



the  
FIRST-EVER collaborative

# HOLD FAST FESTIVAL ZINE

curated by

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and featuring work by

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Zines (derived from “magazines”) are self-published booklets. They have historically been associated with counter-culture, due to an explosion in popularity during the punk rock movement of the 1970s and 80s. By nature, zines are ephemeral, made cheaply and circulated in often-marginalized communities. Only within the past few decades have archivists and historians sought to recategorize them as a valuable artistic and cultural practice, often under the umbrella of book arts.

Zines are an outlet for creativity, as well as activism and information-sharing. Before the existence of the internet, zines and pamphlets were one of very few accessible means to connect with remote community, and share information and stories without gatekeeping from publishers or traditional media.

As the internet becomes an increasingly unreliable platform for information-sharing and free expression, you are warmly invited to reconsider the role of the humble zine. By their nature, zines are accessible and easy to make. What role will ephemeral, anonymous paper media assume in the years and decades to come?

As part of the 2023 HOLD FAST Festival, filmmaker, technologist, and multidisciplinary artist Niya Abdullahi invited the community to contribute pages to a collaborative zine: “anything related to the festival, St. John’s, the art community, or anything else you’re passionate about.”

We hope you enjoy!

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# The First Word

Feeling scared?  
Then create anyway!

on Creativity

IS

## Just Make Stuff

it's ok if it's AWFUL

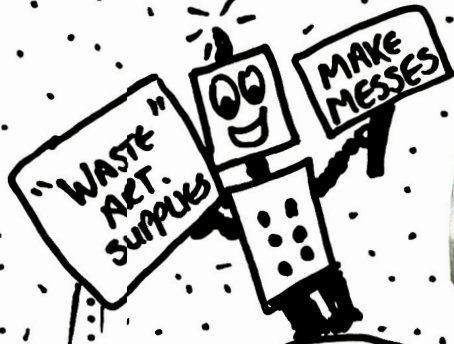
In fact: (that's the best way to start.)

Gold star for trying!

\* Yes, I know it can be hard but consider this your official permission to make something.

Want to have a creative adventure?

Spoiler!  
All creativity is an adventure.  
Yes you ARE brave enough. I promise.



Spoiler!  
the only wasted supplies are ones you don't use.

Sounds great!  
Alpaca lunch for us!



surprise

The first word is the same as the

# Last WORD!

\* snacks are key!

Just Make Stuff

How are we living?

Are things (finally)

looking up?

Wide

Open

Growth

We asked a wide-ranging group of creatives

They didn't really consider themselves a movement

nurtures

what we've always

known

my

eyes sort of chase everything around

@elijahjanka

DIY

DIY

the things you love.

# Typical Tacos? Not in this house.

Tart, refreshing, versatile—

irreverent

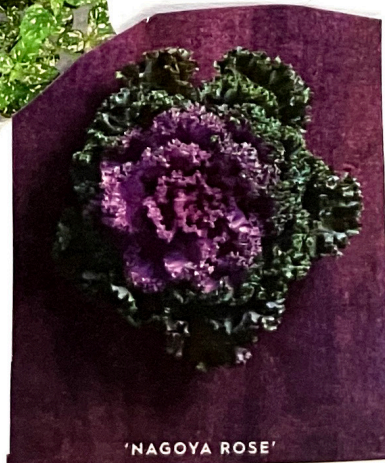
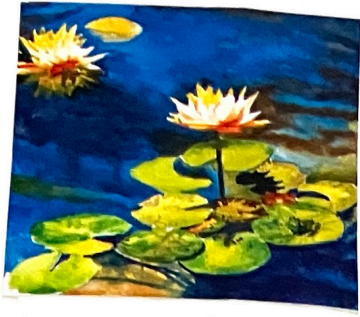
and irresistible

IDEAS

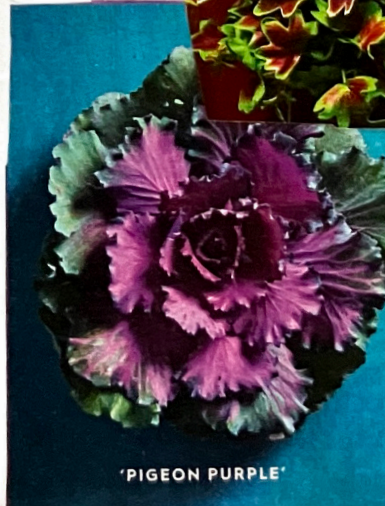
over 99% effective\*

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'NAGOYA ROSE'



'PIGEON PURPLE'



IN FULL BLOOM

VISIONS OF EARTH



NO PRESERVATIVES

She's got a long road ahead of her.



Sheer Endurance!

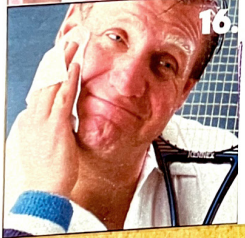


PROJECTS Be on top... PAY

# Reintroducing

smiling

RUNNING AWAY FROM ANXIETY



Workouts work out worry



101 REASONS TO

*please try*



to find a smile.