It’s always a special treat when a dormant DreamMaker project gets reactivated. This happened at the February board meeting with Vagabond Players Children’s Theater. The happy revivers are Zack Rouse and Damion Sharpe, and they are getting started right away. If you would like to know more about their plans or to get involved, contact Zack at ziggidyone@gmail.com.

The Brenda Tuxford Gallery hosted a lovely exhibition in February that was a kind of visual arts call and response. Artists from the Eureka Sister City of Kamisu, Japan had sent images of their artwork to Jay Tilghman, who had visited there. Jay, with help from DreamMaker Horai Center, the City of Eureka, and the Eureka-Humboldt Visitors Bureau, invited local artists to show artwork in response to the Kamisu works. We have sent images from the show to Kamisu to complete the circle.

Once again, I want to thank everyone who made the Tapestry of Dreams such a wonderful event. From Board members to sponsors to staff to attendees to performers, it was magical.

Our condolences and love go out to the Uemura family on the passing of their daughter and sister, Katie. She was a bright spirit and helped out in our Brenda Tuxford Gallery. Gone too soon. Seems like a lot of people I know are leaving the planet and they aren’t all old, like me.

Katherine Kiyoko Uemura
The Ink People’s Alternative Galleries are local businesses who pay a nominal fee to have new art on their walls every few months. For artists, it’s a great way to gain exposure and sales opportunities with existing works for no cost. If you have a body of work cluttering up your home or studio, consider putting it out there in the Alternative Galleries.

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When you think about who inspires you, who drives you, who you’d like to be when you grow up, who comes to mind? Join the North Star Quest Camp for Girls in celebrating the women and girls who inspire, drive, and motivate us at the fourth annual community art show, “Inspiring Girls.”

Opening Arts Alive March 2nd, 6:00p—9:00p, and continuing through March 30.

North Star Quest Camp, is a summer camp for middle school girls, facilitated by women on the beautiful Mattole River just outside of Petrolia. A powerful coming of age experience, the program is designed to give girls the tools to navigate the modern world and live up to their potential. Growth opportunities are created by a daily theme: Who am I? Who am I in my Community? Who am I in the world?

For many, summer camp is a memorable experience, often full of “firsts”: first time sleeping away from home; first time jumping off of The Rock into the river; and sometimes, the first time we feel safe among others outside of our family and friends. One of the main rules is that we are safe at camp. To NSQ campers, this can mean that they are safe to take healthy risks and try new things.

A typical day at NSQ starts early with stretching and a healthy breakfast before Morning Gathering, where campers and staff stretch, get active, and reflect on their experiences. Then the campers head off to mini-workshops which reflect upon the daily theme, culminating on the last day with a large workshop on mass media messages. After lunch, the campers pick two workshops each day, such as songwriting, healthy relationships, belly dancing, Zumba, clowning, and crafting. Free time is a great time to head to the river! After dinner each night, each cabin gets some time to talk about the day and play games before campfire. Each morning brings new adventures, friendships, and experiences that help our campers maneuver through adolescence and the world as a smarter, safer, more confident, better prepared human.

NSQ never turns away a camper unable to pay, offering camperships to any who qualify, with staff and campers throughout the year fundraising to raise funds for the camperships.

For more information about North Star Quest Camp for Adolescent Girls, please visit us at northstarquest.org.
Every Artist who crosses our path here in the Ink People touches us in some way. Some, like this month’s featured artist remind us to focus on what’s important because life is a brief and fragile thing. Shy Bardill’s art is her medicine, and she encourages others to explore art ... without limits ... without judgement ... for the joy and healing it brings.

What is your favorite art medium to work in, and why?

I love resin it is my top choice, It gives me the ability to create, in a way that seems to break boundaries, When Resin is multilayered, which is a technique I love to use, it seems to give it an extra dimension to me. It brings my art to life. I am just hooked on Resin as a medium for expressing my art. I have of course tried and loved acrylics, oils, watercolors, and pastels. but at this point Resin is my main love.

When did you first figure out that art was important to you?

Since I was very young I was always making art, but it was considered strange and different. I was the child laying on the sidewalk coloring things I saw, or in my room making something from various items. As a child in the class, I most likely should have been paying more attention to the lessons but I would doodle instead.

Who is your art mentor?

Cindy Hooper of the College of the Redwoods, she is one of the art Professors, she is just as crazy about Art as I am!

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Artist Till Death which is my art group. (Erika Bauer) & (Jeff Thornton) They own Artist Till Death and teach how to make resin art. Artist Till Death is where I really developed my love of Resin Art, I learned along with and by them. They eventually made me a moderator on their Youtube channel ATD. ATD is not only a great place to learn Art the Art community is so supportive and caring. (artisttilldeath.com)  I am struggling with life and death health issues right now and most everyone has pitched in to help me.

Séraphine Louis, known as Séraphine de Senlis because she was self-taught as I am. If you have seen her art there is no way you can't be affected.

Finish this sentence: My art is my... Otherworldly and many pieces of them have religious and deeply spiritual meanings. I am Native American. Some of my Art is drawn from dreams and meditative trances. I meditate a very good amount in order to deal with the pain from my brain tumor, the good thing is I am prolific in working my art because of the pain and visions.

**What advice would you offer someone just beginning their exploration of their own artistic self?** Try everything, have no fear, even if you are self-taught and work in what is called the naïve style. It is okay. I make art because I must, I feel it, and no matter how weird and different your art style is, it does not matter it comes from your soul. I make art because it makes me happy and if your art fulfills you do it. There have to be others that will love it too and if not that still does not change how you feel.

Shy is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor, and is reaching out to the community to help her with the mounting expenses involved. If you’d like to offer her support, she has a gofundme page: [https://www.gofundme.com/profile/shy-bardill-bw98q](https://www.gofundme.com/profile/shy-bardill-bw98q)

Water Is Life by Shy Bardill
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