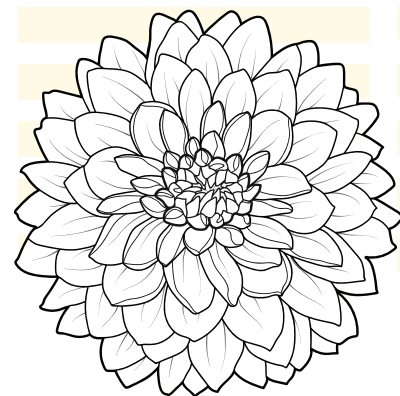


Design Your Own Dahlia Seed Packet

Each plant species has many varieties. Some dahlia flower varieties have funny names, including *Arrowhead*, *Moonfire*, *Night Butterfly*, and *Pink Giraffe*. In the rectangles below, name your own dahlia variety, and design its seed packet.



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Summer Exhibition 2023: *agriCULTURE* June 8 - Oct 1, 2023

How are we all connected to nature and to the land around us? This question is explored in many different ways by eight artists and their artwork on view at BMoCA. Each artist partnered with a local farm to develop a collaborative project, ranging from paintings, to installations, and digital and sound art. They have invited us to use our senses, including sight, sound, touch and even taste. As you walk through the galleries, think about how the different stories each artist and farmer tells through their art connects us in different ways to nature and the land.



Some Questions to think about:

- *What landscapes and plants make you think of home?*
- *What senses are you using when you view the art in the galleries?*
- *How are you an important part of the land?*

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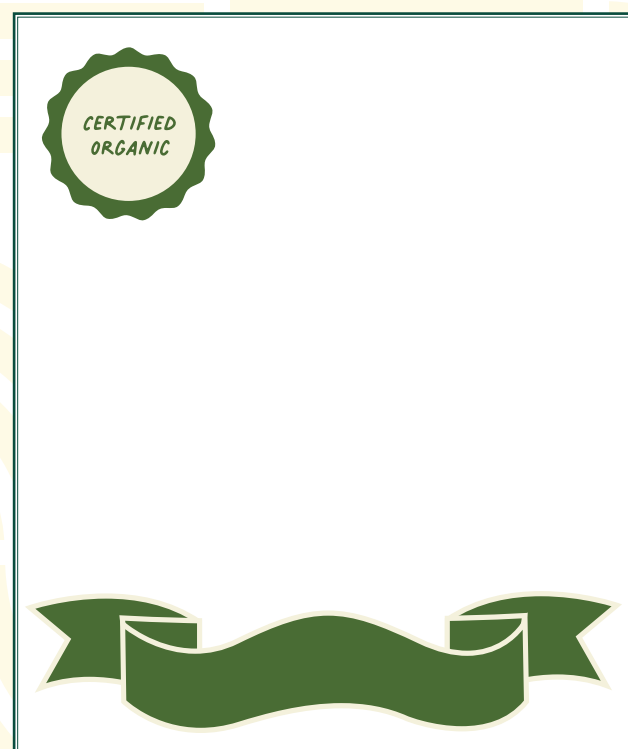
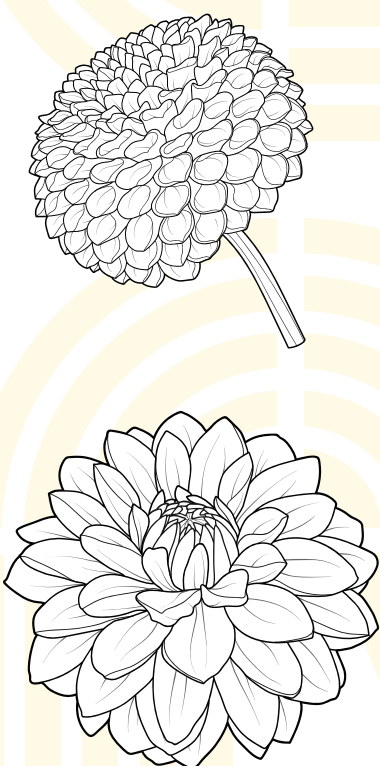


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**Let's meet a few
of our artists**

Yumi Janairo Roth

Artist **Yumi Janairo Roth's** mother, Shirley Janairo Roth, is a chef who cooks Filipino-inspired recipes, but she has trouble finding certain ingredients because they aren't locally available. Yumi partnered with Esoterra Culinary Garden, to grow kangkong, a green vegetable, similar to spinach, commonly found in the Philippines. Yumi also created a model of a Filipino street food cart with paintings of the kangkong plant. With both of these projects, she uses food as a way to explore what her culture means to her.

Melanie Yazzie

Melanie Yazzie uses her art to spread awareness about Native American history and culture. Melanie's Diné (Navajo) heritage inspires her to notice the world around her, from the tiniest insects to the towering mountains. Last winter, she spent time at Wild Wellspring Farm, observing the rhythms of the farm. She shared with the farmer about her experience at her grandparents' farm when she was a child, and how it influenced her as an artist. Her mixed media collages show the relationship between artist and farmer.

Esther Hz

Esther Hz is a multimedia artist who uses different materials including light and sound. Paired with Aspen Moon Farm, Esther was excited to learn that elementary students visited the farm to sing to their cows. (Music has been shown to reduce stress levels in cows, and they like classical music!) Esther built a zoetrope, an early animation device that spins images around on a turntable. Her device features images of cows that look like they are moving, accompanied by a video of the artist playing classical flute music.

Dylan McLaughlin & Jessica Zeglin

Multimedia artists **Dylan McLaughlin & Jessica Zeglin** worked with Artemis Flower Farm to learn about dahlia flowers. They researched the history of the dahlia, then they created artwork to engage viewers using sound, sculpture and drawing. Their installation offers us different ways to understand the story of how plants move between cultures, and travel around the world.

Try These Activities!

Two Column Poetry

Use some of the words and phrases from these columns to help you write a poem about the land.

Wordbank

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| • Nature | • is like a |
| • Soil | • I saw |
| • Sun | • because |
| • Sprout | • I wish |
| • Feed | • I remember |
| • Harvest | • I wonder if |
| • Ripe | • I hope |
| • Grow | • And then |
| • Cultivate | • Listen to |
| • Taste | • Suddenly |
| • Flower | • I felt |
| • Mountain | • What if |
| • Till | • When I |
| • Tractor | • Next year |
| • Dig | • You said |
| • Farmer | • We waited |
| • Artist | • Until |

Example: "Nature is like an artist..."

Make Your Own Mini Flip Book

A flip book is a fun way to create simple animations. For your own flip book, draw something in each square, changing your drawing *very slightly* from one square to the next. *Then*, cut out each square, stack them in number order (#1 on top) and staple them along the left side. Slowly flip through the pages and watch how the drawing moves!

*Make a reel of your finished flip book and tag @BMoCA on Instagram.

Use This Space to Write Your Poem:



Image courtesy of Melanie Yazzie.

Compose a Song for the Cows

Children sang to the cows at Aspen Moon Farm. It's your turn to be a music composer! Write your own song, or create your own melody for cows. Next time you see a cow, sing your song to them - do you think they like it?



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