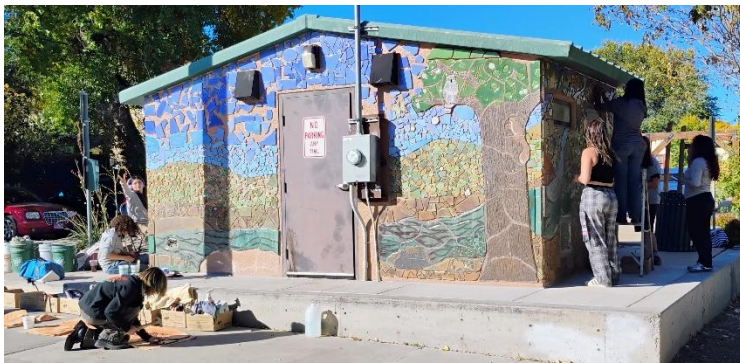




Connecting Youth, Art, and Community Through Public Murals

Ongoing Restoration Projects

Our community's murals are living works of art and keeping them beautiful is an ongoing effort. This year we continued restoration work at Lion's Park, the Heritage Windows, tilework at Arizona & Broadway, the Silver City Public Pool, Gila Library, and more. Maintenance includes replacing tiles, repairing damaged areas, and touching up faded paint — ensuring that these murals continue to brighten our town for years to come.



Included in the restoration of the Main St Plaza bathrooms' outer walls is the expansion of the mural there. Aldo Leopold's YCC Mural Crew and YMP crew have been busy adding mosaic ground and sky. After a few bumps in the road, we are nearing completion. Funding came from the Town of Silver City and NM GRO

The Bear Mountain Bird Sanctuary Project continued with mosaic work at the base of the windmill designed by Aldo's YCC mural crew and completed by a YMP crew. We, again, used leftover tiles created by San Lorenzo Elementary students for CP Anderson. Funded by NM GRO



San Lorenzo Elementary: Aldo's YCC Mural Crew completed beautiful indoor mosaic mural with leftover tiles created by San Lorenzo students for the CP Anderson Vista mural. Both murals celebrate the Gila Wilderness. Funded by NM GRO and YCC.



Snell Middle School in Bayard NM: Over 200 students came together to complete a stunning 63-foot mural, a true testament to teamwork and community spirit. This mural was facilitated by artist Erika Burleigh and her apprentice artist Makiah Granadino. Funding came mainly from NM GRO.



Silva Creek Botanical Gardens: At our summer camp led by lead artist Patty Countryman and assisting artist Mia Estrada, 30+ participants (ages 6–20) designed and worked on three mosaic panels celebrating native plants and animals, people and native plants, and climate and native plants on a circular wall. Work was completed by a YMP & YCC crew. Aldo's YCC and YMP interns expanded the mosaic by creating large flowers (that honors Gila Native Plant Society founders, volunteers, and donors) that wrap around the wall.



Youth Voices in Santa Fe: We were thrilled to take several youth artists to Santa Fe to participate in a Department of Outdoor Recreation event at the Roundhouse and share the impact of both the mural program and the Outdoor Equity grant we received last year. It was a proud moment for everyone involved! Kudos to Mia Estrada, Lucy Montenegro, and Deidranee Abeyta.

Community Support & Funding Thanks to funding from NM GRO and the Town of Silver City, we were able to hire more youth from our community and extend their involvement in ongoing projects. This support allows us to offer meaningful, paid creative opportunities for local youth.

Looking Ahead

Overnight Mural Camp at City of Rocks open to teens in Luna, Hidalgo, & Grant Counties

A Lordsburg mural

Farmers Market Mural

Mural at Kelly & the Big Ditch.

Get Involved! Are you between 15 and 25 years old and interested in shaping the future of the Youth Mural Program? We're forming a Youth Advisory Group to help open communication, share feedback with our directors and artists, and broaden participation across the region. If you're interested, please reach out — we'd love to have your voice at the table!

Contact us: youthmuralprogram@gmail.com

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Thank you to everyone who continues to support youth art and community collaboration in Silver City and beyond. Together, we're building connections — one mural at a time.

With gratitude,
The Youth Mural Program Team
Silver City, New Mexico

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