

# Silver Lining: Pandemic Induced Creativity

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The COVID-19 pandemic caused us all to pause and take notice of our everyday lives. Amid the grief, heartache, loneliness, confusion and anxiety the pandemic gave some of us the gift of time. This exhibit explores how that time fostered creativity. Some folks saw what was needed and filled that gap. The women of *Mujeres Liderando* made face masks when these were hard to come by. Some found that taking photographs, dripping wax or making mosaic castles allowed them to process what was going on and helped relieve mental anguish. Still others, used this time to explore a new medium in making their art. "Art", broadly defined allows us to examine what it means to be human, to voice and express ourselves and to bring people and ideas together.

*"This is precisely the time when artists go to work. There is no time for despair, no place for self-pity, no need for silence, no room for fear. We speak, we write, we do language. That is how civilizations heal."* - Toni Morrison

I hope the works shown here bring you some solace and help you heal.

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