

Rain art scavenger hunt

With support from the Needham Council for Arts and Culture, Needham Youth and Family Services, and a group of amazing Needham High School seniors, local artist Tova Speter facilitated a hidden public art project on the sidewalks of Needham in the Spring of 2023. With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, this temporary public art installation was designed to make people think about where and what in

their community makes them feel refreshed and renewed. Over April school vacation, Tova and Youth & Family Services hosted a workshop where local teens helped to come up with the design ideas that represented their answers to the question, "How do you refresh and renew?" which included being creative, being in nature, being out and about, being in a quiet space, being active, being yourself, and being social.

Tova installed their images and words with special paint that is invisible until it rains or is sprayed with water. On May 7th, over 30 kids and adults participated in a community scavenger hunt as they followed clues to discover the symbols hidden in seven locations around Needham. 5 year old Avi, a participant of the scavenger hunt, said about the project: "I had so much fun! I loved seeing the secret messages when I squirt-

ed water on it. It was REALLY cool."

Spring is a great time for refreshing - and the hidden art can be revealed through June 2023. You can view the map below and find

the hidden images with your family, friends, and neighbors. More information and pictures from the event can be found on Tova's website, www.tovaspeter.com/rain-art