

Decatur Fresh Community Corner Products

Spring 2022

With the opening of YEA's newest social enterprise, Decatur Fresh in 2021, Arts Street is assisting in supplying products for its Community Corner retail space.

Artistic Work Aprons

Arts Street spring interns worked with textile artist, Bree Angela to design and create work aprons to sell at YEA's Decatur Fresh. Youth artists first learned about different fabric dying techniques, including the art of shibori from Japan. They then focused on learning other textile techniques such as embroidery, designing and stamping their own fabrics, painting on fabric, and finally how to use a sewing machine. After our young artists compiled all their original pieces of fabric, they followed a specific pattern and created beautiful and functional work aprons. You can own one yourself by going to Decatur Fresh market and looking in their Community Corner of the store. (995 Decatur St., Denver)



Upcycled Totes

Youth attending Colorado High School Charter completed a course with Arts Street in utilizing upcycled materials and learning about entrepreneurship. Students learned skills in photography and photo transfers onto fabric, embroidery, digital design to create laser cut wood buttons and basic sewing. The totes were created by

volunteer Marilyn Searles who is intent on passing on her passion for sewing to the next generation. Led by artist and Arts Street Program Manager, Chelsea Romaniello, students earned high school credit while learning more about the creative industries and building their skills. Totes can be found online at Arts Street's ecommerce shop: www.arts-street.square.site and also at Decatur Fresh market.



DHA Sticker Designs

Spring 2022

Arts Street spring high school interns worked with Denver Housing Authority (DHA) to create digital designs that will be used for free stickers that will be distributed by DHA to the public at various events.

Youth artists were given specifications to create designs that reflected what they felt DHA represents beyond housing to residents and to Denver. Youth presented their designs to Keo Frazier, DHA Director of Communications & Public Affairs and to Bimbim Babalola, DHA Marketing & Content Specialist.

Youth expressed that their designs reflected love, community, unity and family - all things they believed DHA represents. Initially, DHA was only going to choose one design, but because of the amazing work our youth artists created, they chose a total of 4 images. These stickers will be produced and distributed starting in late spring 2022.



*Sticker artists:
Top, Evelyn C., age 17.
Bottom, Yazimin H., age 17.*



Sticker artists:

Top, Francisco M., age 18.

Bottom, MiaNevaeh M., age 18.

Denver City Council District 10 Mascots

Spring 2022

Arts Street youth artists met with client, Chris Getzan, who is working with City Councilman Hinds in Denver District 10. Because the boundaries of Denver's city council districts have changed, Councilman Hinds is hosting several events this summer in District 10 to get to know more people living there and let them know about resources in the District. Youth artists were tasked with creating mascots to represent District 10. Our client gave the youth ideas for characters for the district like ghosts, hipsters, punks and cats. He also requested that artists consider using Councilman Hinds' service dog, Porthos, as one of the characters. (Porthos sadly passed away last summer.) Youth were also asked for names and back stories on their creations and came up with some amazing characters! The mascot designs are being used on flyers and publicity as well as being passed out as stickers at events this summer.



Uptown Daisy is a sunflow that lives in District 10 in a hip residential area with eclectic global eateries and bars ranging from casual dives to sleek cocktail lounges where she likes to hang out. Jada K., age 17

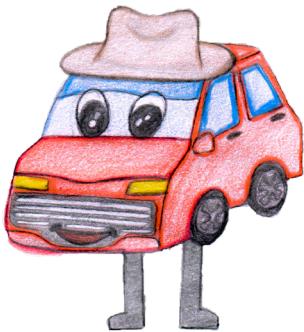
Munchy Crunchy loves the smell of compost. He spends his free time in dumpsters and can crush anything with his huge feet. Justine K., age 15



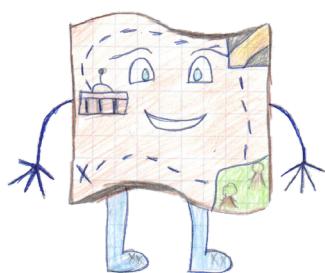
Mary the ghost roams around District 10 keeping the place clean, especially in Cheeseman Park. She doesn't know she is dead, and no one has the heart to tell her because she is so nice. Francisco M., age 18



Larry is an office man and loves to help his community. Yazmin H., age 17



Kevin likes to give tours of the community to people visiting. Moriah D., age 17



Jake is a tourist around District 10. Dasia T., age 16



Porthos the dog is playful and loyal. Mea U., age 18



Copper the Coffee is part of Copper Door Coffee shop. He gives good energy and smells delicious. Aaron G., age 19



Charlotte likes to tell scary stories to kids and re-live her youth. Evelyn C., age 17



