



Call for Participation

THE AFGHANISTAN SINGING TREE OF PEACE

You are invited to contribute and add your vision and voice to **The Afghanistan Singing Tree of Peace**. The purpose of this collaborative mural is to send love and positive attention to all people of Afghanistan, no matter where they are. This is a pomegranate tree - the national fruit of Afghanistan, with its national animal, the snow leopard, and its national bird, the golden eagle.



Work in progress study of
"The Afghanistan Singing Tree of Peace"
By Singing Tree Founder & Artist,
Laurie Marshall

The Invitation:

1. Make images in the pomegranate leaf template that envision the people of Afghanistan all over the world being safe, loved and thriving. Fill the space with color, shape, and messages that come from your heart. You can use colored pencils, ink, marker, glitter, natural objects, found objects, paint and words. Your fierceness, your imagination, your power is welcome here. Fill up all the white space.

(Do not use markers if you are going to mail your leaves, as they will smear when they are glued.)

2. The Pomegranate symbolizes the human heart and the abundance of Nature. Please send your love in this fruit and cover the image with at least 50% red. The splayed edges go at the bottom of the pomegranate.
3. Use the bird template or draw your own bird, flying, standing or singing. Make your wish or prayer for children, adults and elders who have been injured, for the healing needed to overcome trauma and for strength to create a thriving, just world.
4. On a separate piece of paper, write about the meaning of your symbols, colors and images.



Instructions;

Take a picture of or scan your leaves and birds and email them to:

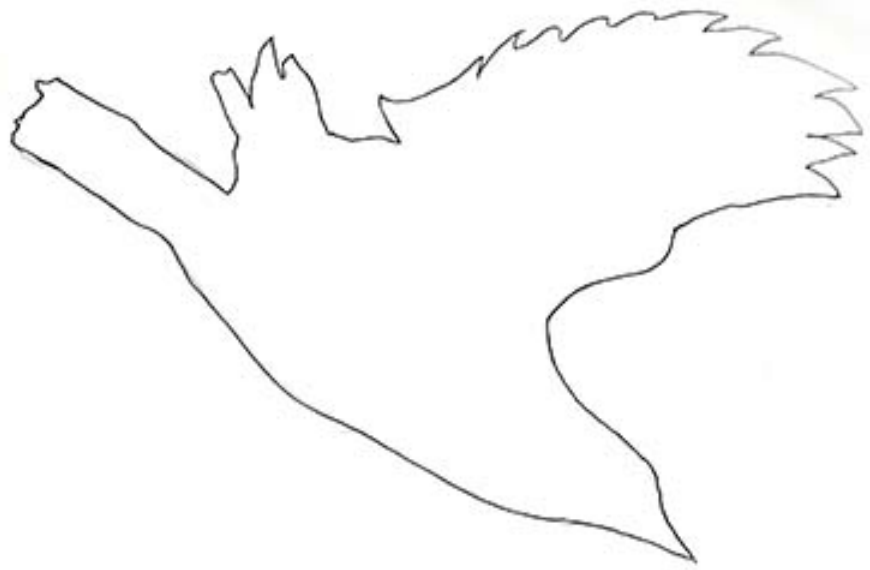
SingingTreeProject@gmail.com

We'll print them out and assemble all the leaves and birds. Or you can cut them out and mail them to;

936 B 7th St. #180

Novato, CA 94945

Bird Templates



Name _____ Age _____
Email _____





The earth is the Singing Tree of the Solar System. All the things that divide people are not as important as the fact that there is no other life that we know of for billions of miles around.

WE ARE ALONE TOGETHER IN SPACE!

We can choose to destroy each other and our planet or choose to create something beautiful together, like the new song in the Singing Tree.

The Story Behind the Singing Tree Project:

8 year-old Meredith Miller of Leesburg, Virginia asked a visionary question in 1999: "What if the whole world made a painting together?" Artist Laurie Marshall took up with call, using the model of trees and forests. The title of the project comes from a story in Kate Seredy's novel of the same name, told to her by her father:

One night during World War I, soldiers crawled all night long on their bellies to escape the enemy. Everything had been destroyed by war. The battalion was surrounded by death and destruction. When the dawn came, they saw one tree that had managed to survive. Birds from hundreds of miles away, who aren't normally together, were in the tree, singing a song that had never been heard before.