

Take an 'Art Break' today in Old Town

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What happens when two artists decide that art belongs to everyone, that it should be experienced by a community as a whole?

Find out when art sites pop up throughout California today, including one in Eureka, providing everyone the opportunity to make and experience art for free.

During "Take 5: Art Break Day" today from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the corner of Second and F streets in Old Town will be buzzing with creativity.

Hosted by Savita Skye of Art is Moving, a nonprofit art collaboration, this free public event encourages attendees to "Take an Art Break" and provides the supplies and space to do it.

The event will occur simultaneously in six cities throughout California -- San Francisco, San Rafael, Berkeley, Oakland, Malibu and Eureka -- and one in Amertus, Ga.

Canopied booths and tables will be set up in each city and visitors will be provided with free access to art supplies, including paint brushes, paper, pencils, paints and crayons.

Everyone is welcome to have a seat and make art for free. The first 1,000 Art Breakers will also take home a free gift.

Take 5: ARTbreak Day was created by two passionate artists, Lisa Rasmussen and Lauren Odell Usher of Art is Moving, who have taken things into their own hands and created a free community art event centered on offering art to the masses. It aims to encourage people to take a momentary break to create free art.

"Creating art together in a public space encourages dialogue between strangers and allows everyone the opportunity to discover the power of art," said Rasmussen. "Rarely in our busy lives do we make room for it."

No prior art-making experience is necessary to attend the event.

"Anyone can make art," said Usher. "One of the reasons we are hosting this event is to help those who have never had the chance to try making art realize that they can."

Art is Moving is a nonprofit art collaboration between Usher and Rasmussen, both of whom have master of fine arts degrees.

They believe art is for everyone and the group exists in order to push that belief as well as constantly question art, the art world and the artist's role in society.

AIM is dedicated to making art more accessible to the public and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to experience art.

By breaking down the barriers between the art world and the public via dialogue, interaction and community outreach, AIM hopes to integrate art into daily and public life.

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