

# PALO ALTO ART CENTER AND FOUNDATION

## Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2024-2025



*"Thank you to all of  
our supporters for  
helping us enrich the  
community with art!"*

-Karen Kienzie,  
Palo Alto Art Center Director

**The Art Center engaged more  
than 84,000 people this past  
fiscal year!**

The Art Center had another  
successful year providing  
meaningful art programs to  
the entire community—thanks  
to the support of our members,  
donors, and stakeholders. Now  
open seven days a week, we  
continue to meet the need for  
seeing and making art and  
expanding community through  
free-admission exhibitions,  
hands-on artmaking opportunities,  
volunteer programs, school  
engagements, special events, and  
so much more!

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## EXHIBITIONS

### The Art Center won "Best Gallery" in the Palo Alto Weekly for 2025!

Our exhibitions last year highlighted the role of gardens and plants in inspiring artwork in diverse media, as well as the connections between technology and textiles. We also kicked off our year-long initiative, *Centering*, focused on the creative potential of clay! The Palo Alto Art Center Foundation supports more than half of the costs of exhibitions, including guest curatorial costs, artist honoraria, fine art shipping expenses, and materials. This support allowed artist Kija Lucas to create a new body of work, *The Enchanted Garden*, that we premiered this past year.

Art Center exhibitions and public programs engaged 26,000 community members.

#### 2024-2025 Exhibitions

- ***What's Cookin': Art about Food, Culture, and Community***

June 22-August 18, 2024

- ***GROW***

September 21-December 15, 2024

- ***Cut from the Same Cloth: Textile and Technology***

January 18-April 6, 2025

- ***Youth Art and Creative Connections***

May 3-May 25, 2025

- ***Forming Function: Ceramics with a Purpose***

June 21-August 17, 2025

"Amazing quality exhibit!"

"I discovered new artists I had never heard of before."

-Community members

## KIDS AND TEENS STUDIO

We engaged **2,357** students in after-school and weekend classes throughout the school year and in eight weeks of summer camps. Students ranged in age from **3-18** years old. Classes included drawing, painting, comics, ceramics, fashion design, jewelry, fiber arts, and more.



## ADULT STUDIOS

Adult Studios welcomed **1,251 students** in classes and workshops exploring ceramics, jewelry, painting, drawing, printmaking, fiber arts, and floral design. Our beloved drop-in programs engaged our community in an estimated **15,000** unique artmaking experiences. The 2024 Studio Holiday Sale was also a great success! This year the Art Center started a major Capital Improvement Project to upgrade our ceramics infrastructure that improved the Art Center's ceramic facility, enhancing safety and access to kilns for both the adult studio program and the Kids and Teens program. The project included the creation of new accessible weatherproofing structures for our electric kilns as well as the purchase of new equipment, including electric kilns, wheels, a glaze spray booth, and related accessories.

*"This class was my first art center class and I am so glad I took it -I am impressed by the quality of instruction, and class. I learned a lot and am very inspired to continue learning. This is truly the class to take as an intro to art!"*

*"I'm so happy to have taken this class. It was something very new and different for me -- and so much fun. I look forward to taking more classes from this excellent instructor. And I've already recommended it to friends."*

