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THE GRACE IN SAYING YES

This year, the holidays follow a season of loss - of the comfort of shelter, neighborhoods, routines, and so much more. That shock to our collective system was followed immediately by a manifestation of the true character of our community. Kindness became our defining characteristic with pervasiveness and urgency.

Many who are on the receiving end of this unprecedented generosity have mixed emotions. Of course they are grateful for both the tangible and emotional support. But reconciling their newfound circumstance of need, innate pride, and self-sufficiency with an onslaught of offerings from friends and strangers alike is an overwhelming challenge at an impossibly difficult time. A recent grantee of a Creative Sonoma Recovery Grant expressed to us that "receiving continues to be more difficult than the difficulties brought by the wildfires and everything that they took."

This artist is finding his equilibrium in accepting these physical goods, and good intentions, by recognizing the new community they represent, of which he is a central part. Another grantee shared with us a favorite poem that has taken on new meaning for him titled "Kindness," by Naomi Shihab Nye, reprinted below.

We can all use a reminder that a graceful acceptance of an act of kindness is required to complete a giver's intention, which ultimately doubles the dose of good. As most eloquently said by Gandhi, "The fragrance always remains on the hand that gives the rose."

For more reading on this, consider a popular culture article, [How to Receive Generosity](#), or a more scientific exploration, [5 Reasons Why Receiving is Harder Than Giving](#).

Kindness

Naomi Shihab Nye (b. 1952)

Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.
What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.

(Click Read More for the entire poem.)

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UPDATE: Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund

To date, we have distributed just over \$63,000 to 70 creative individuals and organizations who have experienced physical loss or damage to their homes, studios, and/or businesses. Please spread the word about the fund: our [Facebook page](#) contains many updates about it, and all the information can be found on the [Fire Recovery](#) section of our website.

IMPORTANT: The **December 11** deadline to register with FEMA for disaster assistance (and also SBA loans for physical loss) is rapidly approaching. Click [HERE](#) to get started with your FEMA application, if you have not already.

Click on Learn More to discover how to donate to the Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund, or to apply for assistance.

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Pop-Up Creativity Events

Events funded by the Creative Sonoma Pop-Up Creativity Grants are continuing!

THIS WEEKEND

Nicoletta Camerin worked with middle school youth to photograph and interview the Mexican Community in Boyes Hot Spring. The exhibit of their work, *La Nuestra Gente* (*above left*), will be exhibited during the Sonoma Community Center's Ceramics, Fiber & Print Studio Sale, December 9 & 10.

[More Information](#)

NOW THRU FEBRUARY

Judy Kennedy has yarn-bombed 50 bike racks (*above right*) located in the newly reunified Courthouse Square (Santa Rosa) with colorful hand-crocheted sleeves. After the yarn creations have served their purpose, they will be disassembled, washed and sewn back together to make blankets for animal shelters in the County.

Click on Learn More to read about past and future events, and follow our [Facebook page](#) for event announcements.

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#GoSoCo

This season, shop local.

Support. Rebuild. Together.
We are Sonoma County.

Sonoma County businesses are depending on you to shop locally this holiday season. Local businesses are owned by our friends, neighbors, and community members. They contribute to the vibrancy and diversity of our cities and towns, and they need your support in this time of recovery.

SUPPORT LOCAL CREATIVES AND MAKERS: We encourage you to check out the many holiday open studios, performances, and festive arts and artisan-infused events happening throughout Sonoma County over the coming month, alongside your regular holiday shopping. When you buy local art and products, or buy a membership to a museum or tickets to a performance, you are helping to rebuild Sonoma County.

Here are some quick tips and lists of local resources and activities:

- Visit the Economic Development Board web page on the [#GoSoCo Campaign \(www.GoSoCo.org\)](#) for lists of Local Chambers of Commerce, and check out [Sonoma County Go Local](#) to find locally-owned businesses.
- Is there a place, event, or business in Sonoma County you've always meant to visit? Now is the time to make a date with friends, family, or even yourself and explore our own communities. Find ideas at [SonomaCounty.com](#).
- Visit the Press Democrat's special section - [Local Matters: Sonoma County Holiday Event Guide](#) - that lists many artisan fairs, holiday events, performances, and more for the upcoming dates:
 - [December 8-10](#)
 - [December 15-21](#)

Happy local shopping and exploring!