Cassie loves to shop and drink coffee. She is petite and classy and lives in a bush on Capitol Hill. MiaNevaeh M., age 18

Students Rebuild World Needs Challenge Poster

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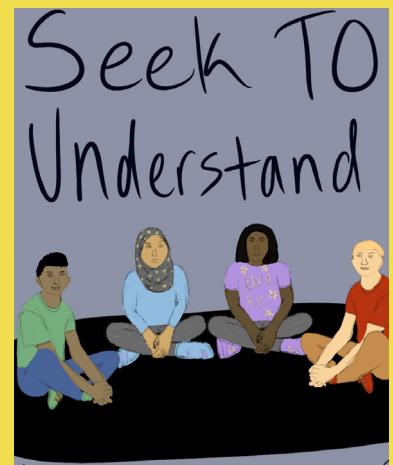
Arts Street youth artists worked on a national project for an organization called Students Rebuild. They were tasked with creating posters that amplify messages that the world needs...

- Clean Oceans
- Humanitarian Aid
- Hunger Relief
- To Overcome Bias
- Art Activism

Youth learned graphic design skills and worked on Procreate software on iPads to design their posters. The posters were submitted and the Bezos Family Foundation will make a donation to programs meeting global needs for each of the posters submitted. The posters will also be seen on a national online platform and Arts Street will be printing some to put up in the community.
www.studentsrebuild.org/challenges/worldneeds



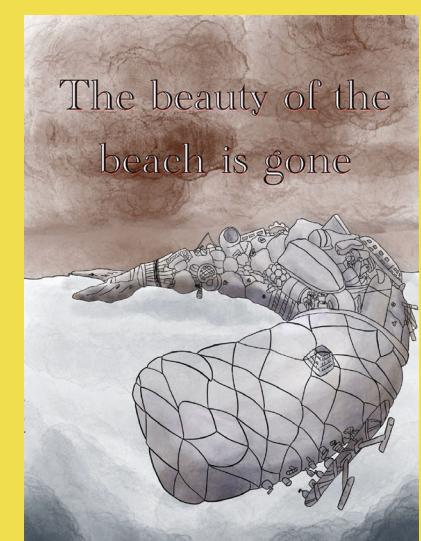
Mea U., age 18



Dasia T., age 16



Evelyn R., age 17



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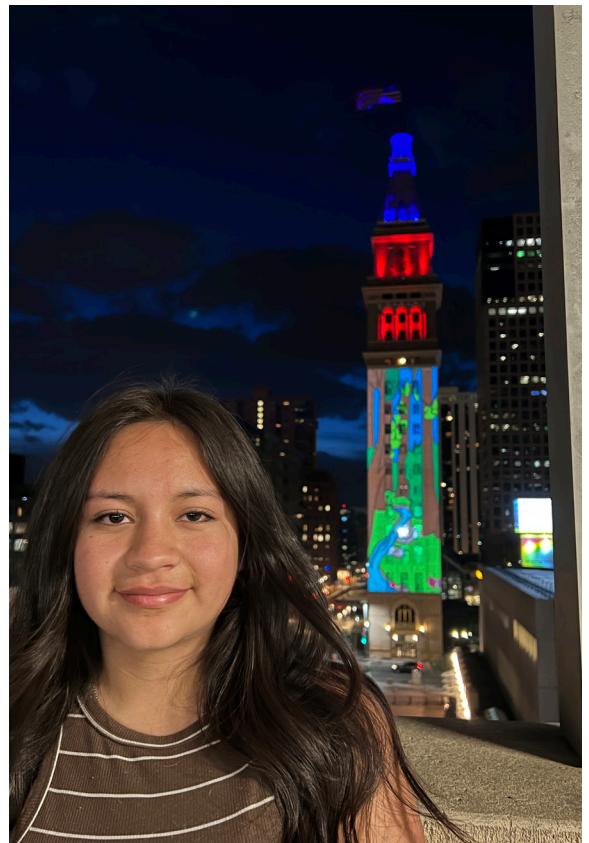


Tinah S., age 15

Denver Night Lights Animation Project

Spring 2022

Arts Street's project for summer 2022 is called Edible Artscapes. This project will include educating the public about urban farming, creating a community garden and public art. To kick off this project, Arts Street youth artists met with David Moke of Night Lights Denver to learn about large scale animations. Night Lights Denver projects these animations onto Denver's 16th street clock tower for the public throughout the year. Youth learned Illustrator and After Effects software from Arts Street instructor, Chelsea Romaniello and created animations reflecting different gardening and ecology themes. These animations were projected on the clock tower for everyone to see on May 19th and 20th and youth were able to celebrate this proud moment by viewing their art with family and friends.



