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Colorado Stone Quarries Supports Youth Art Park

Carbondale, CO - August 29, 2022: [Colorado Stone Quarries](#), who operates the Yule Creek Mine in Marble, will donate marble to the forthcoming [Youth Art Park](#) (YAP), a dynamic space for art and play for those young in age and young at heart. The YAP is a project of the Carbondale Creative District (CCD) and Carbondale Arts along the Rio Grande ARTway. The Park will be located behind the Carbondale Recreation Center on the ARTway and is slated to start being built out this fall.

The YAP, brainstormed by many community members including Carbondale middle schoolers, thoughtfully curated by Amy Kimberly, Carbondale Arts Executive Director, and designed by local landscape architect Nicholas DiFrank of RE : LAND, is a heart and soul endeavor of the CCD. Amy Kimberly and the team at Carbondale Arts have installed two other parks along the ARTway in partnership with RFTA, the Latinx Folk Art Garden and Derail Park, but the Youth Art Park is a much larger scale project. The Park will be built in multiple phases and include an outdoor amphitheater, a climbing wall, a slide, and more.

As Carbondale Arts started to really look at the scope of this project, they knew they would need amazing local partners to get excited about the park and support by contributing materials. Marble is needed for many park components and who better to partner with than Colorado Stone Quarries.

When asked what encouraged Colorado Stone Quarries get involved with the project, Jean St-Onge, their General Manager, said, "Our Team at Colorado Stone Quarries strongly believes in the power of community support and involvement, which has been a cornerstone of success of Yule Marble mining and production throughout history. One of the most important aspects of community support is the continuous support of growth and betterment of our future: our youth. When we were approached by Carbondale Arts and Carbondale Creative District to contribute to their new project we were absolutely thrilled. The idea of creating a park dedicated to the belief and inspiration of our youth through art is a fantastic and unique opportunity to be part of a mission and a dedicated area for our youth that will become a landmark in Carbondale and the Western Slope for years and generations to come."

Thanks to Colorado Stone Quarries and our many other project partners, the YAP will someday soon serve as a landing place for all, one which provides a balance between healthy minds and bodies and a connection of art and play. Stay tuned as more details unfold.



About *Carbondale Arts* and the *Carbondale Creative District*:

Carbondale Arts builds an inclusive and vibrant community through the arts, supporting Carbondale's identity as a place that fosters creativity, collaboration, innovation, and artistic exploration. Our dedication to this mission has been an essential to the history of Carbondale.

The ***Carbondale Creative District*** supports and expands the impact of creative industries, artists, and entrepreneurs, connecting communities around the state to advance a thriving Carbondale. With the support of the Carbondale Creative District, nonprofit and for-profit creative businesses, artists, and creative entrepreneurs will have increased visibility, development opportunity, and professional networking. Carbondale is recognized as a premier creative hub – a home for world-class creative businesses, productions, and experiences. It's our goal to make sure all Carbondalians will have access to creative environments and experiences while preserving and promoting Carbondale's unique cultural heritage.