-Class participants

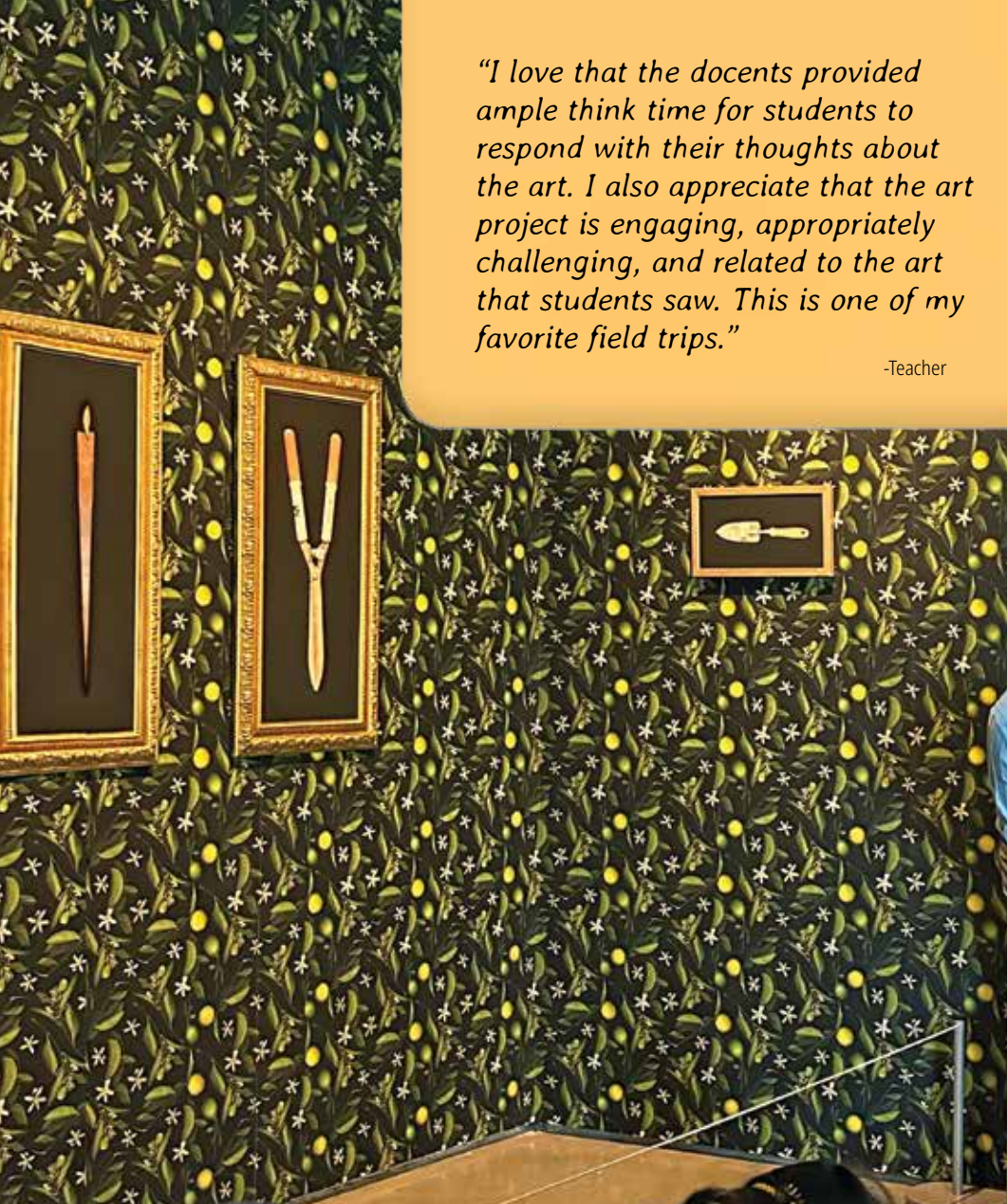


*"I'm so impressed by the art programming for children at the PAAC and will definitely enroll her again in the future!"*

*"My daughter absolutely loved this camp, she had so much fun trying new things, being creative and learning so many different techniques."*

-Parents






*"I love that the docents provided ample think time for students to respond with their thoughts about the art. I also appreciate that the art project is engaging, appropriately challenging, and related to the art that students saw. This is one of my favorite field trips."*

-Teacher

## SCHOOL AND TEACHER PROGRAMS

**Project Look** offered **140** tours this school year. **4,200** students, teachers, and chaperones participated, supported by **18** Project Look docents. Thanks to the generosity of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, **19** scholarship tours were provided, with bussing to East Palo Alto schools, allowing the participation of more than **475** students. Students spent time viewing art in the Art Center's galleries with a trained docent, and participated in a hands-on artmaking activity that emphasized the theme of the exhibition. The Foundation supports staffing, materials, and scholarships to this beloved community program.



*"Art center is the happy place for our families - atmosphere, staff, approach and attitude, all at the top level."*

