

# Common Root Collective

Art • Access • Equity • Healing

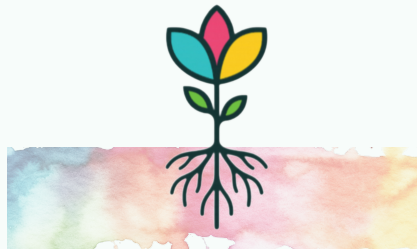
## About Us

Common Root Collective (CRC) is a Colorado-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving the Pikes Peak region through inclusive, community-centered creative programming, shared creative resources, and collaborative partnerships through its Root Network initiative.

CRC focuses on accessibility, connection, and equity while creating opportunities for individuals of all backgrounds and abilities to engage in meaningful creative experiences across traditional and nontraditional settings.

## Mission

CRCs mission is to expand access to art through inclusive, trauma-informed programs, shared creative resources, and collaborative spaces that support expression, skill-building, and sustainable creative opportunity for individuals of all backgrounds.



## Vision

CRC envisions a world where creative access is not limited by systems, ability, or circumstance—where individuals can engage, learn, and grow through art in ways that reflect how they think, process, and experience the world.

We are building environments that meet people where they are, creating pathways for participation, connection, and economic opportunity through inclusive, research-informed creative practice.

## Initiatives

### Expressive Arts

Creative experiences that encourage self-expression, connection, exploration, and accessible community engagement through art.

### Craft + Skill Development

Hands-on learning opportunities focused on creative practice, artisan + trade skills, and personal + professional growth.

### Collaboration + Community

Partnership-driven initiatives that build connection, expand creative access, and support inclusive community participation through the Root Network.

### Research + Innovation

Research-informed creative initiatives exploring accessibility, neurodiversity, lived-experience white papers, and new approaches to inclusive arts access.

## Programs

### Expressive Arts + Creative Wellness:

Rooted Expression  
Bloom Bags creative mindfulness kits  
WellNest healing-focused creative practice  
Community art experiences + mobile programming

### Craft + Skill Development:

Mini Makers creative exploration programming  
Makers in Bloom youth development  
CreateState creative exploration + skill-building - older youth  
Hands-on workshops, mentorship, and artistic growth opportunities  
Alternative creative career pathway development  
Art Literacy + Environmental Literacy methodology

### Collaboration + Community:

RootBox free art-n-trade network  
Emergency + ongoing creative supply support  
Accessible community creative spaces  
Collaborative partnerships through the Root Network  
The Roost 55+ creative engagement  
Wild Roots nature immersion + art in nature experiences based in experiential learning

### The Lab-research + innovation initiative:

Lived experience white papers  
Community-informed advocacy  
Accessibility + neurodiversity initiatives  
Creative equity exploration + inclusive arts for informed practice  
Ethical, community-centered approaches to arts access  
Research exploring connection in addiction recovery + trauma pathways