

## Pandemic Policy?!

**I am writing to you directly instead of mailing a copy of our April Sketches** (trying to save money and with all events cancelled!) Obviously these are unprecedented times, and we all have to make decisions on a daily basis with the information we have.

I was asked by a couple of people, **“what is your policy for this pandemic?”** After opening our big book of policy and thumbing through it...it became very apparent there **is no policy for our current situation. So, I thought about it and wrote one.** Full disclosure...I have not yet vetted it through our policy committee and board. It is very simple, and I hope that you will decide to adopt this policy as well.

## Our Pandemic Policy is, “Be Kind!”

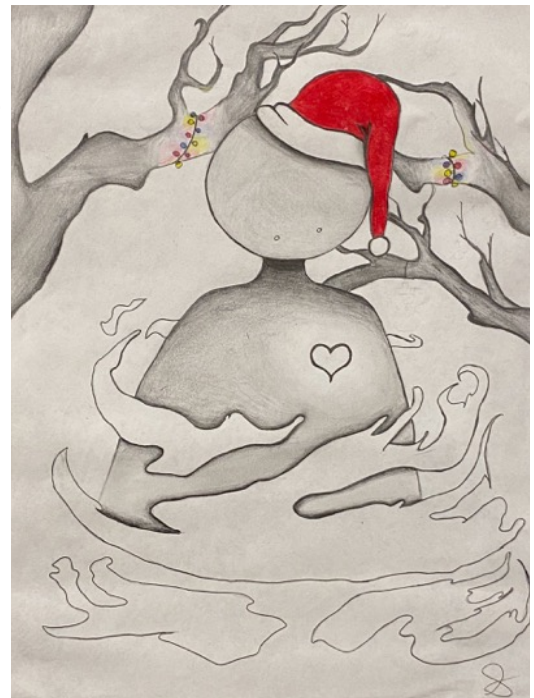
**With this new policy firmly in thought, we shall “Be kind”** to our artists postponing their exhibits and extending deadlines, to exploring alternative venues such as virtual galleries, to our ticket holders and offering full refunds, to our staff by having them work from home - keeping them employed as long as feasible, to our committees by having remote meetings using the latest technologies, to our rental clients by working with them to reschedule, to our donors by being frugal with their much needed donations, to our members by reaching out to them such as writing this letter, to our traveling musicians and rescheduling their performances when it makes sense...well, you get the gist...

**But most of all we need to be kind to ourselves so we may be of service to others** in the current challenge that has come to ALL of us.

**I wish I had more answers** as to when we will re-open the center, when we will get our exhibits back up (including the Dolphin Gallery), when can we gather around the pizza oven and share that awesome pizza dough recipe, when will we be able to host one of the longest running art festivals in California: Art in the Redwoods. The obvious answer is “We don’t know yet.”

**What I do know is the love I have for all of you** - our faithful members, donors, artists and the family we have all built together.

As always, **we will get through this together!**



“Christmas Spirit” by youth artist, Steven Osborn

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