

Art Matters Mission Statement

The Art Matters Youth Arts Project is a group of teaching artists who bring authentic, engaging arts experiences to Albuquerque youth. Our content is designed to engage participants in art making, with a focus on social justice, whole-person health, community, joy, and creative engagement at the core of our process.

Art Matters Land Acknowledgement

Art Matters is a collective of teaching artists based on Tiwa land, otherwise known as Albuquerque, New Mexico. New Mexico has been, and always will be, the ancestral homelands of the Navajo Nation, the 20 Pueblos, three Apache nations, and the Ute tribe.

Art Matters Alignments

As we prepare to make art, individually or in a group, we encourage everyone to consider these guidelines for keeping the process genuine, respectful, and engaging.

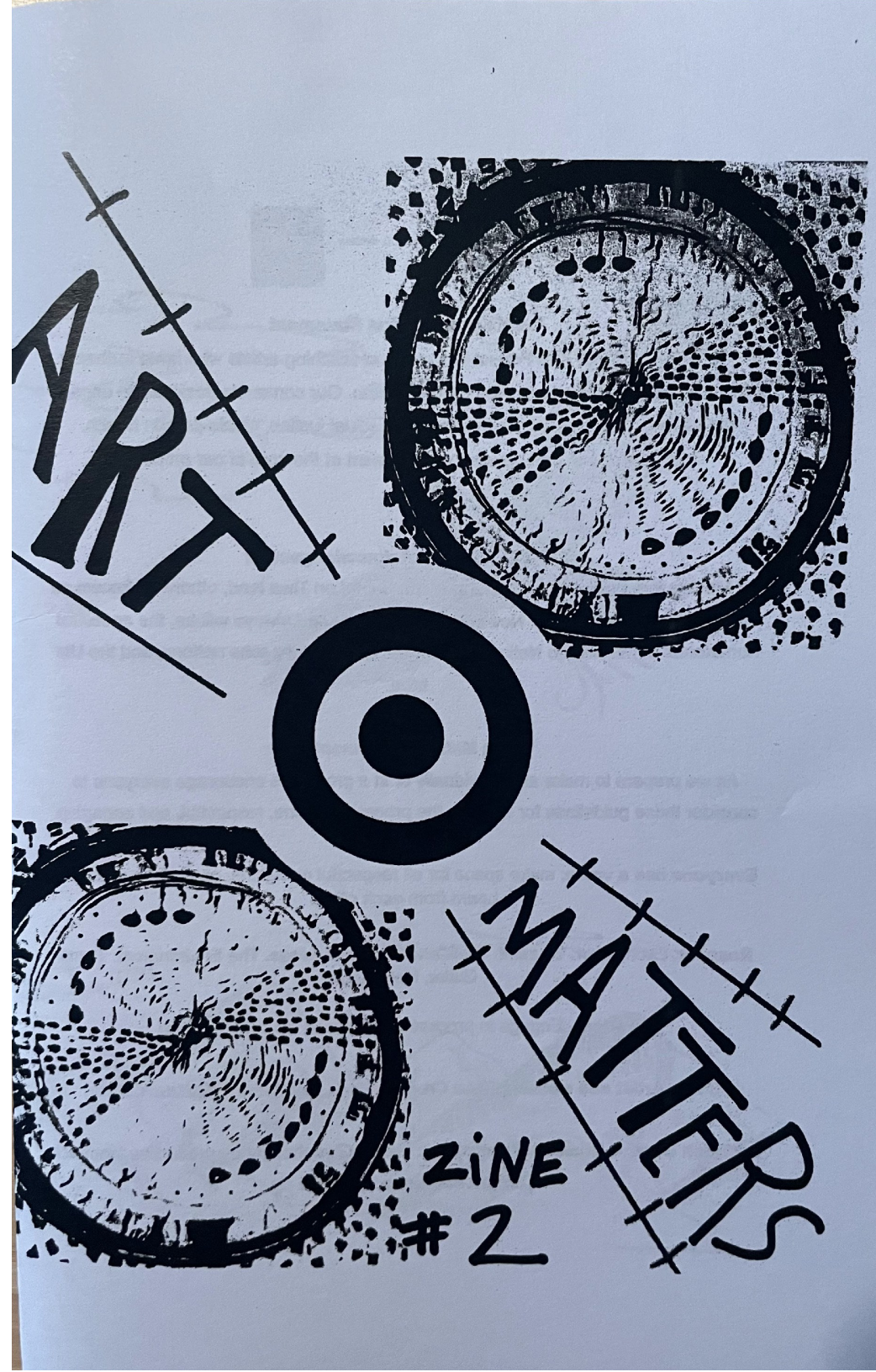
Everyone has a voice: make space for all respectful questions, concerns and ideas. Learn from each other.

