Big art weekend Nov. 1-2-3

Aldo Moroni: M.EX. at Legacy Makers

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Legacy Maker Aldo Moroni will open in the California Building, with an exhibition of Aldo Moroni’s 45-year history as an artist.

The event, which celebrates Moroni’s career as he deals with an advanced cancer diagnosis, includes the release of a limited edition of the art-book The Synoptic Codex of Mesoamerica.

Open Fri, Nov. 1, 4-9, Sat, Nov. 2, 11am - 10pm, Sun, Nov. 3, 11am - 7pm at 2205 California St. NE, Studio #113

Then, Friday, Nov. 8, 12 pm-12 am, view M.EX in progress: a huge mountainscape in miniature that will chronicle the history of Mesoamerica, Olmec, Maya, Toltec, Mixtec, Aztec, Spanish imperialism, the Republic and contemporary Mexico.

This event will remember the 500th anniversary of the first face-to-face open studio meeting between Spanish invader Cortez and the triple alliance emperor Montezuma. They met at the causeway of the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan, current-day Mexico City. The result was the attempted erasure of Mesoamerican culture. Although the Spaniards caused the death of millions of people and the destruction of ancient cultures, the written record, the invasion failed.

Moroni’s epic clay cities involve volunteers and community members in history and architecture.

Aldo’s eyes twinkle in a video: “I’m the Aldo I make imaginary cities in the world. I am the emperor.”

ART365 kicks off Nov. 1

ART365 invites the public to visit one featured working artist’s studio in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District each day of the year—noon to 5 p.m. It promises more individual exhibits and larger open studio events, and invites artists to visit each other.

The initiative (formerly known by its working title District 365) will launch Friday, November 1 at Mercury Mosaics with a ribbon cutting, tours of the tile-making operation and a mosaic demonstration. Mercury Mosaics is in Suite 125 of the Thorp complex, at 1620 Central Ave. NE.

Many art studio buildings will be open in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Friday, Nov. 1, 5-10 pm, Saturday, Nov. 2, noon-8 pm and Sunday, Nov. 3, 12-6 pm. Here’s a sampling of what’s going on, with any divergent hours noted.


Thorp Warp, Thorp Buildings at 1618 and 1620 Central Ave. NE. Open all weekend: Emily Gray Koehler - Printmaker; Artistic. InDepth - Brio Arts and McCann Mosaic Television Network (MTN); Mindful Monsters - Steve Lacher Artworks; Heather Peterson; Michael Brauer Gallery; Screen.Print.Plates; Danuta Ware Upholstery; Beckon & accol. live. With different hours: Mer- cury Mosaics - Artists’ Market Sat 1-5 pm; Sun 11-5; Melissa Loop Studios: Fri/Sat: Art Attack 2019, Northrup King Building, 1000 Jackson St. NE, 353 - Artist Open studios! Great art, Great music, Food trucks and coffee bar. Open all three days. northrupkingbuilding.com.

Art demonstrations by NKB studio (all weekend unless noted): 153 - Torn paper art process by Neyssa Winterer Sat 1-3 139 - Botanical printmaking by Linda Snouffer Sun/Sun 12-5 - 143 - Calligraphy by Sally Wightkin Sun 1-4 157 - Glassblowing holiday ornaments by Goldenflow Glass Studio 226 - Oil and Cold Wax painting by Mary Keen. Sun 12-5; Tatter's Mill to make sure the "arts continue to shine" at the Northrup King Building. Artists are exploring what it means to expand our awareness of the artwork presented here will offer a free interactive art activity. Mixed media personalized 1-inch art for button, key chain, or magnet. Gallery open Weds.-Sat. 3-8 pm or by appointment through 36. 357 13th Ave. NE. 612-331-3889, www. roguebudha.com.

Exhibit in partnership with Death Cafe Twin Cities, offering a Special Edition Death Cafe On All Souls Day Sat, Nov. 2. This is Rogue Buddha Gallery’s first ever open studio exhibit. Each of more than 40 artists’ work demonstrates a distinct and compelling vision on the theme of death. “While we may never know the truth that lurks ‘beyond northeast so very slight veil we call death, perhaps the artwork presented here will offer itself as a tool of meditation and a means to expand our awareness of what it is to be truly alive.”

Open Casket Studio Art Show Casket Arts, 681 17th Ave. NE. presents the first open studio event of the year, info: casketarts.com. Open studios, 100+ local artists/makers, live music, fresh foods.

The entire Casket Arts campus will be alive with activity from jewelry makers at Queench Jewelry Arts, to live folk and world music on the 4th floor, to sculpture in the NE Sculpture Gallery Factory. Victor Dieterly’s Body Paint event will include serving custom cocktails and beer from 612brew all weekend long, alongside live music on Friday night and a burlesque review Saturday night. NSDMA will benefit from a portion of the speakeasy proceeds.

California Dreamin’ California Building, 2255 Marshall St. NE. www.californiabuilding.com. More than 30 art studios, all six floors open to explore. Food at Mop Coffee Gal- lery, and special events: