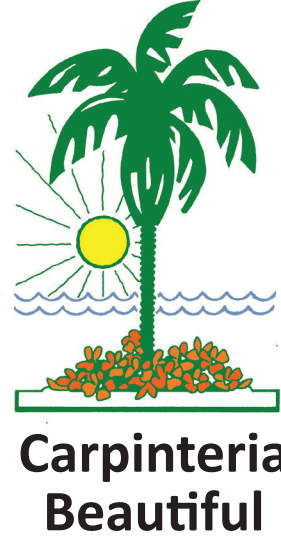
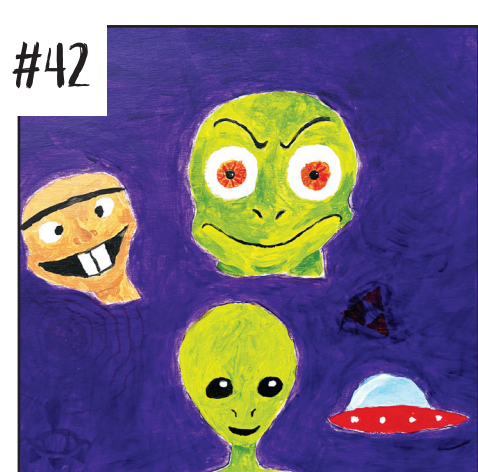
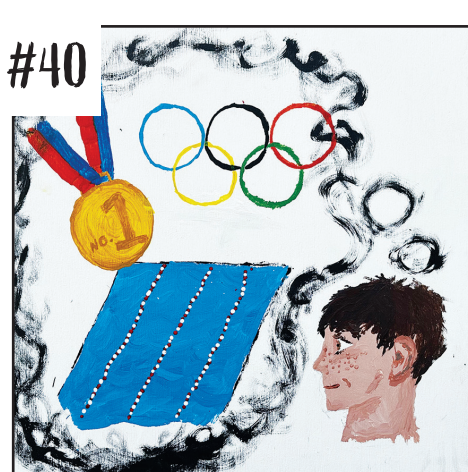
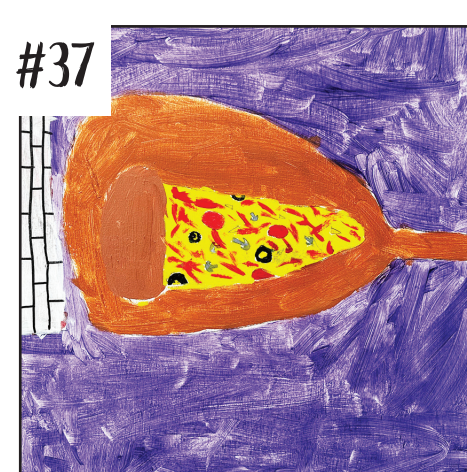
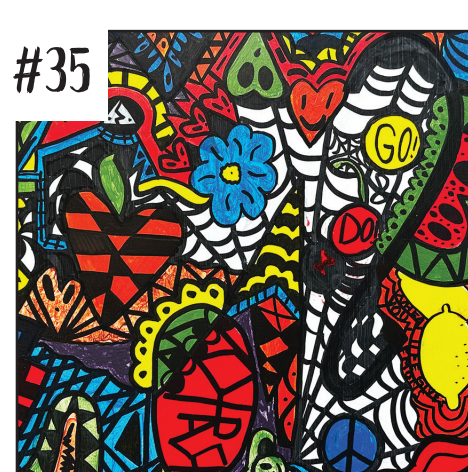
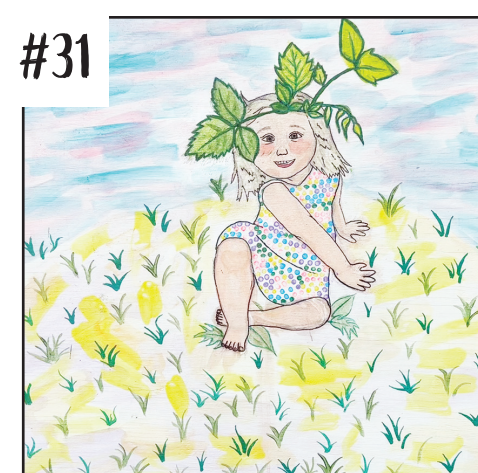
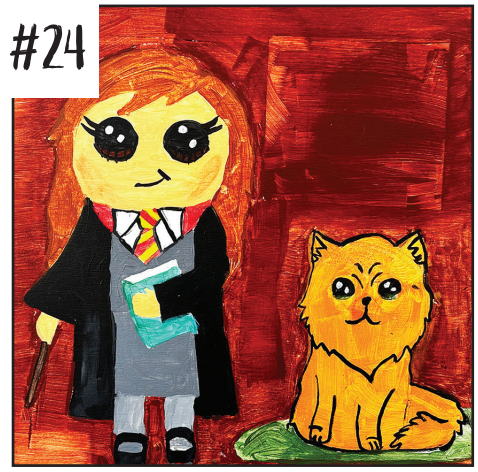
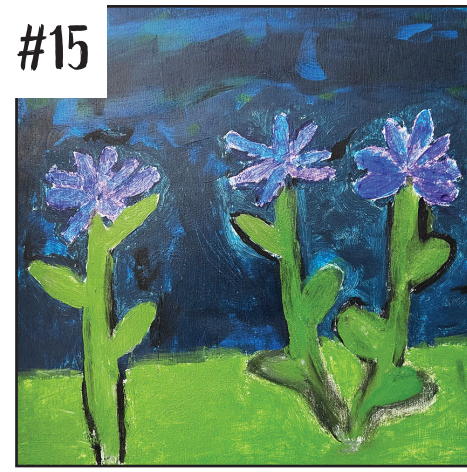
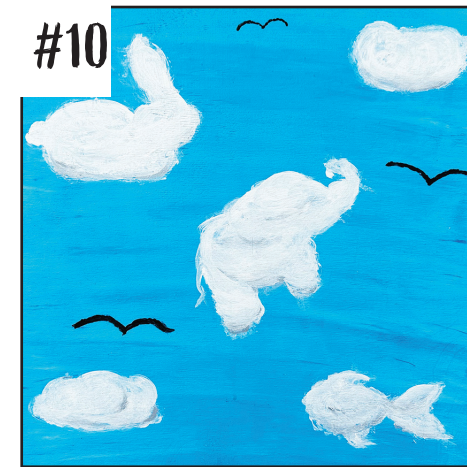
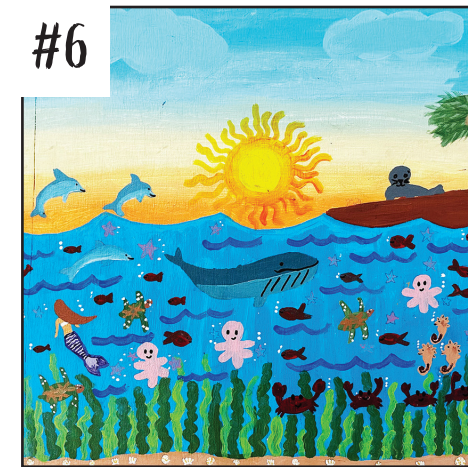
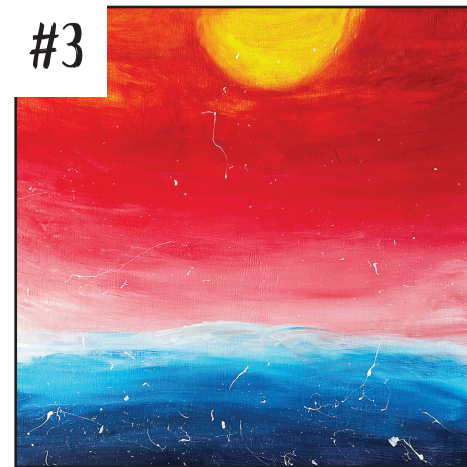
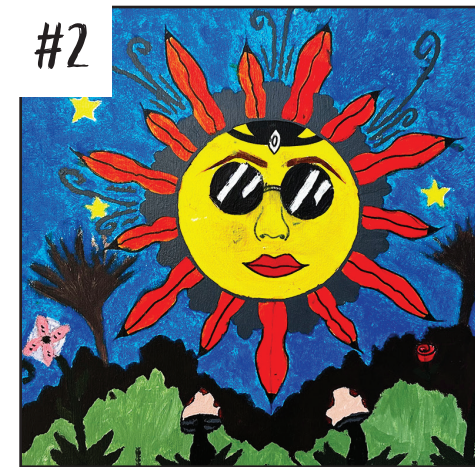
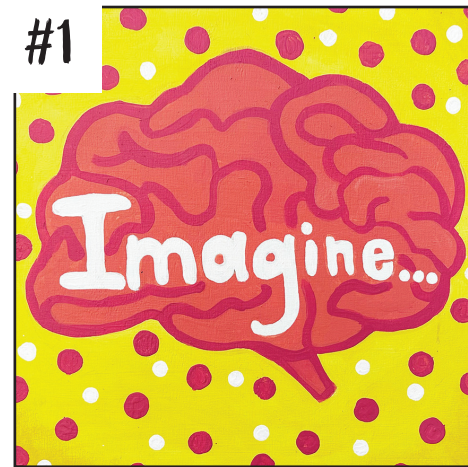


The Artists' Statements

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#1 Lily, Age 13 • Theme Panel, *Imagine...*

#2 Ally, Age 11 • *The Heat*

This represents to not look straight at the sun and always wear glasses outside.

#3 Lulu, Age 12 • *Sunset or Sunrise?*

I made this. I liked layering the colors!! My design can be viewed upside down. Which way do you like it?

#4 Lucy, Age 12 • *Zinnia*

This is my new puppy named Zinnia. There are poppies in the background because I also have a dog named Poppy.

#5 Daphne, Age 11 • *Lost in Thought*

I hope this art piece makes you ask questions about things such as “What is the little alien thinking about?” or “Why is he on the moon?”. I hope this art piece makes you feel calm, and most of all I hope this makes you IMAGINE.

#6 Ruby Age 11 • *The Beauty of the Sea*

I imagine myself as a mermaid looking at the beautiful sea with no trash! So I hope we can stop littering.

#7 Amelia, Age 13 • *Eye of Imagination*

The world gives us imagination. If you see that imagination, you can share it with the world.

#8 Bauer, Age 13 • *The Beast*

Imagine God continued to create new animals! I imagined a lion with wings and a snake tail flying through the sky. The world would be even more interesting with new creatures to learn about.

#9 Isla, Age 12 • *Fireworks*

While I was thinking of an idea for my piece, I put my palms on my eyes and you know when you see those little fireworks in the blackness? Well, that’s what I painted!

#10 Rosita, Age 16 • *The Sky’s the Limit*

Your imagination can turn clouds into anything.

#11 Lily, Age 12 • *Possibilities*

I use my imagination to bring my drawings to life. Each drawing is a piece of my story, inspired by my dreams, books and everyday experiences.

#12 Evelyn, Age 16 • *Teen Mural Year Panel, 2024*

#13 Juanita, Age 14 • *A Big Step*

I imagine the world a better place if we could stop the trafficking of children.

#14 Matilda, Age 13 • *Eyes Opened*

I read the word “IMAGINE...” and the painting came to me. My imagination consists of lots of color, and a common scene in media shows a character’s eyes widen when imagining something, so I combined the two. The painting is meant to invoke the thought of imagining something that a human cannot comprehend.

#15 Ellie, Age 11 • *Midnight Flowers*

I imagined mystical flowers dancing and gleaming at midnight.

#16 Hazel D., Age 14 • *Mountain Sunrise*

I imagined a landscape with cool colors.

#17 Sophia, Age 12 • *Imagine*

Imagine....if pigs could fly. We could build a show ring in the clouds and reach the stars.

#18 Yureimy, Age 12 • *It's a Whole New World*

I believe that it’s better if you explore new places and enjoy life and have fun with people you love the most.

#19 Emma, Age 12 • *Pure Imagination*

The purpose of the piece was to acknowledge the creative minds behind the fairy tales we grew up with. Look closely and you can see some of the classics coming out of a magic book at the bottom of my piece.

#20 Dahlia, Age 12 • *The Flowers See U*

I like drawing eyes so I did. This means to treat everything with care, even plants, because they sense you.

#21 Julien, Age 13 • *Cherry Blossoms*

My inspiration was the beautiful cherry blossoms in a cold, hard winter, and the fact that beautiful things can be as resilient and strong as a mountain or the harsh wind. Just because something is pretty doesn’t mean it is weak. Sometimes the most beautiful and fragile looking things are the most resilient.

#22 Maria, Age 11 • *Up in the Clouds*

When I imagine the word “imagine”, I picture a fantasy land with unicorns and rainbows. That’s exactly what I painted.

#23 Callie L., Age 13 • *The Unimaginable*

This art piece represents the beauty and mystery of a sea turtle. I can imagine the sun reflecting off the coral reefs onto the turtles, making them appear colorful and even more graceful and majestic. Their smooth feet glide through the water, guiding them through the waves.

#24 Summer, Age 12 • *Hermione and Crookshanks*

Hermione is one of my favorite imaginary characters.

#25 Hazel C., Age 12 • *Alone on a Hill*

It took me a while to come up with an idea for this project. In fact, I painted this whole panel the day before we were to give it back. I ended up going with someone sitting alone and letting their imagination run wild.

#26 Ayla, Age 14 • *The Mushroom Cottage*

When I was little I always dreamed of living in a little mushroom house. So when I sat down to paint, I decided to pursue that dream through my painting.

#27 Estevan, Age 12 • *Alien*

Knowledge is limited but imagination is endless.

#28 Evelyn, Age 16 • *Candy Land*

Imagine stepping into the world of my dreams! Sweet is an understatement.

#29 Zev, Age 15 • *My Train of Thought*

As the train runs through my mind I imagine a simpler time...

#30 Mimi, Age 14 • *Bubbles of the Brain*

Let your colorful imagination bubbles soar, but be careful to never let anyone pop them.

#31 Amaya, Age 13 • *A Little Slice of Paradise*

I chose to paint my younger self because I was still so full of imagination. When I’m painting it is so easy to express myself and connect with my inner little kid. This image is also very important to me because it is of my favorite place. It is of our farm in Canada. It is where some of my favorite memories were made.

#32 Zoe, Age 16 • *Everyone*

I want to imagine a world with liberty, peace and justice for all. Especially for those of us that are mistreated, at risk or discriminated against.

#33 Sebastian, Age 15 • *Time Crunch*

Have you ever tried to do a painting in three hours from a blank canvas when you had a month to work on it? That’s where true imagination really comes out.

#34 Leo, Age 12 • *A Shared Amusement*

If you ever notice the sun or the moon smiling at you, why don’t you wave back because who knows how lonely they get up there?

#35 Sam, Age 19 • *Why Not?*

This theme was challenging for me, but eventually I decided to base my idea around my first tattoo, and around allowing wonder in the colorful painting of life. I believe everyone should allow themselves to imagine: the world would be much better with more wonder.

#36 Blake, Age 12 • *Lucy’s Steer (If Steers Wore 4-H Uniforms)*

Imagine....Chamoy, my sister’s steer, dressed up in a 4-H uniform at the County Fair!

#37 Junius, Age 12 • *Pizza*

When creating this art I was imagining a hot brick pizza oven and my own pizza creation going into it. I love pineapple and black olive pizza and would eat only that pizza for the rest of my life if I could!

#38 Hudson, Age 13 • *Reflection in a Puddle*

I think the world would be nothing without imagination. Imagination is what makes life loving and fun.

#39 Callie B., Age 13 • *A Blur*

When someone tells me to close my eyes and imagine, a million things come to mind. My piece is a representation of that.

#40 Nolan, Age 13 • *Brisbane 2032*

This painting is about me imagining becoming an Olympic swimmer and getting gold!

#41 Sarah, Age 12 • *A Child’s Imagination*

When I think of the theme “Imagine...” I think of a child’s imagination, so I painted this from a child’s fantasies, like a castle, dragon and unicorn.

#42 James, Age 11 • *Doodle*

Since the theme was “imagine...” I doodled.

#43 Petra, Age 11 • *Elements of Art*

Exploring creativity.

#44 Olivia, Age 11 • *Admire of the Moon*

I was inspired to do this because of Japanese culture and my imagination. Drawing Asian, Japanese and Chinese art is a great thing to do, which is why it inspired me.

#45 Noel, Age 11 • *The Universe of My Imagination*

My imagination is as big as the universe.

#46 Khloe, Age 14 • *Under the Sea*

I imagined swimming under the sea with an octopus, butterflies and dragonflies.