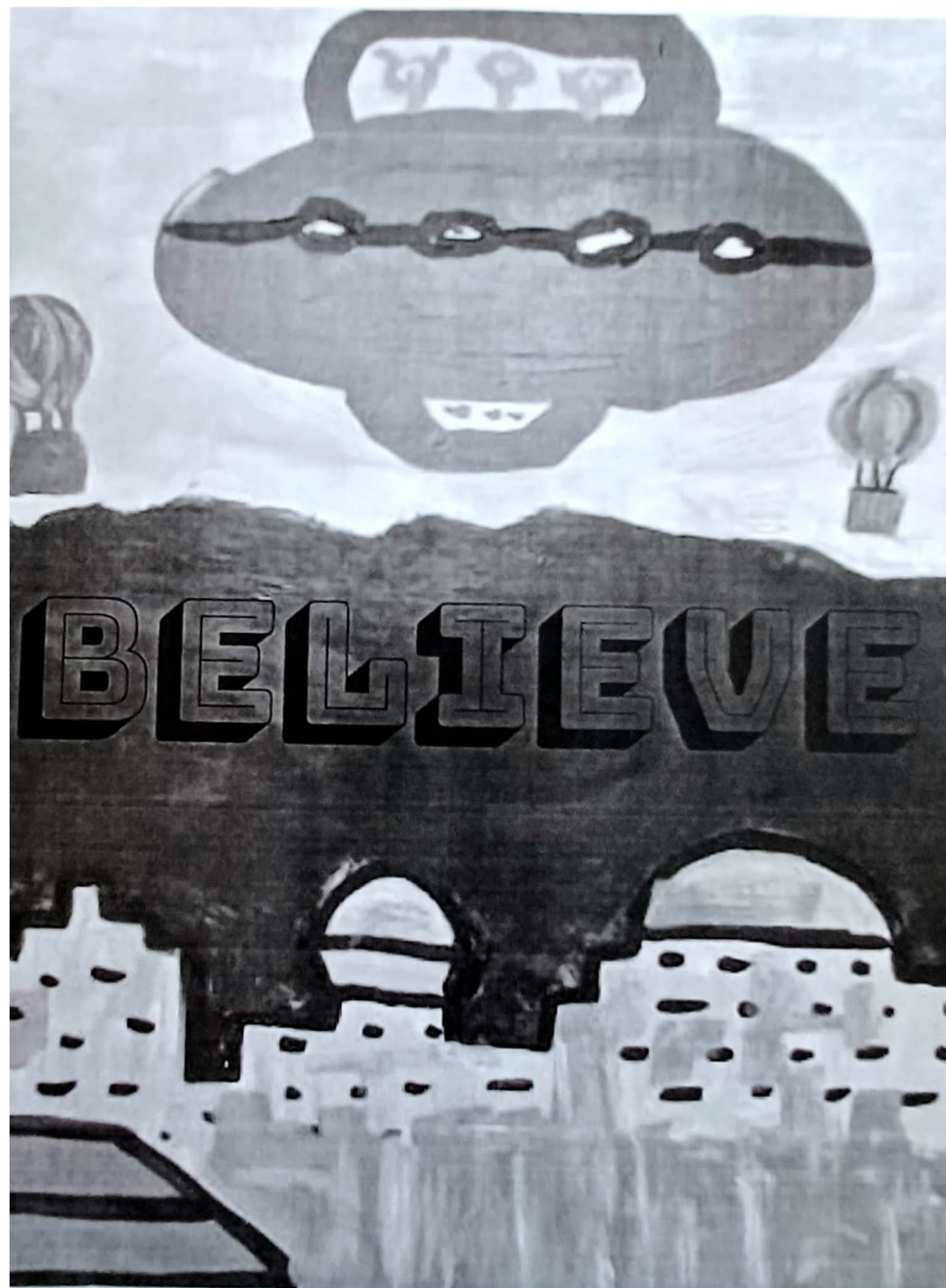
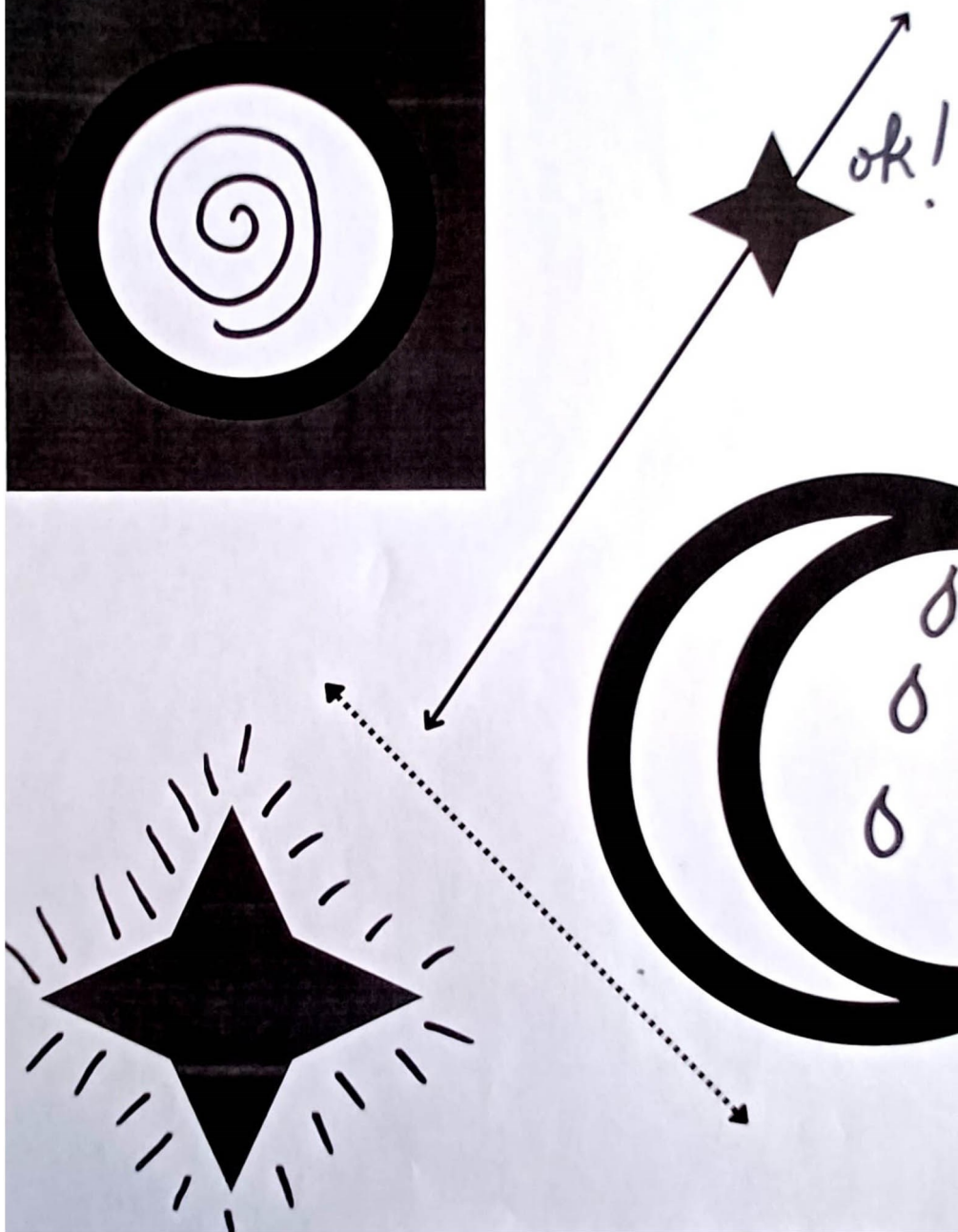
Respect: Each Other. Yourself. Tools and Materials. Ideas. The Environment. Throw Glitter, Not Shade

