CNPS Art Challenge

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Last February, we launched the #CNPSArtChallenge on social media, an invitation to artists and makers of all skills and ages to show their love of native plants.

The challenge was to make one native plant-inspired art piece every day for two weeks. We shared prompts written in collaboration with artist Lesley Goren from Kids' Corner every couple of days during the two-week challenge kickoff.

Art flooded the CNPS social media feed: doodles, wood burnings, digital collages, original music, embroidery, and large oil paintings. While we can't share all 500 artworks in print, here are a few of our favorites. You can see all the public art posted on Instagram with the hashtag #CNPSartchallenge.

Valley oak leaves (*Quercus lobata*) and California poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*)
Elsie Gross @whatthehellsie

California peony (*Paeonia californica*)
Lola Camacho @littl.rain

Summer coralroot (*Corallorhiza maculata* var. *occidentalis*)
Kale Levin McNeil @sufganiyot.stevens

Spotted Humboldt's lily (*Lilium humboldtii* subsp. *ocellatum*)
Ashley Betters @bettersdesign

Habitat Planning & Conservation (Purple owl's clover, *Castilleja exserta*)
Gretchen E. Hayes @paideiapalace

Embroidery of western wild ginger (*Asarum caudatum*), Wolf's evening primrose (*Oenothera wolfii*), Hall's violet (*Viola hallii*)
Sarah Norvell @humbotany

"I thought my drawing of white sage was pretty ugly so I turned it into a repeating pattern... and then turned that into a breezy, high-coverage sundress."
Hannah Michael Flynn @epiphytes

California mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*)
Erin Berkowitz @berbo.studio

Bladderpod (*Peritoma arborea*) with harlequin bugs
Shannon McNeill @this_is_littledrawings

Antelope Valley Beardtongue (*Penstemon janishiae*)
Nora Bales @naturewithnora

I'm drawing native plants that we share between California and Baja. **Denisse Medina** @damy.maker

"Today's origami composite is inspired by the *Dichelostemma capitatum* flower"
Esmeralda Cabrera @origamiesme

Farewell to spring (*Clarkia amoena*) **Chiyo Miyashita** @chiyoart

"Some plants and friends living in the Palos Verdes area."
Amelia Haru @ameliaharu