

ECO **ARTS** *sculpture walk*

2015 Exhibit Guide

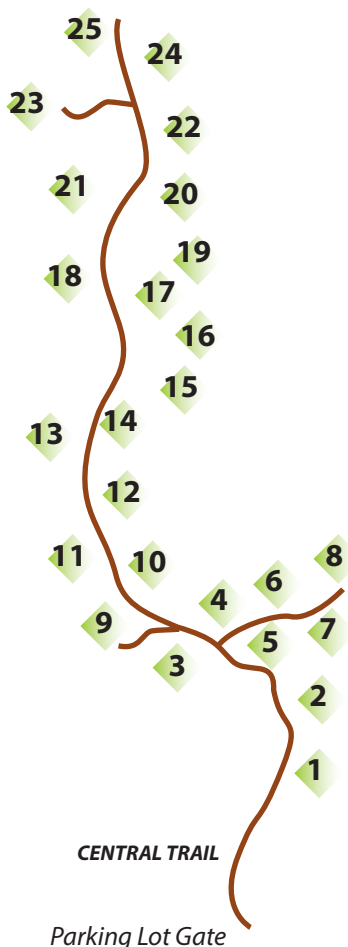


Opening Sunday, June 7, 2015 • Dawn to dusk daily until October 13
Middletown Trailside Park • Middletown, California

Welcome to . . .

Middletown Trailside Park and the 13th Annual EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk

EcoArts of Lake County is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the visual arts, visual art education, and ecological stewardship for artists, residents and visitors to Lake County, California.



*EcoArts Guide
available here*

2015 EcoArtists:

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Middletown Trailside Park is a natural park. Please avoid hazards by staying on the trails and paths. Grounds are uneven and trails are shared by humans, horses, dogs and wildlife. Sensible walking shoes are advised.

Please respect the park and the creative efforts of the artists. Do not touch the art work unless signage permits.



Another Way

Sherry Harris

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Re-purposed pruned Mulberry tree branches.

Each year, when neighborhood mulberry trees are pruned, Sherry gathers branches. "One man's green waste is another man's treasure!" Whether freshly cut and flexible or tied in bundles to dry straight, the branches provide Sherry an annual challenge to do something new and different. She considers this year's piece to be interactive offering visitors an alternate gateway to the exhibit.

Sherry is a local artist, art educator, and basket, gourd and natural jewelry maker. Her work can be seen at various galleries throughout Lake County

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Clearlake Winter Sunset

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Alicia Lee Farnsworth

Hand-made glazed and fired tile mosaic, stone, mica, hand-colored grout, and steel base/wood frame.

Sunset fires the Clearlake sky; Show-stopping waters reflect. Silhouetted landscape upstaged. Bursting, fleeting, moments shimmer, Cemented in multicolored mosaic. Daylight's last splotches usher twilight. Artists only pay homage.

Alicia is a Lake County artist, illustrator & educator. She is available for commissions.

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Walks of Lake County

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Harp Ties with Nalu and Koa

(Pine cones by Jessica, Camille and Asher)

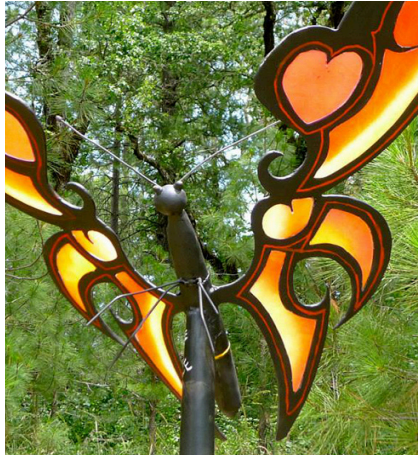
Lake County rocks, wood, mortar, cement board, steel conduit.

Harp and Friends love walks, rocks, and discovering nature's many treasures. "Walks of Lake County" depicts the cycles, patterns and contrasts experienced and observed as they explore this land.

Harp and friends are artists, moms and kids of Lake County.

