

## Dear Friends and Artists,

On April 18<sup>th</sup> 2026, Greenly Art Space will be hosting the opening reception for “Cultivating Compassion” our annual fundraiser. On behalf of Greenly Art Space and the exhibition curator Kimberly Hocking (Director of Greenly Art Space) we invite you to submit your work for consideration for this show.

From the Curator:

I truly believe that compassion is an idea and a practice that can carry us through these difficult times. The image I have chosen for the idea of cultivating compassion was created during a retreat at a local monastery. Chronic health issues have been my companion these last years and at the retreat we explored the idea of the ways in which we uphold and strengthen each other as individuals walking the path of suffering. Angels of all colors surround an individual with pain allowing for growth and connectedness symbolized by the tree.

There are many different sources of inspiration for this show. The losses in my own life and my recent health struggles have continued to keep my heart open and are often a source of inspiration in my creations. Your own work may explore the ways you cultivate compassion in yourself through reflection, beauty, and nature. Another source of inspiration may be trials you have been through. Caring for others whether they are children or friends can also impact the artwork that you create. We are excited to share a wide range of images and stories that speak to compassion in this exhibition.

Nelson Mandela said “Our human compassion binds us the one to the other-not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future.”

About compassion Rumi said “Grief can be the garden of compassion. If you keep your heart open through everything, your pain can become your greatest ally in your life’s search for love and wisdom.”

We invite you to consider the meaning of compassion in your own life as an artist and look forward to seeing the multitude of ways that it can be shaped by your imagination.

As always, Greenly seeks to support communities of service near and far. A portion of the funds raised by this project will go to help communities supporting works of compassion (specific agency TBD).

You can create new work or submit previously created work that fits the theme. All mediums will be considered.

Greenly Art Space is a non-profit community art space that relies on patrons, volunteers, and donations to operate and provide community-based art programs. We strive to inspire through core values of creativity, community & contemplation and through shows like this one, encouraging artists to continue making new work.

### **Greenly Art Space**

Show to be held in Downtown San Pedro

Deadline for submission March 28th. Each artist can submit up to five images to [Kimhocking@aol.com](mailto:Kimhocking@aol.com). Please put "**Cultivating Compassion**" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Notifications of decision sent on April 4th. Art drop off will be April 11th and 12th- More details regarding drop off, hanging, etc. will be given to artists who are accepted to the show.

### **Art Requirements**

If you have work you believe fits the theme of "**Cultivating Compassion**" send jpg images along with:

-Title

-Medium

-Price

-Dimensions

-Tell us a little about the piece and why you think it will be a good fit with the show

-Contact information

-You can submit up to 5 works of art for consideration. Space in this show is limited.

If you would like to create NEW work that reflects the theme, please inform us of what you intend on creating for the show, concept, medium, estimated size. You MUST ALSO send us images of your previous work or a link to your website so we may see your art style/body of work.

### **SHOW DETAILS & OPENING RECEPTION**

Date: April 18th

Open to the public-

**\$10** admission fee (admission fee waived for artist and one guest)

**SHOW ACCEPTANCE/ART SALES**

If you are selected to participate in the show ***we will require a nominal hanging fee of \$20 per piece due at time of art drop off.*** Greenly Art Space will be given a **30% commission** on any artwork sold during the duration of the show run. All participating artists will need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Greenly Art Space which will be forwarded to you upon your acceptance in this show.

**Thank you for your submissions for “Cultivating Compassion”. We look forward to working with you and creating an inspiring evening of art and community! If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to email.**

**Warmest regards,**

**Kimberly Hocking**