

Thoughts and Responses from Workshop Participants 2017-2020

ArtWorksLBC

"I am not good at art, and I'm not comfortable creating. The ArtWorksLBC events are welcoming and are a safe space to create."

"I am not creative, but what I love about the workshops is that they are extremely inclusive. They are simple in that anyone can come to the table and create art. What I like the most is the conversations that occur around the table with others. I have met new people every time."

"I don't have a green thumb for art, but I am appreciative of talent and feel art, especially community art, is part of a healthy neighborhood. It beautifies, uplifts, and starts conversations within the community."

"My whole family has benefited from these community art workshops. There is great energy and a strong sense of community developed because of sharing an experience of creating art and knowing it will be shared within the community. The focus is on Making Art with no preconceived bias. You don't feel pressure. It is process over product and Dawn allows You to be You. Community is created around the work process."

"I experience the Idea because I'm part of that process. Expression comes through planning and process. It feels like everyone is scurrying around at the beginning, then there is a period of concentration, collective understanding and collaboration without explicit or implicit bias."

"A neighborhood is about how great people feel."

"I most appreciated the guerilla banner art project because we had only the inkling of a vision, but lots of voices to hear and collaborate with. There was spontaneous brainstorming, and everyone had something--a skill, an idea, a helping hand--to contribute. It was magical and the results were very pleasing!"