

Community Outreach Memory Project Expands the Program Portraits or Inspirational Concept Art





The Memory Project connects U.S. students with students from developing nations where they face many different challenges. As the founder, Ben Schumaker says, "Together we are using art to reach a distant destination: a kinder world in which all youth see themselves in one another regardless of differences in their appearance, culture, religion, or the circumstances of their lives. Millions of other people in our society are traveling towards this same destination by many different methods. I like to think that everyone in the Memory Project is traveling together in a ship made of art."

The Memory Project connects youths by taking photos of students in countries such as Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Cameroon and passing them to students or artists in the U.S. As of 2022 the participating U.S. students will each receive four photos of the same foreign student. A headshot for the creation of a portrait. Then for the concept art a 3/4 photo of the same child with their name, age, and favorite color. Another photo on which is listed their interests and finally a photo with three positive words, affirmations. An example of these photos is shown here. The students can choose to create a realistic portrait from the headshot or create a concept of inspirational art using the information on the 3/4 photos.

CWA Community Outreach is sponsoring two classrooms of students taught by Mars Tremor from Pinole Valley High School. Their artworks will be of students from Cameroon. Outreach is also working with Justin Seligman, the art teacher at Campolindo High School, who plans to sign up with the Memory Project for his high school students. We are excited by the number of students who will be participating in this international project "building a kinder world through art."

Sheila Cain

CWA, Co-Director Community Outreach

Alameda County Fair

The California Watercolor Association will be sponsoring student awards for the Alameda County Fair as we have in the past. This year it will be in person and not virtual like the last two years. Hurrah! CWA members may wish to enter a painting in the fair's competitive art exhibit. **Click here** for info.

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