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Iron Butterfly

Steven Grace

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Scrap metal, paint, bearings.

This sculpture was created from 25 discrete pieces of discarded scrap metal and given new life as a butterfly. You are welcome to interact with it! When it finds its final home, it will also serve as a weather-vane.

Steven is a mechanic at Harbin Hot Springs. He enjoys salvaging materials to create new things that are functional and fun.

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Why Does It Matter?

Clare Hedin

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Weeping willow, salvaged metal, wire, kite twine, glass.

There is a planet called Earth, that feeds and houses us. It is our home. It dreamed us into being. Life continues to emerge. What can we dream now, to feed and nourish her back? Come breathe our collective imaginings into being. Come dream with me...

Clare is a local mixed-media artist, sound healer, performer, educator and dreamer.

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Chandelier of Life

Mary McGregor

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Tie wire, plastic bottles, paper.

Earth, water, sky, life...

The cranes symbolize peace.

Mary is a local artist, origami artist, and basket maker.

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Love The Snakes

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Heidi Baker

Repurposed drain pipe, chicken wire, palm bark and other objects; acrylic paint.

These snakes represent real ones that play an important role in our ecosystems. They pose no threat to us when left unharassed. Even venomous snakes are very helpful.

Love the snakes and their many contributions to Earth and to us!

Heidi L. Baker is a local artist who enjoys creating art from nature and found objects.

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Guardian Angel

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Diane Tulley (Aquiana)

Yarn, fabric, pvc, wire, love.

Step into the halo,
Up within heart wings
Embraced by memories of loved ones
We are protected, safe,
Blessed

Aquiana is an artist, poet, and swimming instructor.

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Tarbird Plea

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Chia Lichtendahl

Stucco, paint, fabric, wire mesh and wood frame.

Oil spills are harmful to marine birds and mammals as well as fish and shellfish. Oil spills occur far too frequently with devastating effects.

Chia is a Lake County artist and a Harbin resident. She is available for commissioned work.

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Drought Tolerant

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Karen Turcotte

Recycled cardboard, paint, found and natural objects.

Shipping boxes shredded into cardboard packing material are given an additional life as flowers that require no water!

Karen is a local artist who lives and works on Cobb Mountain.

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Tower for the Winds

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Darren Jekel & Jon Wall

Metals, trumpets

Three wrecked, useless trumpets, were the original inspiration for a wind driven creation of horn parts.

Darren Jekel teaches art at the Middletown High School, and Jon Wall is a mechanic extraordinaire in the Cobb community.

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Nuts to Grapes

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Karen Magnuson and JV Magoon

Manzanita, oak, walnut, pear, grape, & pine natural and synthetic repurposed materials.

Trees provide shade, store and absorb dangerous carbons, stop erosion and provide habitat. Pear and walnut orchards, oak, pine and manzanita fall and burn to become large fields of mono cultural crops like grapes.

We must weigh the consequences of destroying Lake County's trees and wildlife habitat for "development." Especially now, when water is so precious.

Karen is a local artist and graphic designer. Judy is a local fine artist and sculptor.

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Rain Dance (Solar Shadow)

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Peter Shandera

Recycled Sailboat Jib, paint and mylar.

Due to the amount of rain that fell during the final creation of this kinetic sculpture, Peter changed the name from "Solar Shadow" to "Rain Dance." The piece was originally conceived to provide a bit of shade along this very hot park trail. Enjoy the shade and pray for rain... Oh, go ahead and dance!

Peter is a Lake County artist, designer, photographer, art educator and owner of Hillcrest Studios in Clearlake.

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We Are Refugees, and the Birds Still Sing

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Lisa Kaplan

Cob (earth & straw), manzanita prunings, used clothes, sealant, fencing, barbed wire.

The plight of Syrian and all refugees is both a humanitarian and ecological crisis. We have all migrated and been refugees for generations - traversing this home we call "Earth".

Inherent in earth as material is the web of life, decomposing to support new growth - connecting all living things. May we tend the earth and one another, and may the earth heal us all.

