



It's
Your
World



I stepped on the plane to come to Portland, Oregon on Wednesday and all I could think about was the It's Your World project. We are close to our big show and I feel like there is SO much to do, that leaving town seemed foolish. I had signed up for this clay conference, NCECA, well before this project took off, so I couldn't have anticipated this conflict. The day before my plane was scheduled to leave, I considered canceling my trip. My fiancé assured me that everything would still be waiting for me once I returned

home AND would also somehow manage to get taken care of. He was/is, of course, correct. I think stepping away for a little bit will help me to return fresh and ready to tackle the next, and most exciting round of this project- the art exhibit at the International Museum of Art on April 23rd.

Teacher's Message



I have never been to Oregon and had no idea what to expect. The most I knew was that it rained a lot, people wore flannels all the time, and the Goonies was filmed here. I have been here four days now and I can safely say that coming here was the better choice. It has not only rejuvenated me physically, but it has also given me so many ideas for our project! I hadn't been off of the plane for more than 5 minutes when I saw their amazing recycling bins! They were clearly marked with pictures of what could be recycled, what went to the

landfill, and what was glass. I would love for El Paso to have something like this all over our city. I have had great food, seen more green than I have in a long time, visited Powell's bookstore (which is 3 stories and takes up an entire city block!), made a bunch of new friends, reconnected with old friends, and, on some random stroke of luck, found a 1920's style bridal gown for my wedding! I am, however, ready to return home to the warmth and mountains of El Paso, the city that I love.



Please get in any last minute project entries to our Metamorphosis: Trash to Treasure art/recycled materials contest. You have until the last day of March to submit a photo entry. It is a good cause and there are a ton of wonderful prizes! Don't regret not entering this one! You could win prizes, meet Chelsea Clinton, & be a part of a traveling art exhibit. Visit our website for all the official rules- www.tinyurl.com/j23deme We can't wait to see what you come up with! We can make change by working together!



Environmental services department



We always hear about the wonders of recycling, and we are often encouraged to throw things like paper, plastic, and metal into blue bins. Specific examples of paper include magazines, frozen food boxes, paperback and hardback books. For plastic, you can throw away objects like beverage bottles, bubble wrap, cd cases, and durable reusable containers and lids (Tupperware-type materials). Some metal recyclables are canned food cans, pots or pans (without wood, plastic, or rubber attachments), and clothes hangers, bundled. The Environmental Services Department (ESD) of El Paso is in charge of these blue bins. They state that there should be no food residue left in empty containers. Many people do not know this, but you cannot throw glass in the recycling bins. Instead, take the dry, empty beverage bottles and jars to the Citizen Collection Station.

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Have you ever wondered what happens to these recyclables after they are collected? The recyclables are often taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to be sorted. Before machines begin to do the work, workers pull plastic bags and cardboard off the conveyor belt. The optical sorter then scans for certain types of plastic, while magnets sort out aluminum and steel. However, many of these objects still end up in the dump. Why? The fault lies with us who are often careless when we recycle. Remember to keep all your recyclables dry and throw away only what is allowed. After the MRF, the recyclables are generally sent to factories to be remade into another product, or some are sent to be resold in the post-consumer commodities market.

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Environmental waste continues to increase. In order to help the environment, individuals should try to participate in recycling programs, such as the ones offered by the ESD. Of course, there is the curbside recycling program we are all familiar with. In addition to that, there is a glass recycling program, a paint program, and a mulch program. To participate, citizens take the respective items to the Citizen Collection Stations. The glass, paint, and mulch are then redistributed for reuse by all citizens, free of charge. During Christmas, there is a special program called Free Christmas Tree Recycling, which begins December 26 at 8am and lasts until 4pm. As the name implies, the ESD takes live trees without decorations; they also encourage citizens to recycle the paper wrapping paper and cardboard boxes left from Christmas. Visit your local collection station today to start making a change.

If you any questions, visit ESD's website at <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services>.

OUR DIGITAL VOICE

We at It's Your World continue to push our agenda and spread awareness of our project through our increasing use of social media. Not only is our new website now live and functional, but our social media pages are more active than ever. Furthermore, we now have an active YouTube channel!

Our new website not only contains a simple and organized user interface, but offers a visually pleasing format. This site allows visitors to learn about our workshops, visit our FAQ, sign up for our monthly newsletters, and much more!

With IYW exponentially increasing in activity and

popularity, we hope to spread awareness of our actions and events through our social media. As more progress is being made, we work to gather a larger audience, so that we may not only share our experiences to more people, but also spread our message and encourage those we reach to help protect the environment. If you are interested in becoming a part of this project by supporting our social media, feel free to follow us on any of our many available pages!

Adal Rivas

YouTube: <https://goo.gl/rGktxi>

Instagram: @itsyourworldproject

Twitter: @itsyourworldEDH

Facebook: <https://goo.gl/T8sMDf>

Website: <https://goo.gl/MjJAHD>

The Ocean Cleanup Project



As we continue to inspire many members of our community by promoting both recycling and creativity, we at It's Your World also gain inspiration through those serving the environment around us. At the young age of 17, Boyan Slat founded the Ocean Cleanup Project. While becoming the single largest environmental cleanup in history, this massive-scale venture aims to rid our oceans of countless plastics and other debris. Now at age 22, Slat hopes to deploy the pilot cleanup of this project later this year. However, there is more testing which needs to be done before the cleanup's full-scale deployment, which is scheduled to begin by 2020. With ocean pollution increasing every year, it is the mission of Slat and those at the Ocean Cleanup

Project to reverse this trend and not only create a cleaner world for ourselves, but additionally save countless lives of marine and coastal wildlife. Only ten years after its 2020 deployment, this massive movement projects to remove half of the trash found in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch – the largest collection of garbage on Earth. We hope to spread awareness of this grand and sinfully under recognized project, as it has the potential to change our world.

