

Rising Up from the Ashes

The August 2020 CZU Lightening complex decimated over 86,000 acres in San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties – much of that destruction burned through Bonny Doon, a community in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Neighborhood warriors and volunteer firefighters along with Cal Fire came together to battle this blaze. Over 800 homes/buildings in Bonny Doon were left in ruins.

For over 10 years, the artists' community in Bonny Doon has hosted an annual studio tour, with artists opening their homes and studios to visitors during the last weekend in July. The Covid isolation and CZU fire destruction and evacuations closed what would have been the 10th anniversary of the DoonArt Tour (July 2020), during which several Bonny Doon artists lost everything.

This year, the Tour is literally rising from the ashes, to share their artistic inspirations with visitors. The strength of their community is apparent in their extraordinary work. We welcome back resilient artists Sam Clarkson, Ceramics, and Alison Parham, Watercolors to this year's tour.

The annual DoonArt Studio Tour, an event, free and open to the public, happens Saturday, July 30th & Sunday, July 31st, 2022 where 23 studios, representing 29 artists, will be open for visitors from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and be inspired by their expressive visions.

For more information, tour brochure, maps, visit the [DoonArt Tour](#) website.