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GET KNOWLEDGE: Trainings and Conferences

Conferences/Professional Development

The 2017 California STEAM Symposium December 10-11

The STEAM Symposium (formerly the STEM Symposium) will be held December 10-11 in San Francisco. The Symposium features keynote speakers, over 200 presentations, and opportunities to explore the latest in educational technology, hear from leaders in STEAM learning and industry, and meet with fellow educators.

[More Information](#)

Check out MORE [Professional Development](#) opportunities in our online Marketplace.

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, Jobs & More

Calls to Creatives

CALL FOR ENTRY: Year of the Dog

Sebastopol Center for the Arts invites you to submit your version of "the Dog (s)" in any medium you like for their "Year of the Dog" exhibition. **Deadline for submissions: December 11, 2017.**

[More Information](#)

CALL TO ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS: The Consilience of Art & Science

Pence Gallery in Davis, CA is seeking creative work that explores the intersection between art and science; to foster communication between the arts and sciences; and to spark new ways of viewing the world and ourselves. **Deadline to apply is December 15, 2017.**

[More Information](#)

ARTISAN OPPORTUNITY: Novato Spring Craft Fair

Applications are now open for the City of Novato's Spring Craft Market. **The deadline to apply is January 12, 2018.**

[More Information](#)

CALL FOR ARTISTS: Yountville Art, Sip, & Stroll

The 6th annual Yountville Art, Sip & Stroll is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018 and our call to artists is now live. **Deadline is January 15, 2018.**

[More Information](#)

Check out MORE [Calls to Creatives](#) in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

Grants & Awards

Redwood Credit Union North Bay Fire Relief Fund for Nonprofits

Non-profits assisting North Bay Fire victims can now apply for grants of up to \$300,000 through the Redwood Credit Union North Bay Fire Relief Fund. **Deadline to apply is December 11, 2017.**

[More Information](#)

Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grants enable artists to create new work, purchase needed materials and pay for studio rent, as well as their personal and medical expenses. **Deadline to apply is December 31, 2017.**

[More Information](#)

Artfully Reimagined - Reimaginelt Grants

Reimagined Grants which are unconditional, non-matching awards made directly to individual artists to launch or support careers in the inspiring world of repurposed art.

[More Information](#)

Check out MORE [Funding Opportunities](#) in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

Local Jobs & Internships

The Imaginists: Development Associate

The Development Associate should be able to effectively communicate the present and long-term vision of the Imaginists to a broad contingency using multiple platforms.

[More Information](#)

Chop's Teen Club: Artist & Youth Mentor

Chop's Teen Club is hiring multiple positions to support their mission to provide a safe, fun and productive place where teens engage, connect and discover their true potential.

[More Information](#)

Lake County Arts Council: Executive Director

The Lake County Arts Council is recruiting for a new Executive Director with leadership and visionary skills and a passion for the arts that is consistent with the organization's mission and strategic goals.

[More Information](#)

Arts Council Napa Valley: Development & Outreach Coordinator

The Development & Outreach Coordinator will help develop, design, and implement brand-aligned cultivation, sales and marketing activities for members, donors, and the general public that will promote ACNV's mission

[More Information](#)

ACNV is also seeking an [Education Alliance Coordinator](#).

Festival Napa Valley: Patron Services Manager

The Patron Services Manager will be the main point of contact for patron sales, managing all elements involved in the patron sales cycle.

[More Information](#)

FNV is also seeking an [Events Director](#).

Check out MORE [Jobs/Internships](#) in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

Volunteer Opportunities

A Theater for Children: Afterschool Programs, Designers, Technicians, and Musicians - Volunteer

Volunteering for ATFC is a great way to bring your talents and vision to the fore, while you enrich the lives of children in Sonoma County and help us build a stronger community!

[More Information](#)

Check out MORE [Volunteer Opportunities](#) in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

GET RELIEF: Fire Recovery Benefit Events

Activities Supporting the Creative Recovery Fund

December 11 - Sonoma Arts Live's "A Glass of Holiday Cheer: Songs for the Season" | Sonoma

Proceeds of this cabaret event will be donated to the Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund.

[More Information](#)

December 21 - Di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art | Napa

Donations at the December 21st "Third Thursday" event will be shared between Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund and Arts Council Napa Valley Recovery Fund.

[More Information](#)

To share your activity or benefit that supports the Recovery Fund, email Gloria Rubio, gloria.rubio@sonoma-county.org.

For more activities, click [HERE](#) and follow our [Facebook](#) page.

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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.



The e-newsletter CURRENTS is published on the first Thursday of each month: please submit potential items a week in advance to creativesonoma@sonoma.county.org.

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