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Spare Parts: Free Fine Arts Fair for Teachers & Public

Teachers from 10+ San Antonio area school districts gather July 26 for free supplies

SAN ANTONIO—On Friday, July 26, from 10am-2pm at Wonderland of the Americas, PreK-12 grade teachers and the public will celebrate arts education and the environment at the 3rd annual Free Fine Arts Fair. The public is invited to participate in the free Fine Arts Fair activities, enjoy entertainment and learn more about arts and cultural programs for San Antonio's youth. Teachers will have access to free materials and supplies collected by Spare Parts from donations by numerous business, organizations and individuals. Teachers must registration for the materials/supplies giveaway and the deadline is July 24. Visit www.sparepartstudio.org for updates and to register.

Spare Parts, founded in 2011, is spearheaded by Mary Elizabeth Cantú. Cantú, an educator and art advocate, founded Spare Parts as a response to current studies showing a decrease of creativity in the classroom, budget cuts in arts funding and the City of San Antonio's Zero Waste Initiative.

Spare Parts' main objective is to connect with various agencies, businesses and interested citizens to provide a steady supply of materials (otherwise trashed) for the artistic community and educators. The result is an increase in the creative and cultural energy of San Antonio. Spare Parts' purpose is unprecedented in San Antonio. It is the leader in reuse education through the arts. "I am not about to let the arts slip from our schools because of funding cuts or diminishing resources," said Cantú. "Spare Parts efforts falls right in line with the Mayor's SA2020 goals for growing the art and cultural profile of San Antonio."

"We are thrilled to see that Spare Parts is expanding its efforts to support San Antonio's arts community, reduce the city's environmental footprint and add value to the local economy", says MaryEllen Etienne, Executive Director of Reuse Alliance - a national nonprofit that promotes all facets of reuse. She adds, that "We're also pleased that Cantú is sharpening her leadership skills by participating in our Master Reuser program and will be the first person in San Antonio to go through the certification program."

Spare Parts supports: cultural and environmental sustainability; affordability and accessibility to the arts; and community, education and creativity, green-style.

Spare Parts thanks the following supporters: Wonderland of the Americas, St. Paul Catholic School, Scobey Moving & Storage, International Academy of Design & Technology, ArtGives.Org and 10BitWorks Hackerspace.

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