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Artists of Cubberley to Honor and Celebrate Veterans at Annual Open Studios Event

PALO ALTO, CA – To honor military veterans in the Palo Alto community, the artists of the thriving Cubberley Artist Studio Program (CASP) will host their annual winter open studios on Saturday, November 11th to coincide with Veteran’s Day. Themed around commemorating our military, special events will include a *Seeing Hope* exhibition of veteran photographic work and prose, a collaborative comic book project, writing and photo workshops, and more than 20 open artist studios. All events are open and free to the public.



CASP artist Charles Woodruff Coates' studio setup for a workshop during 2016 winter open studios

Co-organized by CASP artists Conrad Johnson and Ernest Regua, the *Seeing Hope* exhibition will display work created as part of the Veteran Photo Recovery Project, a program developed by nurse Susan Quaglietti and social worker Ryan Gardner at Veterans Affairs Palo Alto. The Veteran Photo Recovery Project uses photography and prose to help veterans heal from trauma, experiences of war and adjusting to civilian life. “I am honored to help my fellow Veterans recover from trauma,” said CASP artist Regua, who is also a veteran of the Navy.

The project is featured in the documentary film *Visions of Warriors*, which will be screened on Saturday, November 18th with comments from Quaglietti, Gardner and film director Ming Lai, at the 3 p.m. closing reception for the *Seeing Hope Exhibition*. The exhibition runs November 4th – 18th, with gallery hours Thursday – Sunday, 12-5 p.m. The exhibition opening will be held Saturday, November 4th, 12-2 p.m., and will feature a creativity workshop with CASP artists and comments from Gardner.

This year's Veteran's Day celebration will also include, from 12 – 1 p.m., the 2nd *Meet the Artists of Cubberley*, in which the artists of this juried residency program show their work through fast-paced, high energy, 2 minute presentations.

Following *Meet the Artists of Cubberley*, artists will welcome members of the community into their open studios for workshops, art and refreshments throughout the day. All twenty-two artists will open their studio doors and artwork will be available for sale. Studios will be open from 1:30-5:30 pm.

Fanny Retsek from the Palo Alto Art Center will also provide on-going printmaking demonstrations in the Paula Kirkeby Press room at CASP's Studio F-4 during hours of open studio.

Hosted in various CASP studios and co-facilitated by CASP artists Danièle Archambault, Servane Briand and Paloma Lucas, the first CASP collaborative comic book project will serve as a remembrance of and thank you to veterans. Visitors will have the opportunity to create a short comic strip with colored pencils and other mark-making tools. Examples will be provided, but participants are encouraged to express their own feelings of thanks and connection with the military community. Each strip will be scanned, compiled and turned into an e-book available online.

November 11th Schedule:

10:00 – 11:00	<i>Seeing Hope</i> : Susan Quaglietti, RNP, discusses using photography to assist with mental health recovery in the ArtLab, Room U7
11:00 – 12:00	<i>Seeing Hope</i> : Writing with Hope workshop with Barbara Leivent in the ArtLab, Room U7
12:00 – 1:00	Meet the Artists of Cubberley presentations in Room H1
1:00 – 2:00	<i>Seeing Hope</i> : Yoga Nidra , Integrated restoration yoga with Ellen Noon in the ArtLab, Room U7
1:30 – 5:30	Cubberley Open Studios in Wings E, F and U Printmaking demonstrations in the Paula Kirkeby Press, Room F4
2:00 – 3:00	<i>Seeing Hope</i> : Heart of the Soldier photo workshop with CASP artist Conrad Johnson in the ArtLab, Room U7

Visitors are also invited to stop by the Friends of the Palo Alto Library (FOPAL) Book Sale rooms from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. In honor of the holiday, the book sale will feature the Military History section and highlight books on and by veterans. FOPAL holds a sale of used books, media and art on the second Saturday and Sunday of every month.

All events are free to the public and will take place at Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. The artist studios are located in the E, F, and U wings at the north end of the Center.



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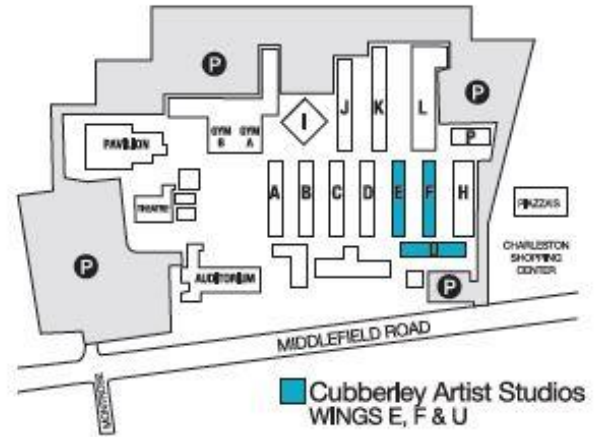


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About Cubberley Artist Studio Program (CASP):

The Cubberley Artist Studio Program (CASP) supports the vitality of the arts in Palo Alto by providing City-sponsored, affordable studio space for artists, building creative community and fostering public engagement with the arts and artists. Cubberley Artist Studio Program consists of 22 studios, currently housing 22 artists; a rotating studio available for residences of up to 3 months; and the ArtLab, a community programming and exhibition space. The program is administered by Division of Arts and Sciences, City of Palo Alto. For more information about CASP, visit <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/casp>