



Jordin Rice - Chair #11

Jordin Rice has been creating art since 2000, making pieces as gifts for family and friends. Only three years old at the time, Rice has since developed her hobby into a passion and is now an art educator at Lancaster High School. Her recent work has been inspired by dreams, nightmares, popular culture, and everyday life using a variety of mediums, including paint, digital, wood-burning tools, and anything else that falls into her path.



Emily's Art Club - Chair #12

Emily's Art Club began in 2014. Nicole Burns (art therapist) and Bri Hernandez (aspiring art therapist in college) decided to start holding art sessions on Saturdays with some riders and riders' siblings during riding lessons at Saddle Up Therapeutic Riding Stables. We wanted to give space for children to express themselves freely without limits or set expectations. This led to many hands drenched in paint, tables covered in glitter, and giggles filling the air galore, especially by a little artist named Emily. Emily was a rider at Saddle Up and would come play and make art with the club after every riding lesson. She knew no limits and would always explore new techniques while painting or creating, and would laugh and smile the entire art session. Unfortunately, in 2019, little Emily had

passed away, so we changed our club name from the Saddle Up Art Club to Emily's Art Club. Emily embodied everything we try to encourage in our artists: creativity, freedom, and laughter. Her legacy lives on as the club continues to meet throughout the week, where we still create the most colorful messes, while giggling the whole time. We now have one of our young artists, Kyrsten Follensbee, leading the art classes with Bri and Nicole. Sometimes she runs these classes on her own.



Saddle Up is always open for new volunteers, and Emily's Art Club is open for all to join, so come start creating memories with us!



Nicole Burns - Chair #13

Living amongst the wild animals and horses, Nicole Burns finds that nature provides inspiration for creative adventures in art. When Nicole was three years old, she drew a coyote howling at the moon using chalk pastels on construction paper. From then on, her mother encouraged Nicole to use various art supplies to continue her love for art. Nicole received her Bachelors Degree in Art from California State University, Northridge and then went on to receive her Masters Degree in Art Therapy/ Counseling at Southwestern College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is a mixed media artist with an eye for details and expression. She uses found objects from the desert to create compositions, paints with acrylic paints, and handmade watercolor paint. Mixing mediums with various papers and surfaces also enhances her art making experience. She loves using charcoal from a fire pit and creates her own paints from found materials. Nicole enjoys drawing horses and other animals. She also enjoys classic cars. She is working on turning her old Chevrolet into a mobile art studio. Nicole teaches classes in

intuitive art. She utilizes her Art Therapy background, allowing her students to play, to flow through their creative experience and learn to create freely. Her students are encouraged to dress for a mess and to enjoy the process of exploring different mediums. Intuitive Art is what comes naturally for an individual when they are allowed to explore any art medium. For Nicole, this creates the perfect outlet for anyone. She enjoys working with adults and children with different abilities and special needs. Nicole, herself, has Myasthenia Gravis, a rare muscle disease. It has taught her to use her toes or mouth to hold a paintbrush or to paint with her fingers. Being born with this disease, it has encouraged Nicole to find creative ways to express her needs and to inspire others to do the same. She currently resides in a rural area of Lancaster, California, where she creates art in her mobile art studio, a Travel Trailer named Phoebe. She rides horses at Saddle Up Therapeutic Riding Stables, where she also volunteers teaching art to the riders and their siblings.

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