



"Balangaw" means "Rainbow"

The united colors of a rainbow bring a sense of hope after every rain – and in the midst of a global pandemic, hope springs through the vision of Baryo Balangaw Creative Initiatives: Bridging Creativity in Rural Communities.

We are taking courage to contribute and helping to realize the vision for creative recovery among small pocket of communities in rural areas.

We adhere in this saying:
"There's a rainbow that comes through
the prism of a crystalline heart of giving."

Come be with us to make a difference.

- Team Baryo Balangaw



We exist to help co-create a space for artistic awakening and expressive healing through interactive, intentional, and innovative ways.

Our Vision

A community of creative citizens with developed artistic skills and knowledge.

Our Mission

To co-create a space of artistic awakening and expressive healing through the power of the transformative arts.



BARYO BALANGAW CREATIVE INITIATIVES

11.1007° N, 122.4545° E

Site:

Barangay Caninguan, Municipality of Lambunao, Iloilo Province, Panay Island Philippines 5042

We are located 56 kilometers from the capital City of Iloilo - a 1st class, highly urbanized city that is known for the Dinagyang Festival and an "emerging City of the Arts in the Philippines".

CREATIVE SKILLS EXCHANGE AND WORKSHOP



CREATIVE RECOVERY PROGRAM

An initiative which began in December 2020 and supported by SEA-Junction, an international arts organization based in Bangkok, Thailand. The Baryo Balangaw Creative Skills Exchange was one of the awardees for "Staying Resilient Amidst the Pandemic in Southeast Asia" grant program.









SOCENT TALK WITH ALIMA COMMUNITY - KRISTINE BUENAVISTA & MARRZ CAPANANG









CREATIVE RECOVERY PROGRAM

Women were taught painting and sewing skills for social enterprise project. The Baryo Balangaw Creative Skills Exchange was one of the awardees for "Staying Resilient Amidst the Pandemic in Southeast Asia" grant program.

















SELF-PORTRAIT FIBER ART "AKON TINUIG" ART EXHIBITION













V-DAY One Billion Rising Campaign for National Women's Month 2022 All-girls Tshirt Painting Contest













Ra'z Salvarita

Founder and All-around Errand Officer

Ra'z is a multi-disciplinary artist, community arts organizer and "soul farmer". His creative community endeavours has spanned more than two decades – working on arts and culture, nature conservation, and community development. He graduated with a degree in journalism at Silliman University. In 2019, he was a fellow for SEAA Arts – a program co-created by Mekong Cultural Hub and the British Council. He is also part of the new cohort of the International Fellow for "Future Leaders" – an arts program by the Australia Council for the Arts. Recently, he was awarded a grant from the British Council to help facilitate and deliver the British Council Craft Toolkit to craft communities in the Philippines. www.razsalvarita.com

Elle Divine

Co-founder and Managing Coordinator

Elle is a painter and writer who works with energy and intuition – highly dedicated in channeling art as a form of expressive healing. Throughout her practice, she's advocated for creative awakening for all – she's performed on stage several times for The Vagina Monologues (VDay Dumaguete), supported the healing process for people, and facilitated community arts workshops among others. She's exhibited her works in many art spaces in the country including the National Commission for Culture and the Arts Gallery; and the Cultural Center of the Philippines. In 2014, she became a fellow for the Silliman University National Writers Workshop. She lived in Ubud, Bali for many years and has now called Baryo Balangaw in Barangay Caninguan, Lambunao her basecamp. www.elledivine.com



International Support and Partners

















Baryo Balangaw is a recipient of grants and donations from several international organizations and individuals:

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- UNA for Women (Vienna, Austria)
- V-DAY International (New York, USA)
- Mekong Cultural Hub (Taiwan, Cambodia)
- British Council (UK)



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WHAT'S NEXT...

COMMUNITY FACILITATORS TRAINING

WHAT'S NEXT...

REGISTRATION TO FORM AN ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS LITERACY

ADVOCACY

DIGITAL LITERACY

DIGITAL ART EDUCATION

WHAT'S NEXT...

CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR PEACE, ARTS & SUSTAINABILITY **EDUCATION**

WE HOPE YOU CAN BE PART OF OUR WORK IN MAKING A BRIGHTER **FUTURE FOR EMERGING** GENERATIONS.



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