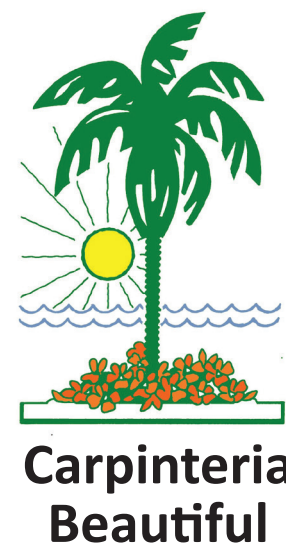
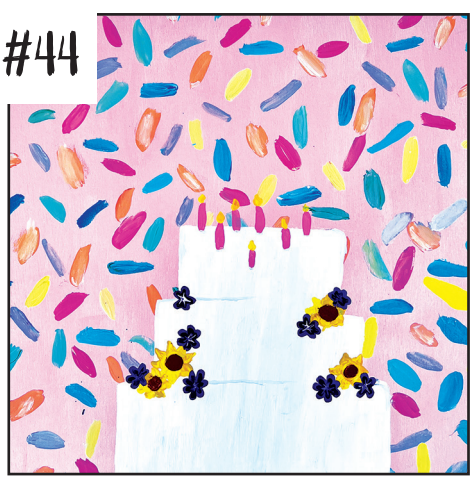
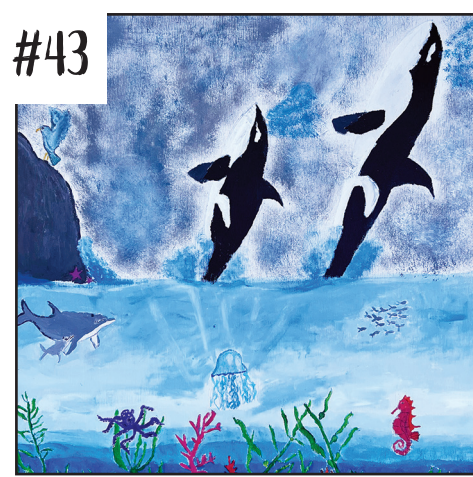
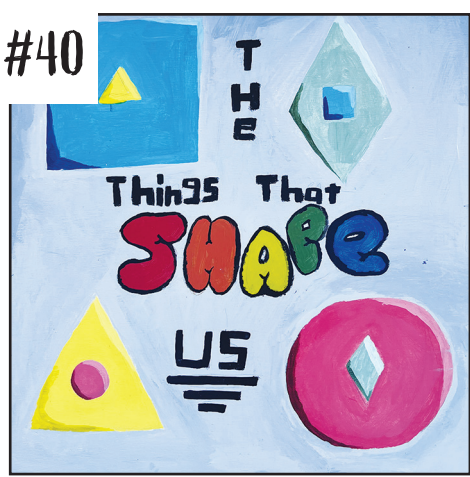
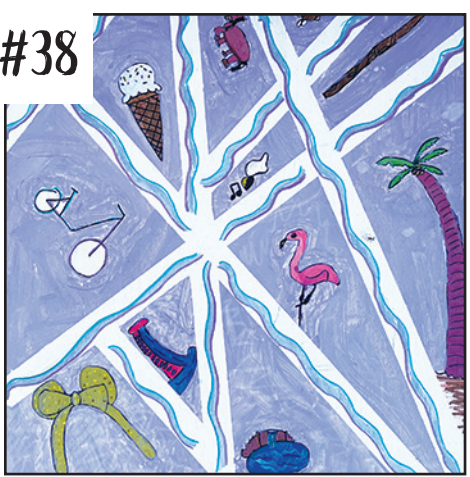
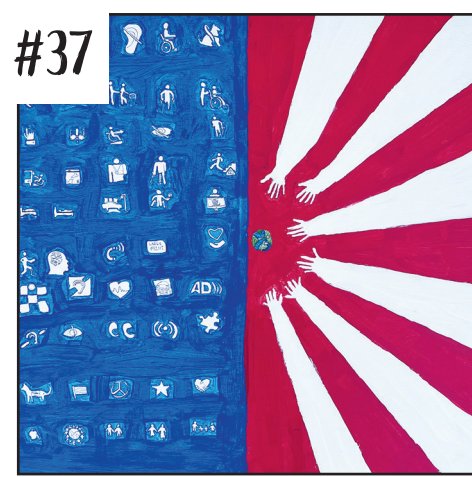
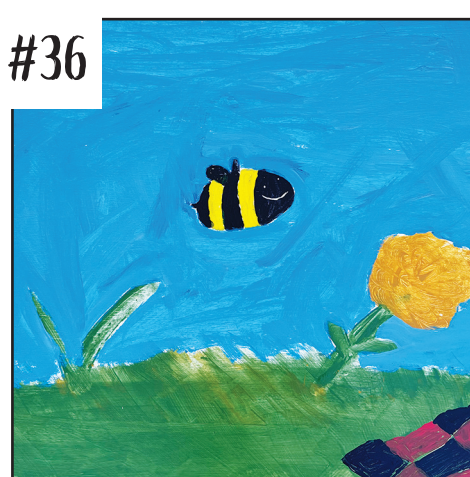
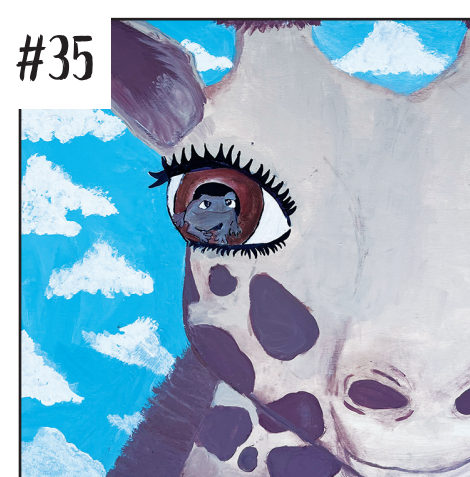