Lisa is a local artist and art educator. She has exhibited nationally and abroad and is available for commissions.

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Flora Nana

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Sheri Carrico, Tracey Herreie & Linda Gillian with Sophie Lauterborn (Instructor), Middletown Senior Center

Chicken wire, recycled newspapers, artificial flowers plastic bottles, acrylic paint.

She's Big, she's Beautiful, she's Mysterious, and Generous!

She is Mother Nature.

Come to Dance HERE!

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Trees Talking

Wendy Dalton

Painted canvas, wood, rope.

An inter-disciplinary piece combining poetry, performance, painting and installation. On Opening day, Wendy will dance/paint a ceremony creating an Asian inspired hanging sculpture. Wendy's work opens doors and invites viewers to dialogue with alternate worlds of nature and spirit.

Wendy is a local artist, performance artist, and poet.

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The Time Killer

Diego Harris

Recycled scrap metal, sheet steel, rebar, square tubing, bolts.

As the colorful metal shapes move with the slightest breeze, you won't be able to resist the urge to stare at it. Time will fade away as it never has before. Suddenly you feel an intense connection with the timelessness of nature.

Diego is a local artist and craftsman. He is available for commissioned work. Visit Diego's Gallery, 9495 Main St., Upper Lake. 707.350.4209

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The Dame of Thrones

Ricia Araiza and Michael Leventhal

Recycled wood, driftwood, burlap soaked in plaster, paint, sealant.

"The Dame" represents the inherent strength of women, imploring us to keep watch over the forests and meadows and to keep nature safe from the organized poisoning of our land.

Ricia & Michael are a married architect/designer team. They have been painting and sculpting together for 19 years.

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Seahorseman of the Apocalypse

Mary Mattlage

Paper mache over Styrofoam, yupo, steel wire, found objects, acrylic paint.

Seahorses, called Hippocampi in Greek mythology, convey the god Poseidon over the sea. In reality they are elusive creatures threatened by nuclear and other waste in the ocean. Their extinction heralds the apocalypse.

Mary Mattlage is a visual artist who lives and works on Cobb Mountain.

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We All Need a Home

Alana Clearlake

Wool, mohair, alpaca, angora yarn, feathers Eucalyptus and madrone bark, pine strips flax, beeswax and damar varnish.

These are interpretations of weaver bird nests. The nests have roofs for protection from predators and rain.

Alana is a Lake County Artist.

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Earth Gift

Renata Jaworska

Reclaimed metal, wood, plaster.

This piece was made with deep gratitude to Earth.

Renata is a visual artist and designer and is available for commission. See more work at the Middletown Art Center.

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Pipe Dream

Terry Church

Salvaged PVC, ABS, ceramic water pipe, wire, water tank bands, nails.

My focus is to give new meaning to societies' mundane discards.

Local artist and loco craftsman / Assemblage / Custom furniture and cabinetry. His work has been shown in galleries and colleges throughout California. He is available for commissioned work.

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The Children Are Watching

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Students of Lake County International Charter School with LCICS staff and Michelle Cox

Repurposed cardboard, plastic and fabric, papier mache, paint, acrylic varnish.

The students of LCICS were asked to create a character that reflected themselves. They worked both together and individually, building stronger relationships through collaborative efforts. As adults we strive to do the same to build an active stable community.

Children are constantly observing and learning from the adults around them. These figures are arranged like an audience with the viewer onstage. Feel free to walk amongst the pieces and take in their various creative spirits.

Contact: www.LCICS.org. 707.987.3063 LCICS~ Free K-8 public charter school in Middletown.



Conehenge

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Whitney Vosburgh

Traffic cones, pine cones, mirror.

This piece is an invitation to reflect on natural or man made, parks or parking and a pun in the sun.

Whitney has exhibited his work in painting, photography, light and mixed media nationally and internationally.

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Viva Art!

Imago Gallery Group People Services, Inc., Clearlake

Upcycled wood, metal, wire, hubcaps, wine barrel ring, tree branches, paint and fabric.

