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## From Bryant:

Happy New Year, Happy Kwanza, Happy Chinese New Year, Happy being you!  
"You are wonderfully made".

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## An article for everyone

Thank you all for tuning in to Urban Arts Fusion. We do indeed emphasize art; visual arts (drawing, paintings, sculptures, ect.) as well as the performing arts, drama, poetry, spoken word, music and singing artist. However at the care of our endeavor is discovering hidden talent, prodding the talents, the creativity which lies dormant within so many people, all races and nationalities, creeds and cultures.

Being community oriented our basic goal is to show how interrelated all creativity is regardless of ethnicity.

To Date:

We want to thank all those who have helped make this effort a success propelling us into 2020 with great expectations. Just to name a few: Mrs. Geraldine Hollis, Lejuana and Barry (my daughter and her husband), Lisa and James, Nicole Tobias Cooks, Carlos, Mexican Heritage Center Of Stockton, Stockton Civic Auditorium (For their co-sponsorship) and a special thanks to my wife Marsha Mills who has stuck with me through the thick and thin. There is a host of more I could name. Thank you guys for seeing the vision. See you in 2020.

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## Highlights:

In 2019 we held three events, our traditional summer show entitled, "Learning together-An Awakening" and two fall shows entitled "Accentuate Your Positive".

Each had its own character and was well received by its audience.

One of our fall shows was held in Merced, California's Central Valley, at Applegate Park. The other was held at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton CA.

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## Emphasis:

Our fall shows were especially noticeable in that we featured some very talented

paintings and drawings, and a book of poetry authored by inmates of the California State Medical Facility in Vacaville, Ca. Artists Harry Carroll, Robert Koenig, Israel Diaz, and Ahkin Mills are very talented and made quite a splash at the Merced and Stockton venues. Paintings by inmate Kinson Her of the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo were also featured. These exquisite works were lauded by Merced Community Liason Officer Eugene Drummond, Sandeep Quiralte of the Merced Public Library, and Betty Ramirez of KXVS-6P, 92.1 of Stockton, Ca.

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## Presentation: Stockton, Ca.

Nicole Tobias-Cooks, Chef entrepreneur, presided over thirty minutes of Q & A on Entrepreneurship which was a truly amazing presentation at our Stockton show. Also highlighting our Stockton show was poetry by the 'young at heart' as well as a seasoned poets.

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## Goals: wide range

Urban Arts Fusion's extended goal is to establish an unconventional school for the development and creativity in Arts and Crafts.

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## Goals: present

Our immediate goal for 2020 is to promote more interaction between the various art forms, thereby showing the need and benefits in the correlation.

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## Upcoming events:

Upcoming events include revisiting the Applegate Park in Merced, Ca. on May 23rd 2020, as well as our home base at the Stockton Civic Auditorium on April 18th 2020. Our goal this year is to maximize our efforts as we explore other venue locations.

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## You are Invited!:

Come and enjoy some fantastic artwork with us, and meet and engage in conversation with some extraordinary yet ordinary people and artists.

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