Process. Engage in process. Hold space for Joy. Have Fun

Be an Artist and a Maker: Take Creative Risks. Try Something New. Create.

Lift Each Other & Share: Ask Questions. Listen. Give thoughtful, productive feedback. Collaborate. Move Up, Move Up





Aloe Vera



Aloe Vera gel can be used for sunburns, bug bites, skin conditions, to help with digestion and more!

Blue Wild Indigio



Desert Marigold



Desert marigolds are a wildflower can be found across southern Arizona, southern Nevada and southwestern Utah, south into Sonora Mexico, and through the Chihuahuan Desert to Texas and New Mexico. They need very little water and can really brighten up the desert. they have healing and antiseptic properties with infusions of the flower head. They can also be useful as dyes to make paint , dye clothes or food coloring.

A wildflower native in New Mexico.
When in bloom, it attracts bees.
After the flower falls you can eat the
fruit called Tunas.





PRICKLY PEAR









You Are Worthy

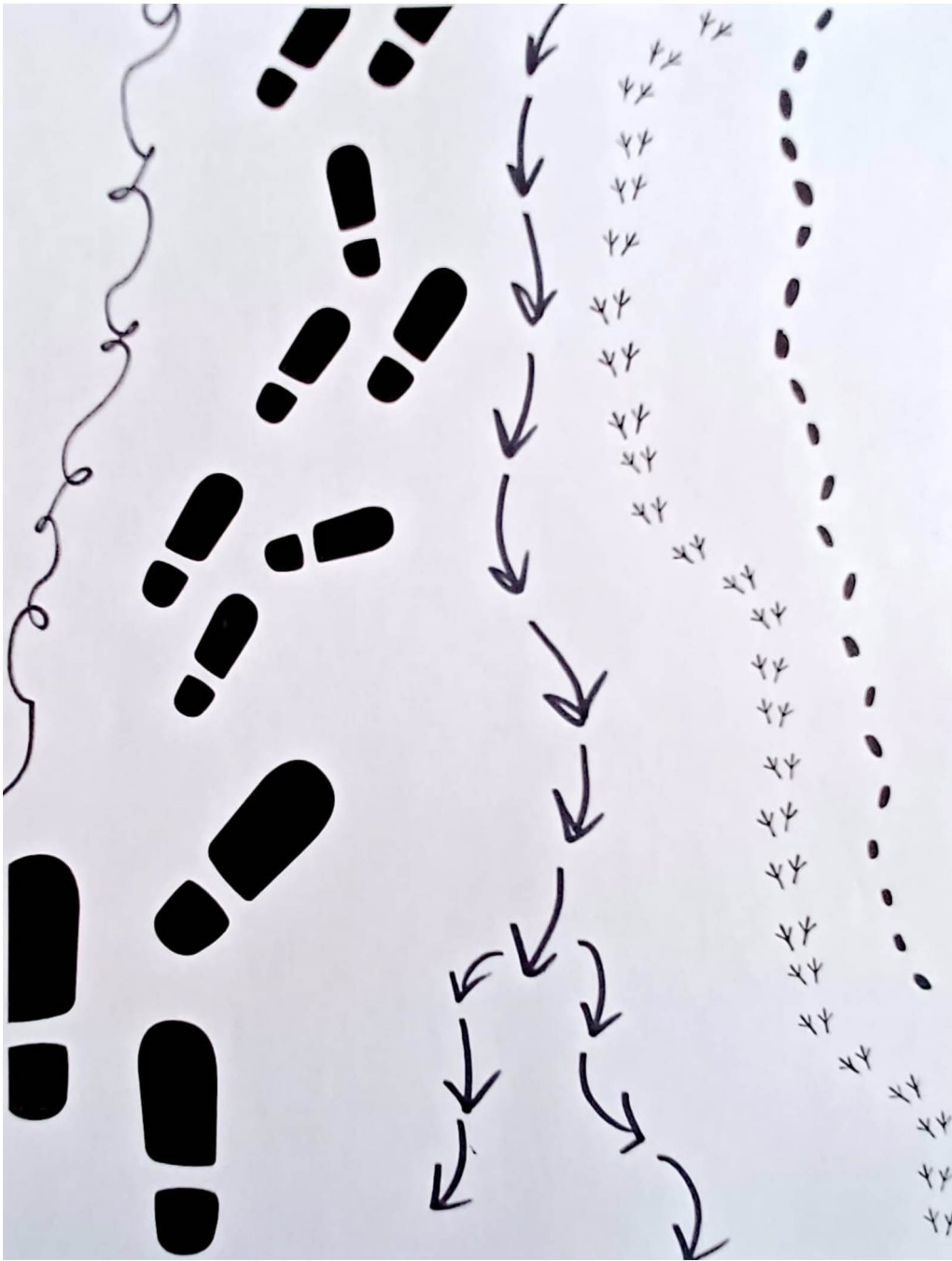


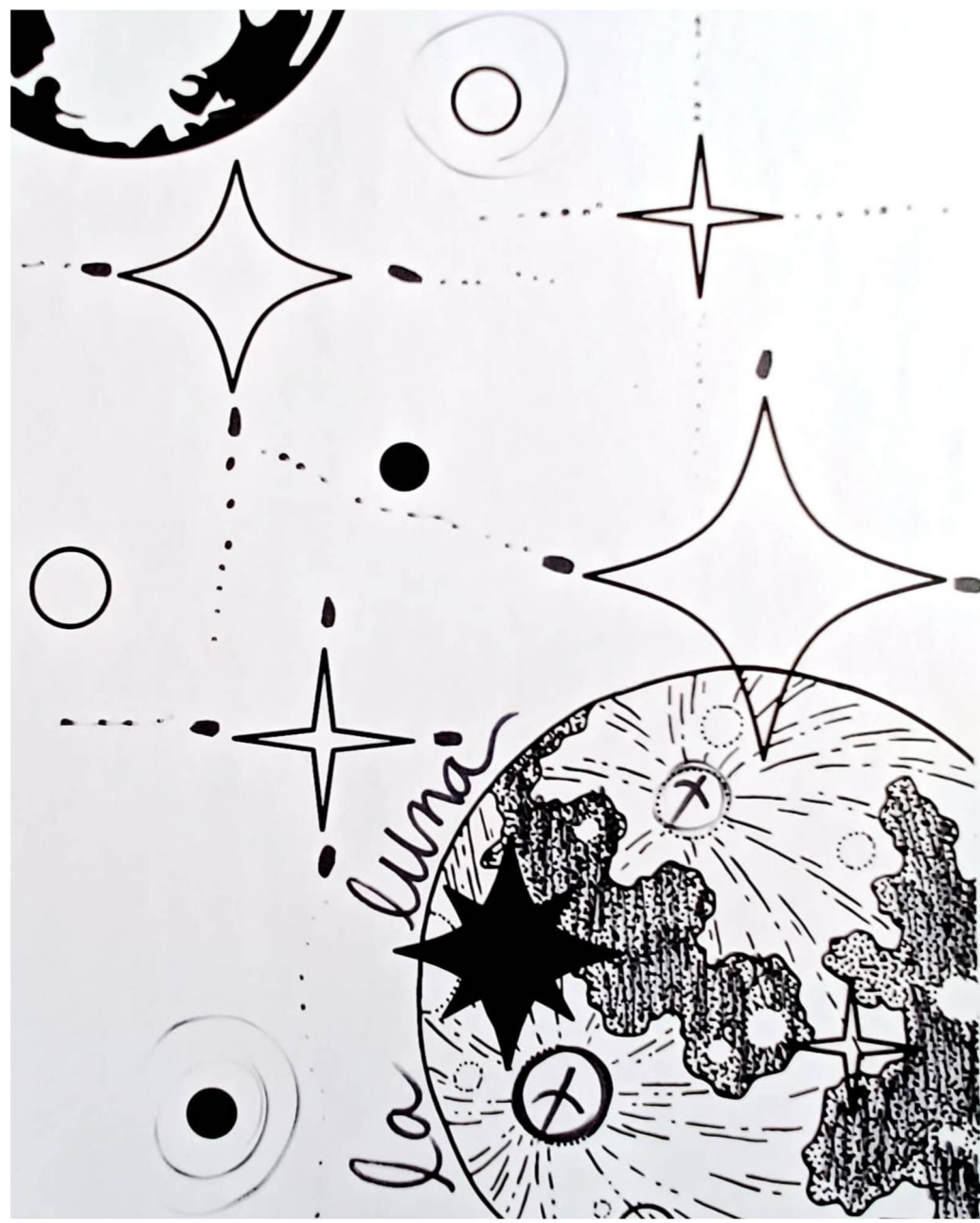
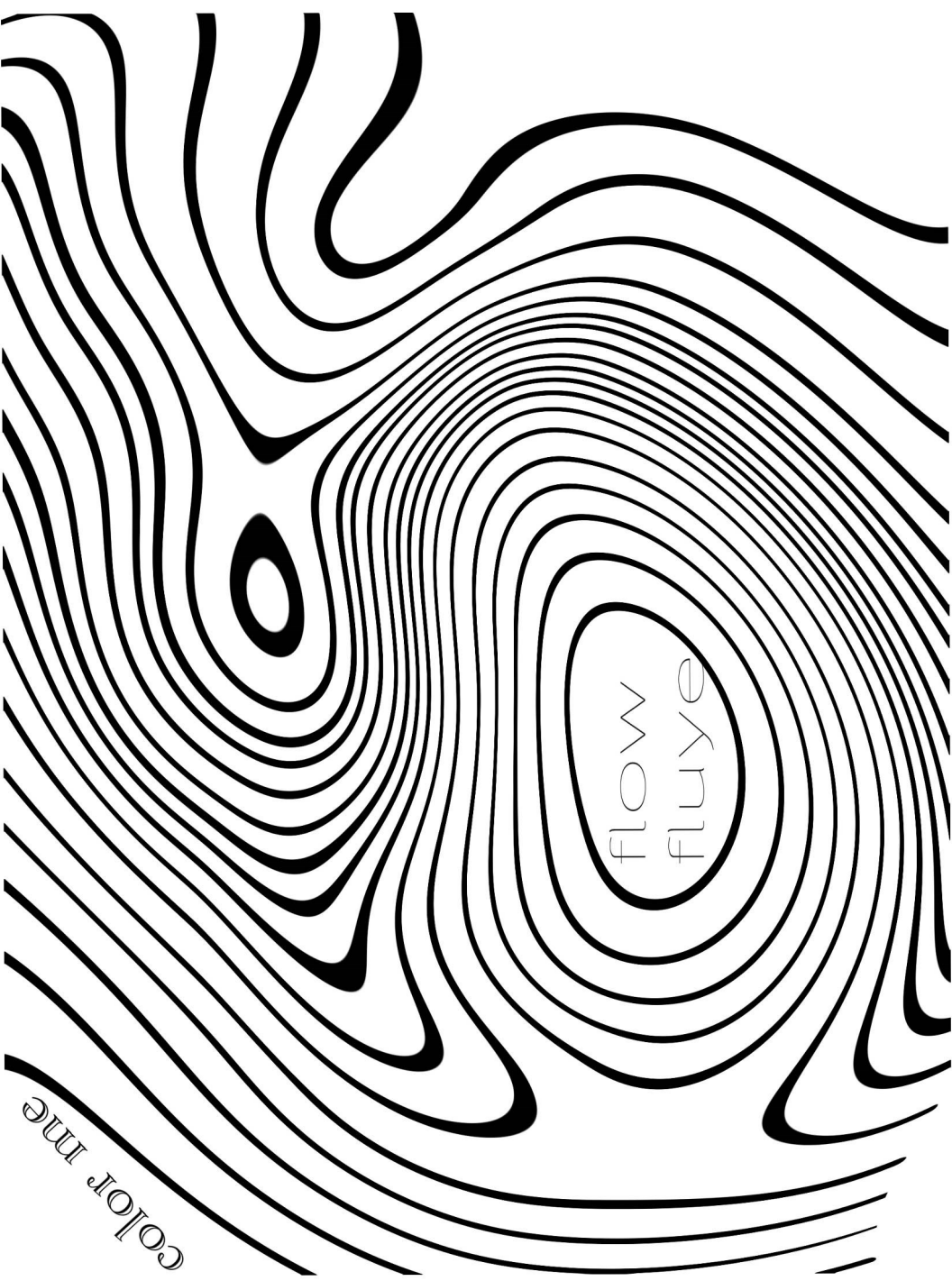
Of Love

