CULTIVATING OUR CREATIVE GARDENS

It's April already...a time to watch our landscape bloom and regenerate, while celebrating the dynamic intersection of art and nature in Sonoma County.

Being enveloped in the fresh embrace of spring is restorative - waking up our senses, reconnecting us with the natural rhythms of life. And reminding us of the healing power of nature and art, soothing the wounds we have collected along the journey.

Getting our hands a dirty in creating new work is a richly rewarding process - whether we are feeding the soil of our gardens or nourishing the souls of our community.

Click on READ MORE for our list of April art-in-nature events...
WHAT WE'RE UP TO

ARTS EDUCATION INNOVATION GRANTS
Nonprofit organizations who have a creative, innovative, equitable approach to expanding access to arts education are encouraged to apply. 
Deadline April 12, 2018.

ADDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS CURRENTLY OPEN
Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund for Physical Loss
Provides quick grants on a rolling basis to Sonoma County creatives that sustained physical losses and damage as a result of the 2017 Wildfires. Rolling deadline.

FUTURE GRANT PROGRAMS
Summer Arts Youth Program Grants
The guidelines for this grant are now available online. Watch for information this spring on the availability and deadlines for this grant. RSVP: Q&A Session, May 15.

Next Level Conference and Grants for Musicians
For 2018, the program is moving to the fall - watch for more information this summer.

WiX 101 for Creatives
Attend this introduction to building a professional, stunning website with little-to-no experience. Taught by Meredith Nevard, artist and website designer.

Wednesday, April 18, 5:30-7pm: @Creative Sonoma Office - Santa Rosa

Photographing Your Art or Products & Architecture or Interior Design
Learn to take high-quality photos of your work - with the camera you have - for your website, portfolio, and beyond. Taught by Photographer Tyler Chartier.

- Weds, April 11, 5pm-8pm: Art and Product Photography (Volunteer Center)
- Weds, May 16, 9am-12pm: Interior Design and Architecture (Hotel Petaluma)

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING
21st Century Parks: 100 Years of Arts in the Parks
by the National Parks Service and BAYCAT

From Albert Bierstadt's 1863 paintings of what would become Yosemite National Park, to Ai Wei's 2014 installations on Alcatraz, artists have had a role in both bringing awareness to the wealth of natural beauty across the country, to helping to interpret historical sites and their modern context. This 4-minute video was produced in 2016 for the NPS centennial, and looks at the role of artists in creating new park experiences that more welcoming, meaningful and relevant to a wider range of visitors.

GET KNOWLEDGE: Trainings and Conferences

Professional Development

Economic Development Board: Sonoma County Retail Success Summit, May 2, 2018
The EDB's has announced its first-ever event centered on helping local retailers succeed through learning the tools and techniques needed to compete with national chain and online retailers. The summit includes keynote speaker and local panelists.

Engaging Creative Minds: Arts Education Professional Development, April 27, 2018
Nueva School for the Arts and Arete Media Academy are hosting a free professional development event at Windsor High School for community members, middle school and secondary educators, administrators, arts organizations, and teaching artists.
Conferences/Convenings

**Arts for a Better Bay Area: State of the Arts, April 12, 2018**
Bay Area artists, arts and culture workers, supporters and advocates will come together to educate, inspire, and celebrate at the 1st annual State of the Arts.

**Northern California Art Therapy Association Conference, August 2-5, 2018**
Learn about therapeutic use of art throughout Northern California and public awareness of art therapy. This year's annual conference will be held in Rohnert Park.

*Check out MORE Professional Development opportunities in our online Marketplace.*

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, Jobs & More

Calls to Creatives

**CALL FOR MERCHANTS: Rivertown Revival, July 14, 2018**
Applications are being accepted for Merchants, Peddlers, and Game Vendors for the Petaluma event - especially Sonoma businesses with a turn-of-the-century themes.

**VENDOR OPPORTUNITY: Gravenstein Apple Fair - August 11 & 12, 2018**
Applications available to be a vendor at the 45th Annual Gravenstein Apple Fair at Ragle Ranch Park in Sebastopol. **Apply by 4/15/18.**

**CALL FOR ARTISTS: Healdsburg Center for the Arts - "Art of Wines & Vines"**
Submit art related in any way to the glorious world of wine. **Submit by 4/28/18.**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: City of Petaluma Public Art**
California-based artists or artist teams can submit a proposal for an outdoor public artwork suitable for placement on city-owned property. **Submit by 4/30/18.**

**CALL FOR POETS: 2018 Poetry Writing Contest**
The Gualala Arts Center is seeking poetry submissions to their creative writing contest for a cash prize. **Submit by 4/30/18.**

**AUDITION CALL: Theatre Bay Area North Bay General Auditions, May 19**
TBA will be holding general auditions at Left Edge Theatre on 5/19/18 for all actors. Appointments assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. **Submit by 5/2/2018.**

*Check out MORE Calls to Creatives and Vendors and in our online Marketplace.*

Grants & Awards

**FIRE RELIEF OFFER: Guitar Player Magazine "Play it Forward"**
A benefit concert and guitar giveaway at Luther Burbank Center for the Arts on **April 20, 2018.** Part of the proceeds will support the Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund, and musicians affected by the wildfires may also register to request a free guitar.

**Sonoma County Vintners Foundation 2018 Community Grants**
The Sonoma County Vintners Foundation is pleased to continue our commitment to four program areas: Health and Human Services, Education, Environment, and Arts and Culture. **Apply by 4/12/18** for Arts and Culture grants.

Local Jobs & Internships
Inspired Spaces: Senior Interior Designer
Seeking an experienced designer with fantastic communication skills and who works well with team members as well as clients.

Uniquely Chic Floral & Home: Floral Designer
Seeking a floral designer to work with all aspects of floral design, sales, wedding, funeral, everyday and may include some display.

Transcendence Theatre Company: Financial Associate
This position will ensure proper and timely completion of activities and functions that relate to the financial aspects of the company.

Volunteer Opportunities

Chop’s Teen Club: Volunteers Needed
Whether you have a special skill or talent to share with teens, want to help with events or become a Volunteer Mentor, Chop's has a great opportunity for you.

*Check out these and more opportunities in our online [MARKETPLACE]*.

WITH SUPPORT FROM

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 during the first week of each month. Items listed are drawn from the online Marketplace that are posted the Friday before each newsletter and mid-month update. To post items, login or register HERE.

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