As we work through the greatness of our imaginations our perceived limits fade and never hold us back. Our creation is a symbol of freedom and expression. The joy of accomplishment is fulfilling and elevates us to a greater level of confidence...VIVA ART!

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Being Known

I live in a small town.
Two stoplights, one gas station, one grocery store.
In the shadow of the mountains,
the canyons get dark at three o'clock.
A very small town.

The barista knows I drink iced lattes.
Last night I made Swedish meatballs
from the recipe the grocery clerk gave me.
This way of life has become rare.

I live in a very small town.
No movie theaters.
No open mikes.
No all-night raves.
But I am known.

City folks protest,
"I have my book club, my yoga classes,
my meditation workshops, my dance tribe"
But that's not the same.

In my small town, everyone knows everyone.
The waiter at my favorite restaurant
is the husband of my best friend.
I've watched her daughter grow up,
marry, and have children.
I've watched her mother play with the grand-
kids
on the front porch in the sunlight.

I've watched the apple trees we planted together
flourish and bear fruit.

City folks never have enough time.
In my small town, there is plenty.
Time enough for freshly paved sidewalks
to crack, crumble, and eventually, get repaired.
Time to tame a rescue horse.
Time for long walks in the hot sun.
Time to drink lemonade with strangers.
Time for strangers to become friends.
In my small town, you become known.

In a city, you can die, without anyone knowing.
When my seventy-five-year-old friend
doesn't answer her phone,
I stop by to make sure she's okay.
When my bipolar friend goes off her meds,
we notice and talk with her about it.
When my friend's alcoholic teenager
asks adults to buy him beer,
his mother hears about it.
This way of life is rare.

You don't have to shout to be heard.
You don't have to prove yourself to anyone.
You don't have to sell yourself to be seen.
In my small town, you know your neighbors
and you are known.
This way of life is endangered.

Elaine Watt
Lake County Poet Laureate 2012 -2014

Many pieces in the sculpture walk employ either natural or reused and/or repurposed materials. Steel, wood, glass, plastic, tree prunings; most were destined for a landfill or ignored until these artists heard the call and made a statement. Reuse and repurpose extends the life of an item. When products you buy stay in your home longer, you are reducing the volume of materials circulating in the waste stream.
Note: The views expressed by the artists are not necessarily the views of EcoArts of Lake County.

The Thirteenth Annual

EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk

About the Walk

Inspire • Question • Engage

This is a temporary exhibit 'in dialog with nature'. Founded in 2003, *EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk* is the longest running free art exhibit in the County. Each year, a new exhibit is installed in late May, after winter rains, and removed in the autumn.

Inquire • Learn • Connect

We strive to display a variety of work that will inspire and engage viewers in the long-standing debate around the relationship between art, man, and nature.

Investigate • Consider • Scrutinize

The exhibit will be on view through October 13th, 2015. We encourage you to return to see the works as the seasons change. Bring a picnic lunch to the park or enjoy local restaurants.



Many of the works here are available for sale after the exhibit season. Some artists are available for commissions as well. For inquiries, please contact the artists directly as noted in the guide.

Additional art work by many of the artists exhibiting here can be seen at the Middletown Art Center, at Hwy. 175/29 junction in Middletown. Visit MiddletownArtCenter.org.

For guided tours please contact:
EcoArtsLC@gmail.com or 707.809.5398.

www.EcoArtsOfLakeCounty.org

Thank You for Coming!

A Big Thank You to participating Artists, guest Performing Artists, spouses, friends, family and Middletown Community members, who made this exhibit and Opening Reception possible!

Thanks to Karen Turcotte Williams & John Randall Williams for their vision and tireless commitment to developing the Sculpture Walk into a public treasure in Lake County.

A very special thank you to the County of Lake for their partnership and support.

We hope you have enjoyed this year's Sculpture Walk. If we've inspired, delighted, or engaged you, please consider a donation to help keep the sculpture walk thriving and available to all.

Contributions are tax deductible and greatly appreciated!

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