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Dear Alison,

Happy Holidays from Imagine Art! This week we are featuring pen and ink artist Jeremiah Hurta, our Holiday Shows, and our small business development program.

We want to thank everyone who came out to visit our booth at last weekend's For the City Network. If you didn't get a chance to come by, visit us this weekend at the **Cherrywood Art Fair** at Maplewood Elementary from **10am - 5pm Saturday and Sunday**. Our booth will be inside this year next to the live music stage (warm and fun, yay!).

Blessings,
The Imagine Art Team

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Jeremiah Hurta

Jeremiah has been with Imagine Art for over 12 years and has become an important part of the community, always offering support and encouragement to others. Jeremiah's art is intricate and playful; he creates webs of poetry and characters using contour line drawing. He loves for people to get lost in his art.

"Imagine Art has given me spiritual growth and hope. I like to inspire others in the community to do what they want to do and pursue self-expression through art." Jeremiah

Jeremiah sees his creativity as a gift and



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likes to use it to share his story with others. When he is struggling, creating his art gives him a sense of purpose and fulfillment.



"If it wasn't for God I would not be where I'm at, at peace with myself, my art, having self confidence. I tell people on the streets, you've got to have faith in the Lord to achieve things, and to believe in yourself. I believe in myself 100%." Jeremiah

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Small Business Development

Imagine Art is partnering with the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services to establish micro-enterprises for artists living with cognitive disabilities. DARS is investing resources to support small business development for artists within our community. Two artists within our community are participating as we launch this new pilot, Larin Harp and Anne Dolling



Larin Harp



Anne Dolling

Anne is developing a micro-enterprise called "Anne's Hands" to create, display and sell her abstract paintings and glass dishware. Larin is developing a micro-enterprise with a focus on pastel drawings, prints and mosaics. Both are in an exploratory phase of development, pursuing information on feasibility and potential markets. DARS is instrumental in providing a guided process to plan, implement and launch the business.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Holiday Shows

Imagine Art took part in the For the City Network Christmas Market this past weekend at the Austin Stone Community Church. We were so blessed by all of the people we met and got to share our with. Lydia Ward, a long time artist and volunteer, worked by our side through the weekend and was able to share her story and what the Imagine Art community has meant to her. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped to make this show possible!

Imagine Art will also have a booth this weekend at the Cherrywood Art Fair, where we will be featuring prints on wood blocks as well as some of our games based on fine art. See below for details, we hope to see you there!

EVENTS

Christmas Party

Imagine Art, 2830 Real St. Austin, TX

Saturday, December 17th from 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Cherrywood Art Fair

Maplewood Elementary,

3808 Maplewood Avenue Austin, TX

Saturday, December 10th and **Sunday, December 11th**
from 10:00am - 5:00pm

That is all for this month's newsletter. Be sure to check out www.imagineart.net and our [Facebook](#) page for more info and pictures on the stories above! Thank you all for your love and support.

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