhesive and Grout
- I have 2 decades of collaborative support from the Ceramic Tile Center in Santa Rosa. They will provide contractors discount and donated supplies as the project progresses

Community Engagement ~

- I appreciate having an ample budget to hire my apprentice and other assistance.
- It will be crucial to form and engage a strong volunteer community support team.
- Community Engagement ~ Gathering Elders, Students and Youth, is essential to support the relationships so missing in many aspects of our society.
- This awesome, inspired, wonderful effort is creatively comprehensive and technically demanding, while being deeply meaningful and nourishing. That said, this important work's essence demands without a doubt, the importance and inspiration of engaging your village, while connecting within a well supported and expressive environment!

I am Grateful for Your Curiosity ~ Meryl Juniper

Express Freely - Weave Connection - Engage Openly

Honoring and Honing our Presence, Practice, Passion, Process and Play