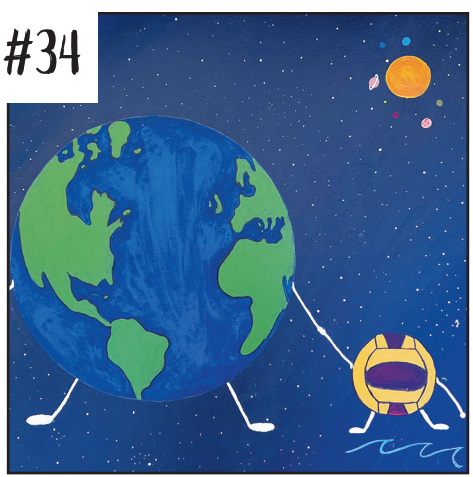
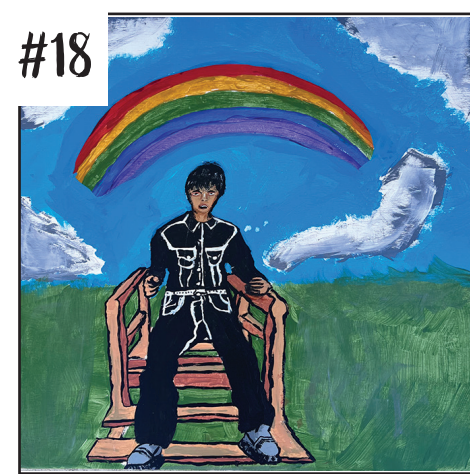
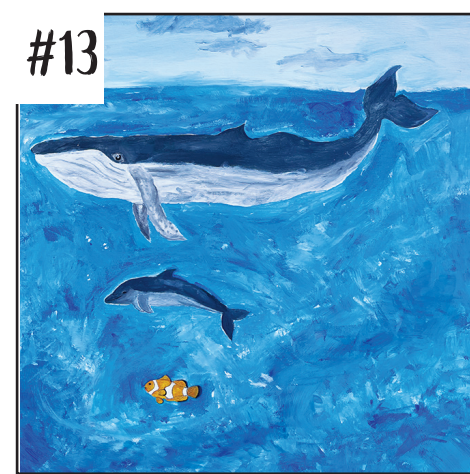
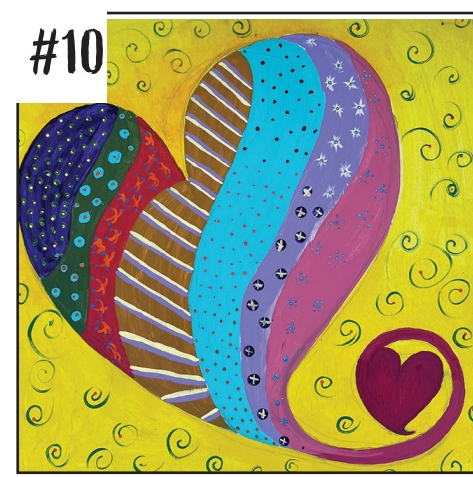
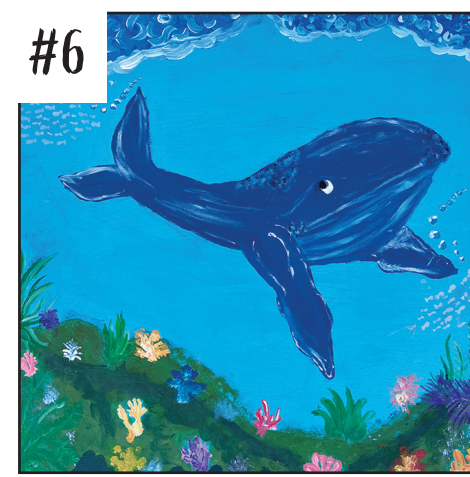
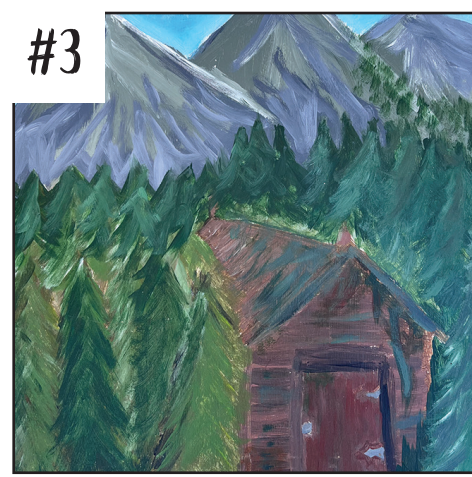
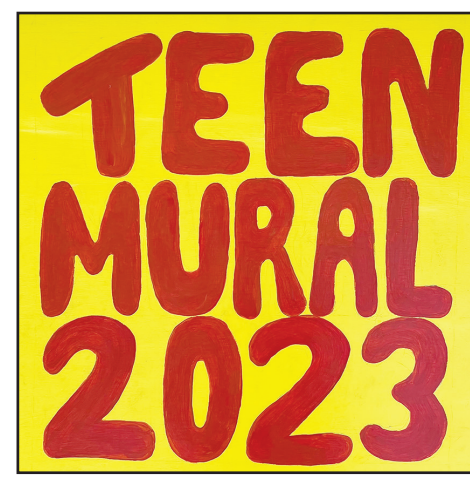