you are  it's okay  if you are
Loved  to ask for help  not a burden

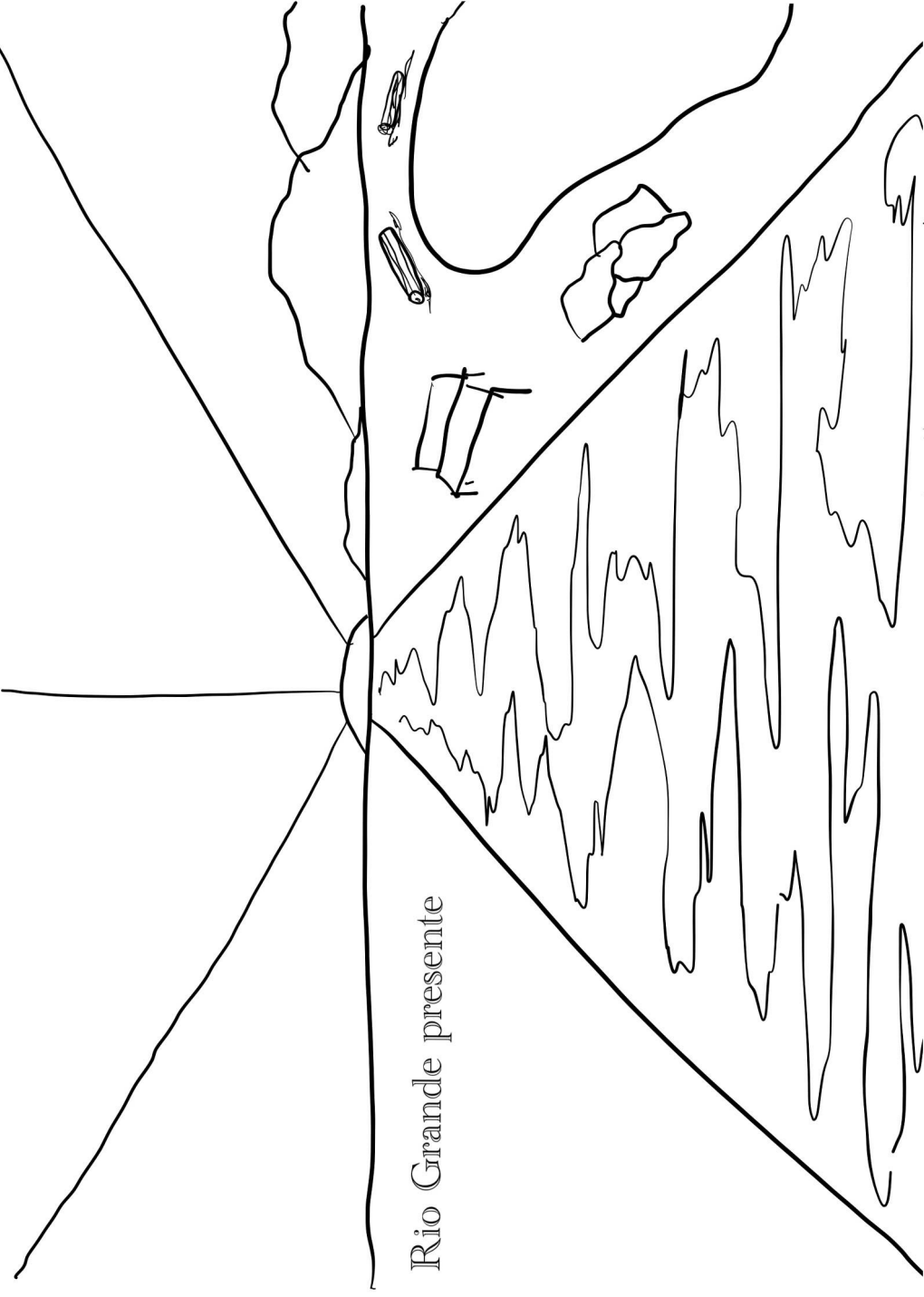
    
Things to remember 

 everything is Temporary 
 you are NOT alone 
 it's okay to cry 





Rio Grande presente



take care of your lungs sweet one
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STEPS

