The FoolMoon Mandala Project

a part of Ann Arbor's 2021 <u>Foolmoon</u> celebration sponsored by <u>Wonderfool Productions</u> in partnership with <u>TreeTown Murals</u> and the Ann Arbor Public Schools Art Department

WHO: All Washtenaw County k-12 students are welcome to participate. You may participate:

- as part of a **school lesson or independently** (A 3rd-5th grade mandal lesson was taught throughout Ann Arbor Public Schools the week of 2/22.)
- alone or in collaboration with others

whor: Submit a mandala design to be included in an exciting public art project! All submissions will be included in a FoolMoon digital video slideshow that will be displayed prominently in the community and available for digital sharing with friends and family. Student designs will also be used to inspire and inform three large-scale mandala street murals in Downtown Ann Arbor. The video presentation and murals are being sponsored by WonderFool Productions and will be facilitated and painted by TreeTown Murals as a part of Ann Arbor's FoolMoon celebration during the first week of April.

WHERE: TDB. The slideshow display and mural locations are still being finalized at this time.

WHEN: Submissions will be due Friday, March 12, 2021. Art will be on display the first week of April.

WHY: In these difficult and isolated times, we all crave connection. For all of our history, humans have found connection in tradition and art. The Ann Arbor FoolMoon celebration is a tradition that has united and connected the Ann Arbor community over the years. Here we all have an opportunity to participate in this tradition and feel this connection from a safe distance. The merging of the students' art with the mandala public street mural(s), painted with temporary paint, will symbolize our connection as a community. Much like the impermanence of mandala art traditions of cultures all over the world, this project will create a fleeting but hopeful and beautiful moment. This year's FoolMoon theme is "Shine Your Light A2". This is

an opportunity for us to all come together through art to brighten our community's collective light.

How: Make a mandala design using the technique of your choice, take a high-quality photograph of it, and submit it!

- Use any media (art materials) to make your mandala traditional or digital.
- Check out this fun instructional video from TreeTown murals on how to make a simple mandala:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aiB47-vaBBg&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=Tree TownMurals

- Supplies can include but are not limited to: copy paper or sketchbook paper, ruler, protractor and compass (both optional), pencil, scissors, and any color medium of your choosing, including but not limited to: digital art, colored pencil, watercolor, markers, pens and sharpies.