The Artists' Statements

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#2 Amaya, Age 12 • *Good Big Impacts*

I painted a bee and a cow because they have both impacted my life greatly. The bee is such a small creature but without bees and pollinators there are no crops or food, and cows are really important animals to me because they're so full of love and compassion.

#3 Atticus, Age 14 • *Shed*

With big mountains looming in the distance and within an expansive canopy of trees lies a small shed, a place of shelter and refuge.

#4 Ella B., Age 18 • *It's the Little Things*

My piece is inspired by little positive signs the world gives you. My mom was an inspiration for this piece because when she sees firefly lanterns and white butterflies, she feels connected to her brother. I think it's so sweet how humans appreciate the simple beauty of the world. Those who see beauty in all things (big and small) are beautiful themselves.

#5 Liam, Age 16 • *Penguin Golf*

I believe this piece displays the contrast of big and small things, along with the idea that small ideas lead to big things.

#6 Ryah, Age 13 • *Bigger Than a Whale*

My painting represents both big and small because the whale is the biggest animal alive but in the great expanse of the ocean it's small.

#7 Zev, Age 14 • *Earth Without Art is Just "Eh"*

This year's mural theme is "good things". The best thing in my life is art, in its many forms. Music, theater and acting are great passions of mine. My life, without art, would definitely be a resounding "eh".

#8 Callie L., Age 12 • *The Golden Hour*

Good things big and small, the ocean is a big wonderous thing, yet it's great and provides us with many great things. A sunset is a small pleasure and lasts for a short amount of time, yet it is so priceless.

#9 Nikolas, Age 15 • *Adwin*

I love cats and I love art. So I painted a cat and named it Art. Adwin means art in African origin.

#10 Adelina, Age 15 • *LOVE*

Love has no boundaries. Love comes in all colors, shapes, and sizes - big and small.

#11 Hazel D., Age 13 • *Autumn River*

I like autumn and I like rivers so...I would say that's pretty good.

#13 Alissa, Age 13 • *Large and Small, Protect Them All*

Protect all life, from the largest to the smallest organisms. Everything has a purpose.

#14 Hazel C., Age 11 • *The Ring of Happiness*

When I first heard the topic, I thought "An elephant and a mouse (easy)" but my dad gave me a better idea. "Why not do two things that make you happy?" That is why I picked a dragon and a cat.

#15 Lulu, Age 11 • *Big Colorful Butterfly*

Spread your wings to be happy, to be free.

#16 Nolan, Age 12 • *The Biking Trail*

I painted this scene because nature is good, and it can be both big (the trees) and small (the flowers). This is important to me because I love to hike and bike through nature.

#17 Christian, Age 13 • *Dogs*

This painting is dedicated to my dogs Poppy and Rosie.