Arts Street Edible Artscapes Project

Urban Gardening Summer 2022

Arts Street and lead artist, Katy Casper, worked with 22 youth artists, ages 14-20, over 6 weeks this summer, to learn the principles of permaculture design and create a regenerative urban farming installation with integrated artistic elements in Denver's La Alma neighborhood. This installation is in front of Denver Housing Authority's Tapiz residential public housing. Youth met with residents from the community for input on planting and design.

Through their experience, youth learned techniques for planting and maintaining garden space, for creating public art and produced easy to share information about the process to educate the community. This installation will provide produce for the community, educate about permaculture and urban farming and beautify the neighborhood.

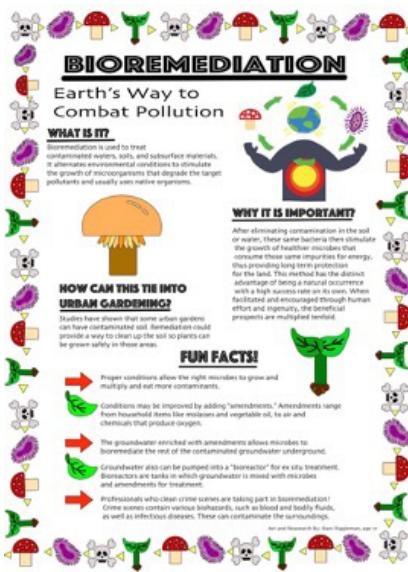
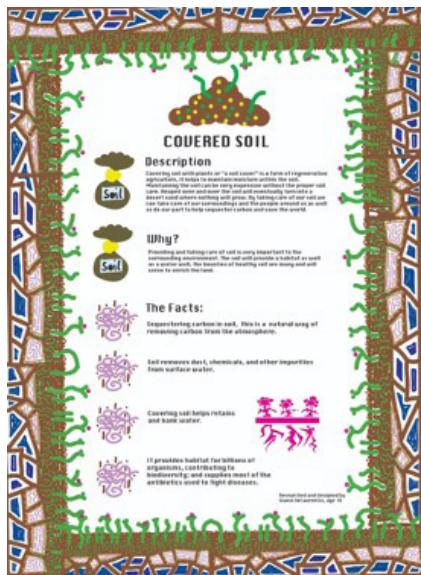


Arts Street Edible Artscapes Project

Community Education & Poster Design Summer 2022

A secondary element of the Edible Artscapes project was to educate the youth about urban farming so that they could then spread their knowledge into the community. Each youth was assigned a topic which they researched in depth about urban farming and/or the environment (such as bioremediation and desertification). Using Adobe Illustrator, youth then digitally designed a symbol for their topic and created a poster with facts and illustrations on their subject.

The symbols were also incorporated into the large painted mural of the urban garden they created in front of DHA's Tapiz building. The posters will be displayed on the new Arts Street website and the garden will have signage with a QR code connecting the general public to the posters so they can learn more.



Summer Banner Project

Summer 2022

As part of the Edible Artscapes summer project, Arts Street had 2 teams of 20 youth each, ages 14-18, working on outdoor banners inspired by nature. Our young artists started by taking a field trip to Denver Botanic Gardens, sketching, and photographing for inspiration. Led by Denver artist, Bree Angela, they learned the differences between synthetic and natural dyes and created textiles using both. The natural dyes were some of the favorites as wonderful smells wafted through the studio from our dye vats. In addition to dying their own fabrics, Denver artist Jasmine Wynter led youth in creating botanical stencils that were then used with spray paint on upcycled vinyl. Their beautiful hand-dyed fringe was used to add a fun flourish. Some of these amazing banners can be seen outside of the Osage Café & Mercado at 1015 Osage St. and on the patio of Decatur Fresh at 995 Decatur St.



Sun Valley Photo Mural

Summer 2022

Denver artist photographer, Juan Fuentes led a team of 21 Arts Street youth artists, ages 14-21, to complete a community mural in DHA's Sun Valley development. Youth first learned basic photographic skills and then went on several photo shoots around the Sun Valley neighborhood. For some of the artists, due to the redevelopment in the area, they were photographing empty lots where they once lived. In addition, youth ran a portrait photo booth at the Sun Valley block party and took photos of area residents. Photos were then printed on large paper and wheatpasted on the side of the Sun Valley People's Hub building. Youth also created several smaller collage murals for the inside of the building. Youth learned valuable creative industry skills, earning a stipend for their artwork. They were extremely proud of their photography and showcasing a neighborhood in transition.