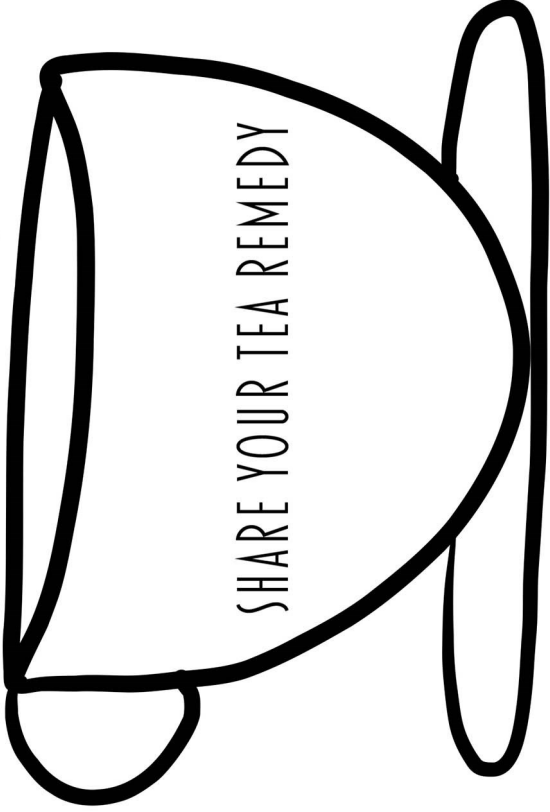
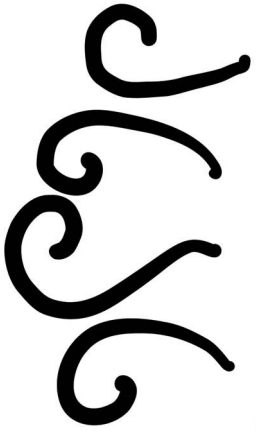
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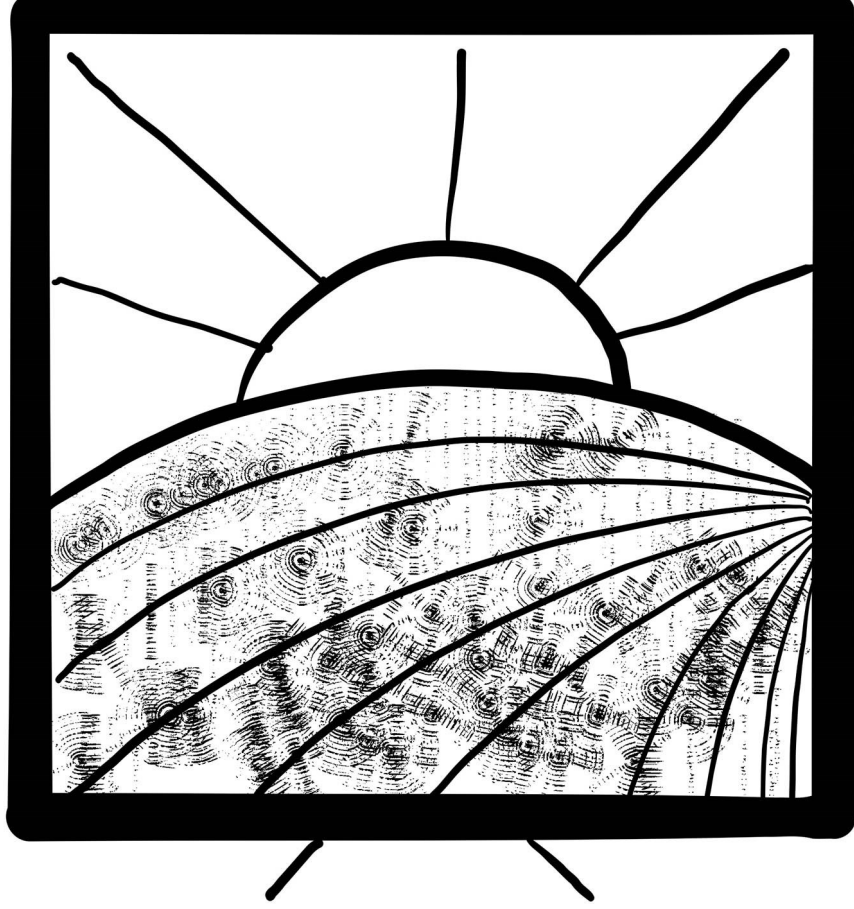
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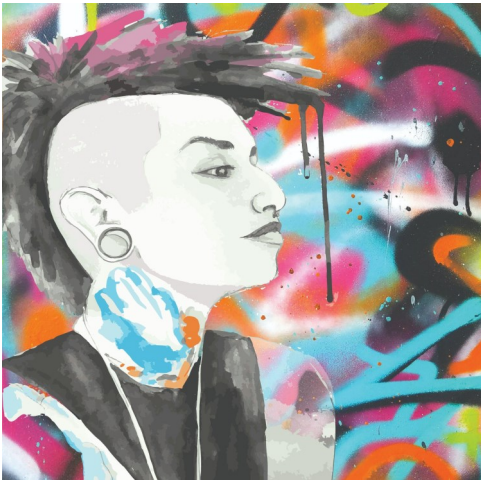
tierra y sol



Art Matters Teaching Artists and Zine Contributors

Ade Cruz (they/them) is a queer, non binary Chicana visual artist from Albuquerque, New Mexico. They primarily work with painting, digital illustration and murals. Their work delves into a range of themes that are informed by their personal life experiences, their communities, relationship to animals and the natural world.

Their works aims to depict the beauty and complexities of their culture, sexuality, gender, spirituality, nature and the psyche. As a painter, muralist, art educator and youth worker, they believe art can be used to connect, educate, activate, disrupt, heal pasts and envision futures together.



Landis Pulido is an artist, educator, and healing justice practitioner who believes in co-creating a learning environment which strives to meet each community member where they are. Through the lens of Popular Education, she works towards co-creating an inclusive and safe environment. She believes in bringing in the breath, movement and healing into the arts and creative space to invite wholeness and imagination.



Michelle (SHELLY) Korte loves making art! Painting, drawing, sculpting, collage, writing, printmaking...all of it! She's been teaching and showing her work in places around the world for over 20 years. She moved to Tijeras, NM in 2014 and has been growing symbolic roots and branches at her home and in the community ever since.

