



Green Change: Artists Consider Our Climate Crisis

ARTIST INFO

Ann Dodge

Tess Felix

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Al Grumet

Aurora Mahassine

Randy Rosenberg

Mike Bates

Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, Sep. 14-15

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EXHIBIT OVERVIEW

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In this year's featured exhibit at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, Bay Area artists explore the climate crisis through the lens of contemporary art, in collaboration with Green Change, a grassroots environmental network.

Climate change will have a profound impact on the living systems of our planet and the welfare of humanity. The implications of the crisis, as well as its root causes and potential solutions, can be difficult to visualize and daunting to address. Through visual storytelling, interactive installations, and participatory artworks, the artists and the Green Change network have transformed the redwood grove into a creative space for engagement and climate action.

This artist binder provides information about the art and activities featured in this Climate Art Exhibit on the weekend of Sep. 14-15, 10am-5pm, in the redwood grove at Old Mill Park, Mill Valley.

This exhibit is hosted by Al Grumet and Fabrice Florin, in collaboration with Erma Murphy and Sylvia Barsky at MVFAF -- and Green Change, our grassroots environmental network.

We are excited to be collaborating with these talented artists: **Ann Dodge, Tess Felix, Fabrice Florin, Janey Fritsche, Al Grumet, Aurora Mahassine, Mike Bates** and **Randy Rosenberg**. Their work is described in the next few pages.

Green Change is organizing this art exhibit to inspire more people to go green and fight climate change. If you have any questions about this exhibit, please email us at team@greenchange.net or visit greenchange.net.



Ann Dodge

Hitting Home

Ann Dodge creates figurative sculptures from post-consumer waste. By refashioning trash into haunting spiritual objects, Ann challenges us to see the consequences of excessive consumerism and our responsibility to be good stewards of our planet and its web of life.

For this exhibition, Ann and fellow exhibitor Al Grumet have developed a participatory artwork called "Hitting Home." The installation highlights our vulnerability to the climate crisis and the connection between our home energy choices and climate change.

Visitors participate in the creation of the work by making paper lantern houses and placing them into a landscape installation that references wildfire risk and post-fire displacement.

A short conversation invites visitors to think about their vulnerability to climate change (wildfire, flooding, etc.), as well as their carbon footprint (primarily from home energy choices).



Tess Felix Greene

Ocean Plastic Portraits

Tess transforms plastic debris into vibrant portraits that tell a story of a planet in peril. She collects the debris from the shores of Stinson Beach, where she lives and works as an artist. According to Tess, the transformation of plastic waste into beautiful human portraits is "a metaphor for demonstrating that we have the power to overcome the very thing that threatens us."

For this exhibit, Tess is presenting 4 large artworks from her collection of ocean plastic portraits, made from recycled materials she finds on the beaches.

Website: tessfelixartist.com





Fabrice Florin

Earth Bike

Fabrice Florin is a multimedia artist and environmental activist. He leads community art projects that invite people to express themselves through art in support of social change. He is co-founder of art collective Pataphysical Studios, where he has created many interactive art pieces over the years. Fabrice is director of Green Change, the organizer of this exhibit with MVFAF.

For this exhibit, Fabrice Florin is presenting his Earth Bike, a unique art float he created to inspire people to go green and help fight climate change. Its iconic 6-foot globe pulled by a bike draws their attention and engages them to take a variety of climate actions. The Earth Bike was first featured at the Fourth of July Parade in Corte-Madera.

Website: fabriceflorin.com





Janey Fritsche

This Island Earth

Janey Fritsche is a painter whose work celebrates the unrivaled beauty and spiritual power of the natural world. In her depictions of oceans, beach ecology, and natural places, Janey seeks to "encourage a better vision for honoring life on the planet."

For this exhibit, Janey is presenting 2 paintings from her "Island Earth" series, entitled "Floating Over the Azure Sea" and "Song of the Rocks and Tides." They depict a land of peace, beauty, happiness, and abundance. These paintings are for sale. Please email janey@janeynow.com for info.

Website: janeyfritsche.com





Al Grumet

Keeping Score; Hitting Home; Seeds of Change

Al Grumet is an artist and storyteller whose works combine painting, sculpture, and interactive experiences. Al weaves imagery into environmental dramas in which human choices come into stark focus. Through his art and activism, he hopes to convey the urgency of collective change for the sake of present and future generations.

For this exhibit, Al has created a corn hole game (entitled “Keeping Score”) that explores the implications of our food choices through game play and post-game conversations. In addition, he has collaborated with fellow exhibiting artists in the creation of two additional climate-themed artworks: “Hitting Home,” a participatory artwork that addresses our vulnerability to climate change (with Ann Dodge); and “Seeds of Change,” a living art installation that explores the role of fertile ecosystems in promoting the web of life and the solutions to our climate crisis (with Aurora Mahassine and Mike Bates).

Website: algrumet.com





Aurora Mahassine

Seeds Of Change

Aurora Mahassine is a designer and ecologist who creates living art and climate adaptive solutions. She uses plants and soil in sculptures, living roofs, living walls and water features to create beauty, sustain life and promote environmental and human health. Her work fosters ecological stewardship as a pathway to community well-being and climate adaptation.

For this exhibit, Aurora has collaborated with Al Grumet and Mike Bates to create Seeds Of Change, a multi-dimensional living art installation. The work addresses the regenerative power of living systems, the role of healthy ecosystems in stemming climate change, and the need to create fertile ground for climate solutions to germinate and grow.

Website: habitable.com





Randy Rosenberg

Alchemy of Fire

Randy Rosenberg combines organic material and man-made media into painterly works that explore emotional connections and the intersection of nature and humanity. Randy brings to her work more than 30 years' experience as an artist, contemporary art curator, art therapist and art educator, including her work as founder and Executive Director of Art Works for Change.

For this exhibit, she has created "Alchemy of Fire," a series of three mixed-media paintings that evoke the heightened threat of wildfires due to climate change, as well as the transformation that we all must undertake to address this crisis.

Website: rosenbergart.com



Mike Bates

Seeds of Change

Mike “The Go 2 Guy” Bates is a multimedia artist whose work includes sculpture, drawing, photography and digital art. He is an expert fabricator and considers himself to be a “jack of most trades and a master of some.”

His recent bodies of work include a mandala series comprising over one hundred unique works and a variety of geometric and pop art sculptures. Mike is innovative in his creative process, often fabricating his own tools and exploring a variety of materials in search of new possibilities.

For this exhibit, Mike has collaborated with Aurora Mahassine and Al Grumet to create the “Seeds Of Change” installation.

ORGANIZERS



Green Change

Green Change helps people go green and fight climate change. Based in Marin, this new climate action network invites you to transform your use of energy, food, homes and transportation, as well as take political action.

To that end, Green Change inspires people to take climate action in creative ways, connecting experts, friends and neighbors through a wide range of events, newsletters & online guides, in collaboration with local partners.

Green Change was founded by multimedia innovator Fabrice Florin, an artist and activist based in Mill Valley, California. Team leaders include Al Grumet, Marilyn Price and Tom Flynn.

Website: greenchange.net

