The mission of Creative Sonoma is to support and advance the creative community of Sonoma County. We define the creative community as individuals, organizations and businesses whose work is creative at its core. This includes artists, nonprofit cultural organizations, and creative enterprises such as design firms, galleries, recording and video studios, and more.

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*What We're Reading: Creative Placemaking
GET MONEY: Calls to Creatives, Grants, Jobs & More

GET NEWS: Stories and Updates

In this season of giving, we give thanks for the abundance of creativity and spirit of camaraderie that surrounds us in this community.

What We're Up To
We are very happy to announce the five winners of the bi-annual Discovered: Emerging Visual Artists Award.

Jenny Harp - mixed media  
Dayana Leon - oil/video  
Catherine Sieck - paper  
Kala Stein - ceramics  
Jaynee Watson - mixed media

Each artist receives a $2000 stipend, a joint show at the Petaluma Arts Center, and inclusion in a professionally produced catalogue. This year's program generated 80 recommendations, nearly 49 applications, 12 finalists and now the 5 winners. Jurors for this year's show include Kate Eilertsen, Michael Schwager and Jessica Martin.

The Opening Reception is Saturday, January 21, 2017, 5:00-7:00pm at the Petaluma Arts Center, and the exhibition runs January 24-March 18, 2017.

Funding for this program is generously provided by the Artist Awards Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Sonoma County.

What We're Reading

Just released from the NEA:

“So you're a mayor who wants to make your city better, or you're a resident of a neighborhood where development is out of control, or you work at a community development organization and are trying to improve the plaza where kids play and folks meet up, or you work in a small town and want to improve Main Street, or you work in a planning or economic development office and are trying to find new ways to engage the public in a project. Since you care about making your place better, you follow the current thinking in planning and community development, and you've been hearing a new term-creative placemaking. You love the arts, but what do the arts have to do with making your place better? You want to know how to do creative placemaking.” -From Introduction

The free book (available as a pdf) features 28 essays from thought leaders active in arts-based community development, as well as 13 case studies of projects funded through the NEA's creative placemaking program, Our Town.

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GET KNOWLEDGE:
Trainings and Conferences

CREATIVE SONOMA WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

COMING SOON:

Our winter workshops will be announced in January. If you have suggestions for workshops that could support and advance your creative work, please email your ideas or requests to creativesonoma@sonoma-county.org.

OTHER NORTH BAY WORKSHOPS

SONOMA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
sonomaedb.com

NAPA-SONOMA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
napasonomasbdc.org

VOLUNTEER CENTER OF SONOMA COUNTY
volunteernow.org

CONFERENCES / WEBINARS /RESOURCES

Center for Cultural Innovation: Future Arts Forward
Calling all artists, arts workers, arts educators, creative entrepreneurs, independent designers, and creative thinkers: We need your voice to envision the future of the arts. From the emerging to the established, we want to hear from artists and arts professionals of all experience levels and backgrounds, across all disciplines and sectors, representing every of the state and beyond.
$20; takes place in San Jose on **January 23, 2017, 10am-4:30pm.**

More Information

**2017 California Association of Museums Conference**
The 2017 CAM Conference will explore the responsibility individuals and museums take as leaders within their shared communities. Museums have a positive influence by taking actions that make a difference today and for the future. Takes place in Sacramento, **March 29-31, 2017.**

More Information

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**GET MONEY:**
**Calls to Creatives, Grants, Jobs & More**

**CALLS TO CREATIVES**

**Somona County Arts Centers and Groups / Call, Deadline**
- Art Escape: [Call to Artists](#)
- Healdsburg Center for the Arts: [Artist Opportunities](#)
- Occidental Center for the Arts: [Gallery](#)
- Occidental Center for the Arts: [Writers](#)
- Petaluma Arts Center: [Call to Artists](#)
- Sebastopol Center for the Arts: [Call for Entries](#)
- Sonoma County Literary Update: [Calls for Submissions](#)

**Town of Windsor: Timeline Walk RFP**
The Town of Windsor is pleased to invite artists and designers to respond to a Request for Proposal (RFP) to design and manage the fabrication and installation of the Timeline Walk on the Windsor Town Green. Bids due **December 14, 2016, 5pm.**

More Information

**A Theater for Children: Audtions**
Auditions for ages 13 and up for McQuadle: A Dragon's Tale in Santa Rosa, on Saturday, December 11 and **Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 7:30-8:30pm.**

More Information

**City of Santa Rosa: National Arts Program**
This annual program, sponsored by the National Arts Program Foundation, allows residents of Santa Rosa or City of Santa Rosa employees and their families to enter one piece of artwork into a community exhibition at the Finley Community Center. Registration deadline is **January 9, 2017.**

More Information

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**GRANTS & AWARDS**

**Center for Cultural Invation: California Arts Leaders Investments**
Emerging arts leaders throughout California may be eligible to apply for up to $1,000 for professional development support. Applications are due on the **15th of each month,** with one-month turnaround.

More Information

**California Arts Council: Professional Development and Consulting**
The California Arts Council's Professional Development and Consulting (PDC) program assists arts organizations in building their capacity for success. This program provides opportunities to increase the operational capacity of arts and cultural organizations through either professional development and
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**Fleishhacker Foundation: Small Arts Grants**
The particular emphasis of the Small Arts Grants Program is to support the development and presentation of the work of living Bay Area artists; arts organizations with budgets of $100,000-$750,000 are eligible to apply. Deadline is **January 15, 2017**.

**NEW Sonoma Wine Country Weekend: Community Grant**
Community Grants encompass four program areas: Health and Human Services, Education, Environment, and Arts and Culture. Deadlines are **January 17, 2017, 4pm** for Health and Human Services & Arts and Culture grants, and **January 19, 2017, 4pm** for Environment & Education grants.

**California Arts Council: Artists Activating Communities**
Artists Activating Communities supports sustained artistic residencies in community settings, demonstrating that artists are integral to healthy communities and that the arts brings people together, builds community, and fosters social progress. Deadline is **February 1, 2016**.

**California Arts Council: Local Impact**
The Local Impact program fosters equity, access, and opportunity by providing project and partnership support for small arts organizations reaching underserved communities. Deadlines are **February 15, 2016**.

**California Arts Council: Creative California Communities**
The Creative California Communities (CCC) program supports collaborative projects that harness arts and culture as a creative placemaking strategy. Deadline is **March 6, 2017**.

**JOBS & MORE**

**Alexander Valley Film Society: 2017 Fellow**
2017 Paid Fellowship/Internship for undergraduates or recent graduates. Deadline to apply is **December 16, 2017, 5pm**.

**California Indian Museum & Culture Center: Multiple Openings**
Program Manager for Native Youth Career Development Specialist, Gift Shop Sales Supervisor, and Gift Shop Sales Manager (*all three jobs in one document, attached in More Information link*). **All open until filled**.

**Museums of Sonoma County: Executive Director**
The Board of Directors is seeking a person who will enthusiastically lead the Museums into the next phase of growth. Deadline is **February 1, 2017**.
"Creativity ignited a spark. In that moment, I saw that art is not peripheral, beauty is not optional, but a strategy for survival."

-Terry Tempest Williams