

## Art Events | Eventos de arte

**SANCTUARY – FROM THE GARDEN, FOR THE GARDEN:** Online art sale and gallery exhibition • Ganna Walska Lotusland/Grayspace Gallery • <https://tinyurl.com/57tenkhv> • 4/22 through 5/3.

**SANTUARIO - DESDE EL JARDÍN, PARA EL JARDÍN:** Venta de arte en línea y exhibición en galería • Ganna Walska Lotusland/Grayspace Gallery • <https://tinyurl.com/57tenkhv> • 4/22 hasta el 5/3.

**SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER'S STUDENT ART SHOW:** The virtual show, reception, and award ceremony will take place during the Virtual Earth Day Festival • Free • <https://sbeearthday.org/sb-channelkeeper-art-contest> • Th, 4/22.

**EXPOSICIÓN DE ARTE ESTUDIANTIL DE SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER:** El espectáculo virtual, la recepción y la ceremonia de premiación se llevarán a cabo durante el Festival del Día de la Tierra Virtual • Gratis • <https://sbeearthday.org/sb-channelkeeper-art-contest> • Jueves, 4/22.

**WALK INTO WILDFIRE:** An art installation by artist Ethan Turpin and the *Burn Cycle Project* • Buellton Recreation Center, 301 2nd Street, Buellton • Opening reception 1-4pm Sa, 4/24, available through 5/1.

**CAMINA HACIA LOS INCENDIOS FORESTALES:** Una instalación de arte del artista Ethan Turpin y el Proyecto Burn Cycle • Centro Recreativo Buellton, 301 2nd Street, Buellton • Recepción de apertura 1-4pm sábado, 4/24, disponible hasta 5/1.

**TALK ON ARTS/ARTSTORE FRONTS /ARTWORK ARCHIVE:** A discussion on the impact of online marketing & organizational tools • Brendan Briggs • Free, donations appreciated • <https://tinyurl.com/4wnwtwp2> • 1pm We, 4/28.

**CHARLA SOBRE FACHADAS DE TIENDAS ARTÍSTICAS / ARCHIVO DE OBRAS DE ARTE:** Una discusión sobre el impacto de las herramientas organizativas y de marketing en línea • Brendan Briggs • Gratis, se agradecen las donaciones • <https://tinyurl.com/4wnwtwp2> • 1pm miércoles, 4/28.

**THREE PERSPECTIVES ON CONTEMPORARY PAINTING:** A Conversation with Suzanne Hudson, Math Bass, and Christina Quarles • Museum of Contemporary Art SB, SB Museum of Art • Free • <https://tinyurl.com/39t88avy> • 5pm Fr, 4/30.

**TRES PERSPECTIVAS DE LA PINTURA CONTEMPORÁNEA:** Una conversación con Suzanne Hudson, Math Bass y Christina Quarles • Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de SB, Museo de Arte de SB • Gratis • <https://tinyurl.com/39t88avy> • 5pm, viernes, 4/30.

**ART MEETS SCIENCE – BLOCK PRINTING BOTANICALS:** Hosted by Maximus Gallery Curator Linda Miller • SB Museum of Natural History • \$40 members/\$50 non-members • <https://tinyurl.com/ysu6exz9> • 11am Sa, 5/1.

**EL ARTE SE ENCUENTRA CON LA CIENCIA - BOTÁNICOS DE IMPRESIÓN EN BLOQUE:** Presentado por Linda Miller, curadora de Maximus Gallery • Museo de Historia Natural de SB • \$40 miembros / \$50 no miembros • <https://tinyurl.com/ysu6exz9> • 11am sábado, 5/1.

# Local Artists to Unveil New Earth Day Mural

By Daisy Scott / VOICE

**A**N EYE-POPPING NEW MURAL CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY AND PLANET will soon adorn an exterior wall of the Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara. While the painting just began on April 19th, local artists Adriana Arriaga and Claudia Borfiga will reveal the final work to the public during the Community Environmental Council's Virtual Earth Day Festival this weekend.

"We really wanted to emphasize the importance of community building and how we need each other to protect the earth," shared Arriaga. "We really need each other to balance the work that we have to do to protect our earth, and most importantly to make sure that we protect it for the next generation, and teaching them those skills and the knowledge to protect the environment."

Titled *Nurture Our Mother*, Arriaga and Borfiga's mural concept was chosen from over 25 submissions for the 2021 Earth Day Mural. Sponsored by CEC, MCASB, Paseo Nuevo, and other community partners, the call for entries asked county artists to respond to the 2021 Earth Day Festival theme of "climate leadership."

Arriaga and Borfiga, who met through a local organization called Friends of Public Art, decided to combine their unique skills and subject matters to realize a mural that would highlight our planet's beauty and inspire viewers to protect it.

Arriaga, who also goes by "adriana la artista," is a born and raised Santa Barbara local. A contemporary Xicana graphic designer, Arriaga utilizes her experiences as a Xicana person and cultural references to connect with people through her art. With her work having been shown in exhibitions across the state, she has recently returned to her hometown after earning her bachelor's degree in Art/Design studies with a minor in Chicano studies at San Jose State University, and her MFA from UC Davis.

Borfiga, who moved to Santa Barbara from London four years ago, creates fine art screen prints. Her work predominantly centers on nature, excluding human elements like buildings and individuals. She also teaches local art workshops, and launched a group named Print Power to help people who have experienced trauma express themselves through printmaking. To date, the group has worked with local organizations Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA) and Domestic Violence Solutions.

While the mural's exact details will remain unknown until the artists and community volunteers finish painting it, Arriaga and Borfiga have expressed that it will celebrate Earth and its ecosystem as a collection of all its elements. Utilizing bright, bold colors, the mural will feature different creatures, plants, and human symbolism and imagery in order to emphasize the interconnectedness of our world and inspire viewers to take action and preserve it for generations to come.

"[We're] trying to pick things that are symbolic in ways that are native to us but translate as a message for looking out for the environment and looking out for the ecosystem," explained Borfiga. "So really wanting to tell a story about how we have to care for all of these things and we have to consider all of these things. We're lucky enough to live on it, so we have a duty to look after these things that are a part of Earth as well."

The mural, located on the MCASB exterior wall on the Paseo Nuevo Arts Terrace Parking Deck, will be revealed on April 24th during the CEC's Virtual Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival, which can be accessed at <https://sbeearthday.org>.

To learn more about the artists, visit their websites at [www.adrianaarriaga.com](http://www.adrianaarriaga.com) and [www.claudiaborfiga.com](http://www.claudiaborfiga.com)



Mural artists Claudia Borfiga and Adriana Arriaga in front of the then blank mural wall.

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