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from jeffrey dollinger, executive director

At our recent Art in Action benefit, OBJECT:ART, 8th grade student Laurel Bolts introduced our Art Visionary Award recipient, Google Doodle Founder Dennis Hwang. Laurel, who has had Art in Action since Kindergarten, had this to say about art:



"What does art and the art in Action program mean to me? Because of Art in Action I know what art means to me, it's a way to express yourself. It teaches all students a little more about what life was like back [in history] through paintings. I've grown to love art and recently I used my Art in Action skills to win a prize in the 2015 Martin Luther King Art Contest in San Mateo County."

Laurel's story is one we hear over and over from students like her, their parents and teachers and entire school communities. As we grow, however, we find that even with these anecdotes, there are questions we still want to answer. [Read more](#)

svgives may 5, 2015

We are excited to participate in the second annual **SVGives**, a **24-hour online event** to raise money and awareness for Silicon Valley nonprofits. Beginning at midnight on 5-5-15 more than 700 organizations will try to beat the record \$8,000,000 in donations from 15,000 donors last year. [Learn how Art in Action](#) is creating a culture of art in schools and how you can help.



welcome new board members

Art in Action is pleased to announce the addition of two members to our Board of Directors. Each brings essential skills, energy and enthusiasm to help drive the Art in Action mission.



Nargues Motamed Eder works as Litigation Associate for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in San Francisco. She graduated from UCLA law school and began her career as a litigator in Los Angeles.



Calvin Ho is responsible for marketing and strategy for Adap.TV in San Mateo, CA. He received his MBA at the UCLA Anderson School of Management and is a digital marketing expert.

don't miss these one-of-a-kind art tours and experiences
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Gather a group of friends for these fun exclusive opportunities, including a tour of the Artworks Foundry in Berkeley and Art Uncorked!, a night of wine and art making at Art in Action. [Sign up now.](#)

Renowned local artist [Mitchell Johnson](#) will donate 10% of the proceeds of his artwork sales during the month of April to Art in Action. Meet Mitchell and see his artwork on Friday, April 17, 11:30 a.m.-2:30p.m. at his [Open Studio](#).

come out in high style with friends of art in action

Join us on Saturday, **May 2**, at the **Legion of Honor, San Francisco**, for a private, docent-led tour of **High Style: The Brooklyn Museum Costume Collection**. View the evolution of fashion from 1910 to 1980 through more than 60 stunning costumes, 30 costume accessories, and an array of related fashion sketches. [Sign up here.](#)



object:art a night to remember

By every measure OBJECT:ART was a huge success. From happy, engaged guests to an incredible silent auction to Dennis Hwang's inspiring speech, the night was one to remember. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and guests we exceeded our goals and **raised over \$160,000!** We extend sincere gratitude to our Arts Angel Sponsors Denise and Woody Shackleton, Google and Facebook and to all the individuals who worked countless hours to make this event the best yet.



free lesson to celebrate spring events

Add a burst of sunshine to the day with this fun art project creating an Aztec sun, based on discussion of Mexican artist Diego Rivera's *La Pinata*. Celebrate Earth Day, May Day or Cinco de Mayo with your students with this festive lesson.



[Click here for this free lesson.](#)

aia heads to sacramento

Come visit Art in Action at the [California State PTA \(CAPTA\) Convention](#) April 30 through May 3. In addition to showcasing our program at a booth, we are partnering with CAPTA's School Smarts program by leading a roundtable workshop on Saturday, May 2.

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