#18 Sebastian, Age 14 • *Rainbow Bridge*

This is an album cover of an artist that is rapidly growing in popularity. It fits the theme of "Good things: Big and Small" because when he was less popular he still made just as good, if not better, music.

#19 Khloe, Age 13 • *Summer Fun with Cousins*

One of my favorite summer activities is spending time with cousins. I also enjoy the fireworks on the 4th of July. This painting incorporates my handprint (big cousin) with my little cousin Lucas's small handprint.

#20 Emerson, Age 11 • *Palm in the Wind*

Nature is a BIG place. Respect all SMALL parts of it.

#21 Sam, Age 18 • *The Greats and I*

I'm going to college in 18 days! I'm going to be in a city with the most talented rich, inviting, full, beautiful culture I can think of. I'm so excited to do my favorite thing - music - in a city I'm in love with, New Orleans. I'm a small person against all of these incredible musicians, but I'm still a part of Jazz. This piece is a mixture of college, music and New Orleans culture.

#22 Alia, Age 12 • *The Cat*

This is a picture of my cat, Hi Hi. I loved him a lot and he was a good cat. His spirit endures.

#23 James, Age 11 • *Brachiosaurus and Velociraptor*

This piece of art shows the biodiversity of the dinosaurs.

#24 Ittze, Age 17 • *Layla*

Layla might be very small but she is one of the biggest good things in our family.

#25 Gwyn, Age 13 • *Untitled*

Good things are subjective. It is how you see them that makes them good.

#26 Zoe, Age 15 • *Little Flower*

Something so little can bring a lot of realization into someone's life.

#27 Ozzy, Age 11 • *The Mesozoic*

In this painting I wanted to show life 66 million years ago in the Mesozoic Era.

#28 Arlo, Age 11 • *F.U.N.*

I drew this because SpongeBob SquarePants is my favorite show and this scene inspired me to always be happy and to have fun.

#29 Chloe, Age 12 • *Bear & Bug*

Bear is big and the ladybug is small. All living things are good, big or small.

#30 Sarah Age 12 • *A Little Spider's Big Moment*

This spider is an orb weaver. They make fantastical spider webs. This is his perspective in a flower garden.

#31 Keira, Age 11 • *The Beach*

I wanted to paint this because I love the beach and swimming in the ocean.

#32 Evelyn, Age 15 • *Happy Heifer*

This painting is of my heifer Tootsie! I have been raising her for the past 10 months for FFA. She has brought joy to me both big and small.

#33 Callie B., Age 13 • *Beauty*

For my piece, I made a pot of flowers to remind us that all good things, big and small, have beauty.

#34 Gwen, Age 13 • *A Worldwide Bond*

There are so many things, big and small, to appreciate in our world. I am lucky to live in the small community of Carpinteria where I found my love for water polo and the ocean.

#35 Lily, Age 11 • *Be Kind to Every Kind*

The earth is very important to us. It is our home. It matters that all things big and small strive in their environments. My two favorite animals are giraffes and frogs; therefore I have placed them in my painting.

#36 Chance, Age 16 • *Sunny Skies*

This painting of a bee represents the theme because bees are a good thing that is small but have a big impact. Also, the minimalist, simple nature of this piece ties into the big shape and colors.

#37 Carson, Age 12 • *American Flag Art*

The little symbols represent stars, and the hands represent stripes on the American flag.

#38 Sarah, Age 11 • *My Wonderful Memories*

My art is inspired by small and big memories I have had. I drew something to resemble them in each square.

#39 Emily Age 12 • *Big World Small Plants*

From a big tree to a small sprout, all plants matter to the earth.

#40 Matilda, Age 13 • *The Things That Shape Us*

While starting this piece, I had a hard time coming up with an idea. Through trial and error, I finally came up with one. Though I have my own way to describe how this piece fits the theme, I made it so it may allow you to think about it your way.

#41 Amelia, Age 12 • *A Path of Good*

I did this piece as a path of good to remind people that there are many good things in the world and I want them to see that in a path. Not in order, but in a way that helps us notice many good things in life.

#42 Hazel P., Age 11 • *Free Spirit*

I loved the idea of painting a beautiful meadow full of poppy flowers. I also wanted to include dance because it is a big part of my life. This inspired me to paint a dancer.

#43 Ayla, Age 13 • *The Ocean is Alive!*

When I think of the theme "good things: big and small" many things come to mind, but one thing really stood out - my love for the ocean and all its creatures, both big and small.

#44 Ella S., Age 12 • *Sprinkles*

The sprinkles are small and the cake's big.

#45 Estevan, Age 12 • *Big & Small*

No matter if you are big or small, you are perfect.

#46 Summer, Age 11 • *Santa Cruz Island*

I painted this piece of art because Santa Cruz Island is a big part to my family.