The young Boyan Slat is undeniably ambitious, and it is this ambition which inspires us – and will continue to inspire us – along with countless others around the globe.

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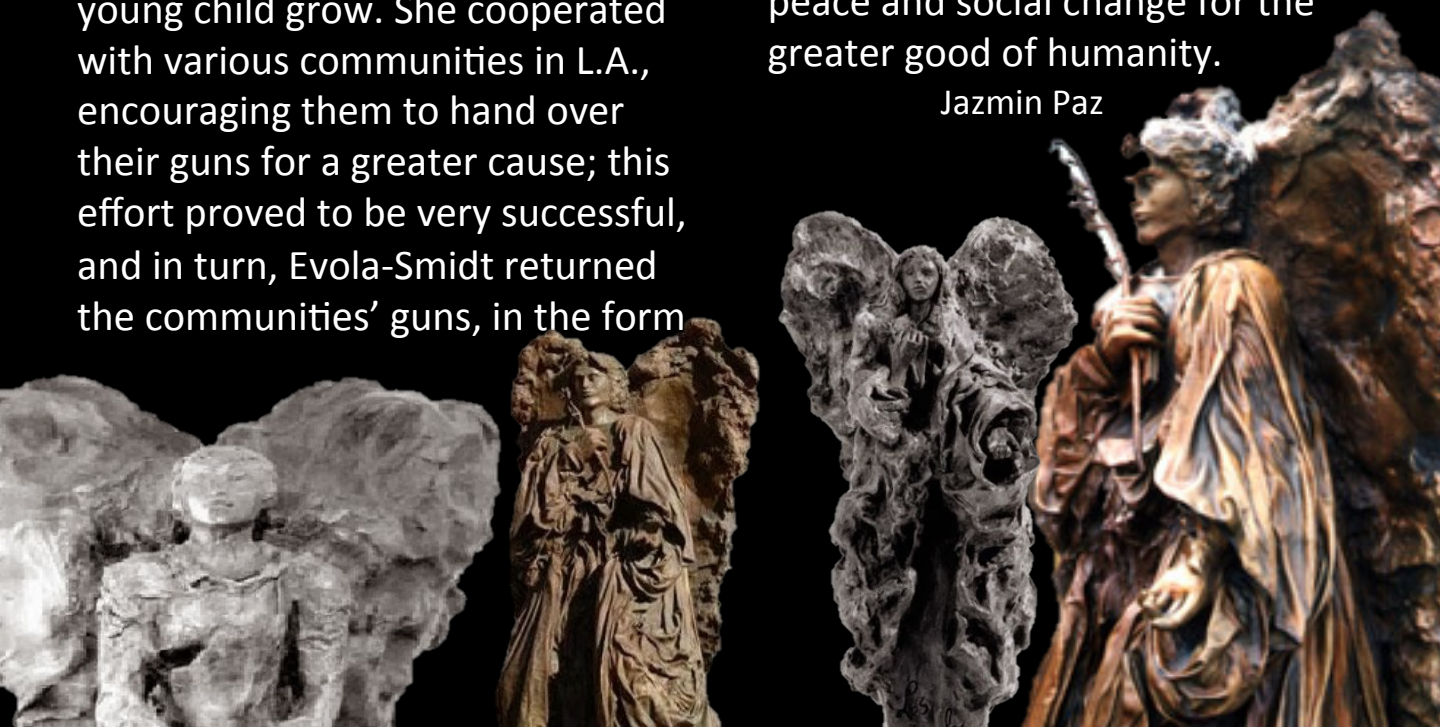


During the last decade of the twentieth century, innovative artist Lin Evola-Smith learned about the devastating number of gun homicides in Los Angeles, California, the city that held a dear spot in her heart, as it was the place where she watched her young child grow. She cooperated with various communities in L.A., encouraging them to hand over their guns for a greater cause; this effort proved to be very successful, and in turn, Evola-Smith returned the communities' guns, in the form

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of beautiful artwork. By melting down the weapons and then reshaping them, she was able to create magnificent statues of angels that represented the soothing peace due to the removal of the city's weapons. These statues are now on display in several places in the United States. Lin Evola-Smith has truly broken boundaries with her strikingly innovative artwork. Through the use of art, she has advocated for peace and social change for the greater good of humanity.

Jazmin Paz



The Impact of Trash

The most innocent items can cause the most devastating of effects.

These miniscule pieces of trash have joined forces in a spot in the ocean much like the power rangers when they fight a villain, but these trash monsters have no intention of fighting crime. The ocean has faced countless tragedies because of the unimaginable amount of trash; deforming fish, snuffing out coral reefs and even claiming lives.

Learning how trash decomposes and where it goes after it leaves our trashcan was so intense and disheartening to learn about. However, I believe talking about this issue is necessary in order for

change to occur. Knowing what to toss, what to recycle, and how to dispose of it can change so much about our ecosystem. The first step we can all take is educating ourselves about the reality of this issue. The information needed is only one click away. Claiming not to have time for an issue such as this only adds to the issue: it is not that we do not have time, it is that we choose not to make it.

Madison Poppe

Wood: 1-3 years to decompose



Cardboard: 2 months



Rubber Sole: 50-80 years