-Parent

## FAMILY DAYS AND OUTREACH

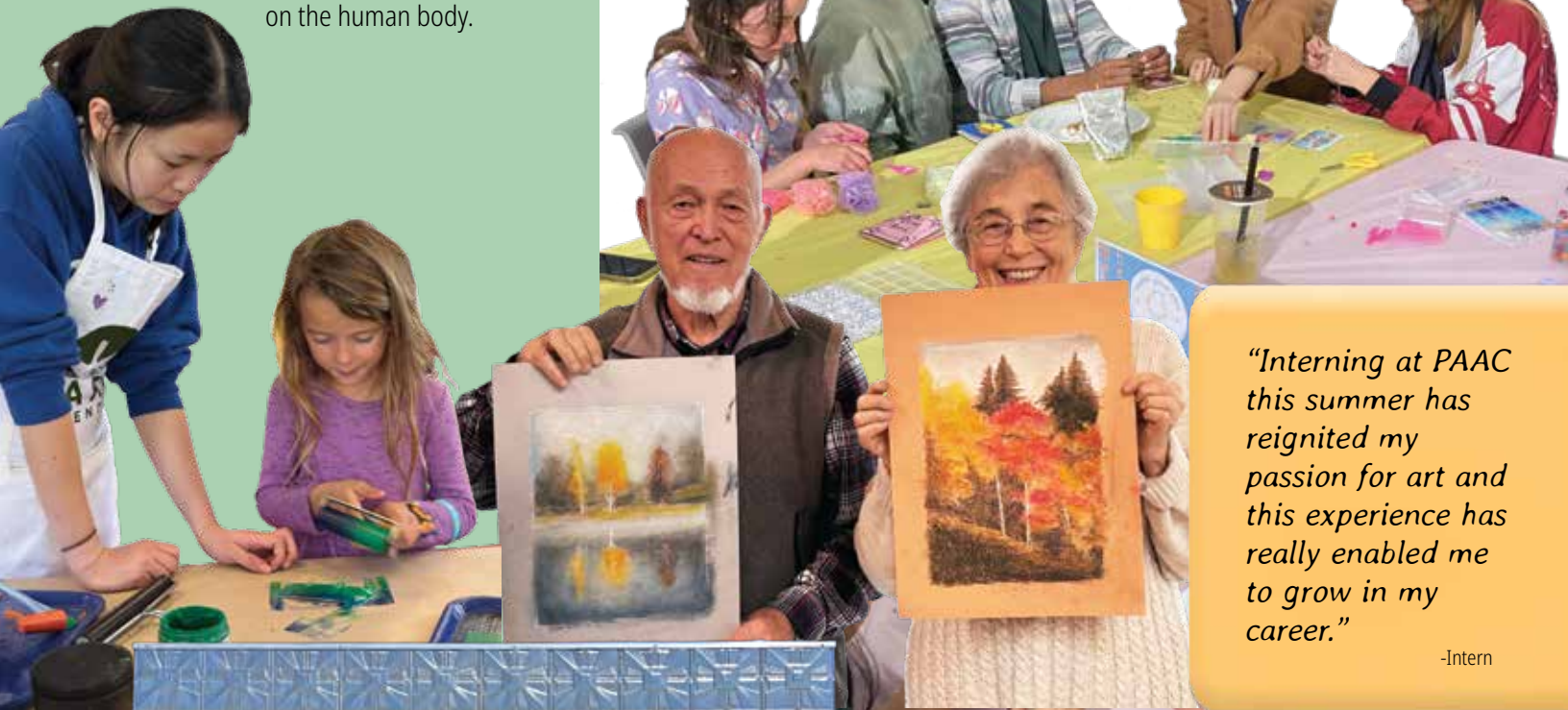
**Family Days** in the Fall and Winter engaged **300** participants in activities and performances connected to the exhibitions. **44** seniors from four low-income housing communities participated in **36** art workshops offered free-of-charge thanks to the Art Center Foundation. Projects included oil pastels, watercolor, cardmaking, and more. Art Center teaching artists engaged **250** community members at City-sponsored events.



## VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Our teen volunteer program continues to thrive both for our afterschool art classes and summer Counselor in Training (CIT) program. The Art Center Teen Leadership group spent the year planning and holding a large teen-only event as well as participated in several community service projects. In total, over **730** volunteers donated over **9,100** hours in FY25. We hired eight summer interns to support our summer camps, exhibitions, development and social media programs. They ranged in age from rising sophomores in college to MFA graduate students from Syracuse, Boston, Loyola Marymount, San Francisco State Universities, Art Center College of Design, University of Washington, and University of San Francisco. The interns worked **2,279** hours over the course of the summer.

**Creative Connections**, our artists-in-the-schools program, was offered in **11** East Palo Alto classrooms to **275** students for **FREE** thanks to significant support from the Foundation for staffing costs, teaching artists, teacher stipends, transportation and materials. Students explored flora and fauna, California history and geography, and the science of pollination, connecting to cultural studies, social studies, and science standards. For the first time, the program was offered for a fee to PAUSD where the entire **K/1** cohort of **7** classrooms participated in an artist residency focused on the human body.



*"Interning at PAAC this summer has reignited my passion for art and this experience has really enabled me to grow in my career."*

-Intern



## DONOR AND MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Art Center Foundation members and donors were treated to a diverse range of events and travel opportunities over the past year—a trip to Oaxaca and Mexico City, Mexico, an excursion to Washington D.C. and Baltimore, and one to Palm Springs and Joshua Tree. We also hosted day trips to a private collection in Palo Alto, a private tour of Gamble Garden, and a special visit to Magnolia Editions and Lia Cook's studio.

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*"The students loved the art studio where they created a self-portrait and an inspirational slogan "I am an artist" "I love art". The positivity and enthusiasm from everyone involved was greatly appreciated. My parent families were in awe of the student work too."*

-Teacher

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