



A Global Art Call to End Violence Against Women in Iran, Afghanistan, and Across the Middle East



**Nov 25**  
**International 2025**  
**Day for the Elimination of**  
**Violence Against Women**



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## ART IN ACTION: 25 RED SHOES, 25 + CITIES

FROM TEHRAN TO TORONTO, KABUL TO BERLIN—  
ART STEPS FORWARD WHERE VIOLENCE HAS SILENCED.

Dear IWIN Community,

This summer, IWIN has launched a bold new chapter. Inspired by Mexican artist Elina Chauvet's iconic Red Shoes installation, **we have officially kicked off our fourth global art call—the 25 Shoes / 25 Cities project for 2025—and already, cities across the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand have stepped forward to join us.**

On November 25, 2025, each participating city will place 25 pairs of red shoes in a public space, honoring women in Iran and Afghanistan whose lives have been taken by gender-based violence.

👠 Each pair of shoes = one silenced life

🌍 Each city = a symbolic twin to a city in Iran or Afghanistan

👣 Each act = a step toward a world where women live free and unafraid

We invite you to visit our **website (in Farsi and English)** to see the growing list of cities and learn how to join.

How to take part:

- Fill out the sign-up form for your city.
- Join the WhatsApp group for coordination.
- Join our Zoom calls as we plan together.
- We create and share the posters with each city so the message is unified worldwide.

**Also this month:** We hope to see you at:

A Beautifully Strange Day at Montalvo

August 24, 2025 — 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Montalvo Arts Center, Saratoga

Followed by a Lunch & Leisure ArtWalk in downtown Los Gatos.

## 25 Shoes / 25+ Cities


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### Why Now?

This year, the headlines came fast and brutal: 25 women killed in the first 24 days of the year in Iran. By fathers. By brothers. By husbands. At home. In counseling offices. At work. In the street. By gun. By knife. By axe. By hammer. We asked ourselves:

What can we do?

While borders and power divide us, our wounds are often the same. This movement calls us to rise together—from mourning to meaning, from silence to solidarity.

 NOV 25, 2025

 ACROSS THE GLOBE


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## Moon & Mind

**STURGEON MOON: AUG 2025**

Each month, we collectively harness the energy of the full moon for growth and self-awareness. The Moon & Mind is a virtual opportunity to connect, create, and tap into the powerful energy of the moon to transform and align your intentions for the month ahead. Join us for a sacred space of reflection, growth, and community

 Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

 Click the link to join the Zoom meeting: [\[Zoom Link\]](#)

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# It Is My Turn

## BI-WEEKLY PROGRAM: EMPOWERING AFGHAN WOMEN THROUGH ART

It Is My Turn, a year-long program empowering Afghan refugee women and girls through art, yoga, and storytelling. In Partnership with ARTogether & CERI, we're creating a space for healing and connection in Oakland.

This transformative one-year program can be tailored for your organization as well!



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# LISTENING CIRCLE

## WEEKLY PROGRAM: VIRTUAL FARSI FREE

In times of war and uncertainty, we need spaces to speak and be heard without judgment.

Join our Farsi Listening Circle, inspired by Native American traditions—a safe online space for presence, empathy, and connection.



Thursdays, 6–7 PM



Free | On Zoom | Open to all



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# A Beautifully Strange Day at Montalvo


## GALLERY. GARDEN. GATHERING.

Let's spend the day together exploring art, nature, and community!

Stroll through the outdoor exhibition "When the World is Beautifully Strange" during a morning art walk in Montalvo's scenic grounds



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 Aug 24, 2025, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

 Saratoga, 15400 Montalvo Rd, Saratoga

## WISDOME TEA

### WEEKLY PROGRAM: SENIOR GROUP

Since October 2020, this weekly virtual program offers a space for our senior members to come together and share memories, wisdom, and discuss a variety of topics, including life experiences & health tips. Each session ends with reading poetry and singing old favorites. The group also plans 2-3 trips per year to further strengthen bonds and create new memories.

If you're interested in joining, please contact us.



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# IWIN Gift Shop

## HANDMADE ART BY RESILIENT ARTISTS

We're excited to announce the upcoming launch of our online gift shop—featuring handmade art created by the resilient artists of the IWIN community. Each piece reflects a story of strength, culture, and creativity. From textiles to ceramics, you'll find treasures made with heart and heritage—including works inspired by the traditions of women and girls from underrepresented regions. Every purchase supports healing, empowerment, and artistic expression across our global sisterhood.



