

With another fruitful year in the books, Mingei is reflecting on its connections with artists, community, visitors, and supporters in 2024. From the gallery floor to the classroom and everywhere in between, the Museum has been a site to learn, gather, rest, and find inspiration. *Take a look at the many ways in which we celebrate creativity and share folk art, craft, and design!*

2,184
MEMBERS

**SUPPORTED
MINGEI**
[with 375+ new members!]

OVER
160,000
VISITORS

**WELCOMED
IN** to enjoy
folk art, craft,
and design.

**11 LOCAL
ARTISTS** led
1,129+
PARTICIPANTS
in art-making for all ages
at our Family Sunday*
workshops, funded by
the ResMed Foundation.



*In 2025, the program will be renamed **Make at Mingei!**

ART IS FOR ALL!
16,440+
EBT CARD HOLDERS &
FREE TUESDAY GUESTS
explored our exhibitions.



Did
you
know?

Through **Museums for All**, Mingei offers free admission for those who present an EBT, SNAP, or WIC card!

16 | ARTIST WORKSHOPS

20 | TALKS & CONVERSATIONS

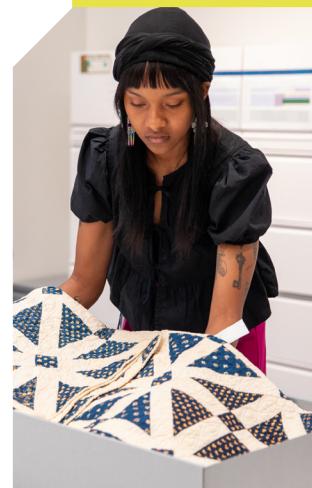
2,276 | ATTENDEES



45+ LANGUAGES
are offered on the museum's Free
Digital Guide, Bloomberg Connects.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This year, **Olivia Joseph** joined Mingei as a Quilt Research Fellow, a 14-month position made possible by support from the Terra Foundation for American Art.



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COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED
in the gallery

Mingei exhibitions seek to expand our worldviews and represent the diversity of our community.



Our art library now offers **12,000+ BOOKS & REFERENCE MATERIALS** available to all visitors.

LIVING ARTISTS REPRESENTED
in 2024 EXHIBITIONS:

91

122 = 2,950+
VOLUNTEERS & DOCENTS

HOURS given to
the Mingei mission



90+
EVENTS
HOSTED



with local organizations including:

Camarada, Center for World Music, Art of Elan, SD Coalition for Reproductive Justice, ACLU, International Rescue Committee, Planned Parenthood, California Endowment, United Nations, Promises 2Kids, SD Hunger Coalition, Rady Children's Hospital

Investing
in Artists

In 2024, the Museum purchased 10 artworks from 7 living artists from California to India.



Did
you
know?

3,500+
K-12 STUDENTS
visited from 39
San Diego County
Schools.



FUN FACT

24,000+

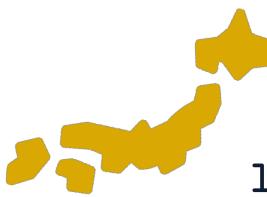
OBJECTS IN OUR COLLECTION were made by unidentified makers, true to the founding ideas of the Mingei movement, honoring "the unknown craftsman."



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Facilities Director, **Maynard "Mayo" Mendoza** is stepping outside of his daily role to curate an exhibit on skateboards, *coming to Mingei in 2026!*

Mingei lends its permanent collection objects to other institutions. In 2024 we lent objects to museums **as close as Fresno, CA and as far as Raleigh, NC.**



FUN FACT

The furthest
Mingei member
lives in Japan!

Did
you
know?

The Community Mondays program shares Mingei's La Atalaya Theater, free of charge, with under-resourced arts and culture organizations, nonprofit community groups, and individual artists.

5

MEMBER EXCURSIONS

131

MINGEI MEMBER
TRAVELERS

DESTINATIONS INCLUDED: Oaxaca,
Los Angeles, and Tijuana (Next year ... Japan!)



The **MINGEI PASSPORT** provides an accessible, lower price point for year-round admission.

82
STUDENTS

enjoyed **Summer at Mingei**, a free camp experience, thanks to funding by Level Up SD and the San Diego Foundation.



15

NON-PROFITS participated in Community Mondays, welcoming 1,130 of their supporters to Mingei.



Mingei's *free and low-cost programming* is possible through generous grants and funding. **We are so grateful** to the organizations that help provide inclusive, accessible, art to the community. *Here are just a few!*

 **J.P. MORGAN PRIVATE BANK**

for the LA FRONTERA exhibition

 **PATRONS OF THE PRADO** *for General Operations and Bucks4Buses program*

 **PREBYS FOUNDATION** *for Community Programs*

 **PRICE PHILANTHROPIES** *for School in the Park*

 **RESMED FOUNDATION** *for Family Sunday*

 **THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS & CULTURE** *for General Operations + Bucks4Buses program*

 **SAN DIEGO FOUNDATION** and **SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** *for Level Up SD*

 **US BANK** *for Historic Footprints: Native American Ledger Drawing from Fort Marion [opening April 2025!]*

thank you | gracias | arigatou
merci | xièxiè | shukran | danke

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Our beloved **Martha Ehringer** celebrated her 40th Mingei anniversary in 2024! As Museum Historian, she's an expert on all things Mingei.