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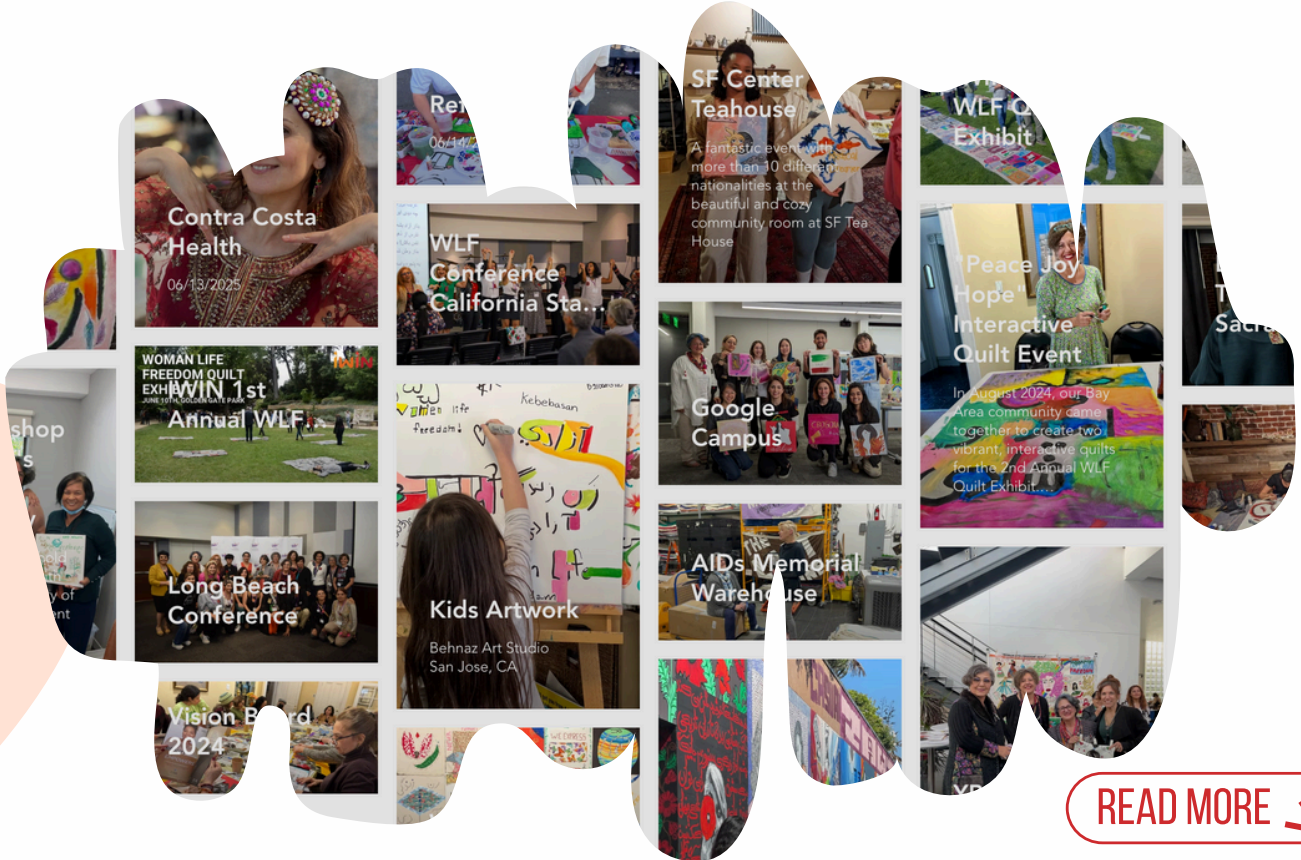
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## Explore Our Gallery

*Where art and community come to life.*



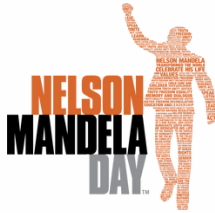
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# IWIN Monthly Moments July

As July unfolds, the world pauses to honor several important days: from **World Rural Development Day (July 6)** to **Nelson Mandela International Day (July 18)**, the **International Day for Women and Girls of African Descent (July 25)**, and on **July 30**, both the **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons** and the **International Day of Friendship**.

These reminders call us to stand for justice, equity, and connection—values at the heart of IWIN's work every day.



## WHEN A WOMAN FLOURISHES, A COMMUNITY THRIVES

BECOME A MEMBER AND BE PART OF THIS RIPPLE EFFECT.




When you become a member of IWIN, you're not just supporting a cause—you're becoming part of a movement. As a member, you'll enjoy benefits like discounted event fees, early access, and insider updates. More importantly, you'll be fueling a mission that empowers girls and women through creativity, healing, and connection—with ripple effects that uplift entire communities.

Choose from three meaningful tiers—Visionary, Innovative, and Timeless—starting at just \$5/month.

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### BECOME A MEMBER

	<b>VISIONARY</b> <b>\$60</b> Every year Valid until cancelled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discounted workshop fees</li><li>Invitation to Women's Day dinner</li></ul>
	<b>INNOVATIVE</b> <b>\$90</b> Every year Valid until cancelled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discounted workshop fees</li><li>Invitation to Women's Day Dinner</li><li>Invitation to Annual Retreat</li></ul>
	<b>TIMELESS</b> <b>\$499</b> Every year Valid until cancelled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Annual All-Inclusive Membership Holder</li></ul>



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**It's My Turn:** In our latest art session with the inspiring women's group from Afghanistan, each participant transformed a piece of foraged wood into a symbol of home—honoring their roots while building a new, collective story of resilience and belonging. - Oakland, July 2025



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