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GET NEWS: Stories and Updates



Allegra Burke produced multiple artworks utilizing found materials to document her two years of living at the Santa Rosa Hyatt after the 2017 fires; the pieces will be installed for display at the hotel in the coming year.

Individual Professional Advancement Grants Wrap-Up

Over a year ago, Creative Sonoma offered 16 Individual Professional Advancement Grants to creative individuals who experienced physical property loss in the 2017 wildfire to foster their professional recovery as artists and makers.

The majority of the grantees purchased tools of their trade and art supplies including furnishing reconstructed home-based studios, acquiring display cases for exhibitions, investing in recording albums, and producing films.

While some report that studio space and housing challenges still persist, the grantees

reported positive outcomes:

These funds have made a world of a difference for me. When I applied for this grant, my goal was to just be able to continue to do what I love. I have far exceeded my goal. Before this grant, I was trying to come to terms with closing this chapter of my life, I am so happy I didn't have to give photography up.

In this era, modern equipment makes more of a difference than one would think. I'm even more grateful for this [grant] than I imagined I would be.

This grant was a major boost in my career. It gave me new confidence in my work and a huge boost to get back into the studio. Who knew that as devastating as the fire was this was to be one of the outcomes?

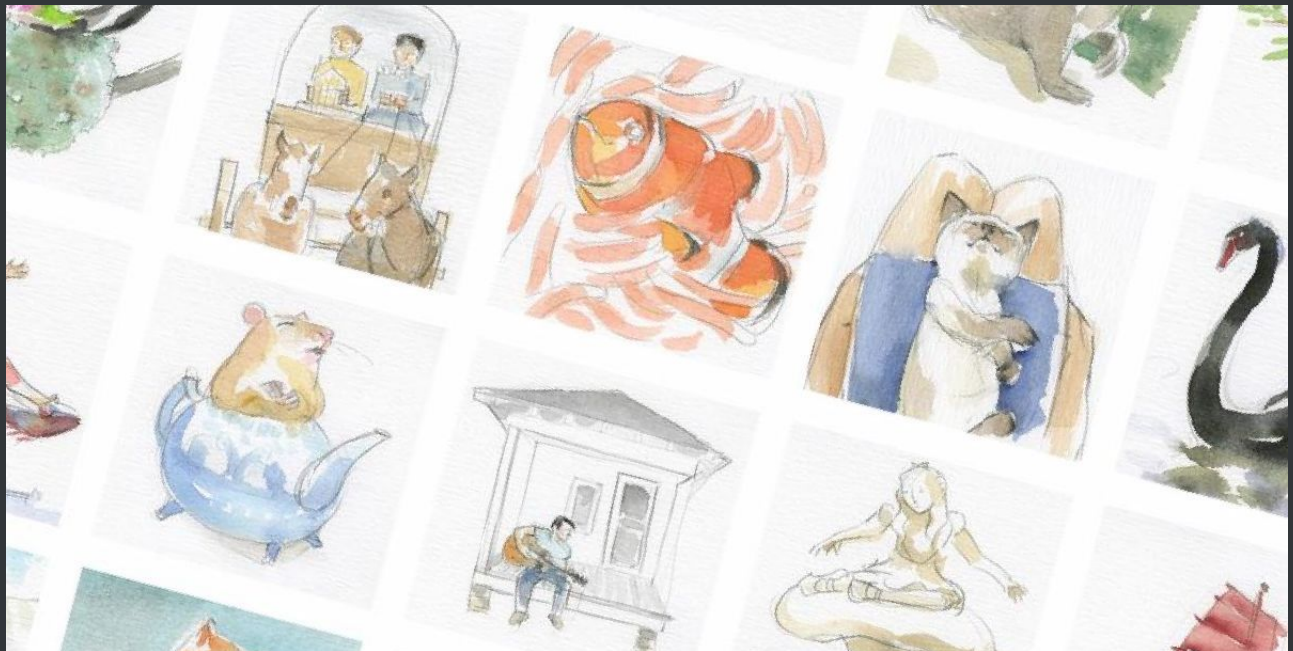
A full listing of the awardees is on the grant web page (click [Learn More](#)), and while most projects have wrapped up, the following are still on public view or coming soon:

- Mary Neuer Lee's jewelry exhibition, [Made Local Marketplace](#) through 2.17.2020
- Peter Alan's art exhibition, [Steele Lane Community Center](#), opening 2.20.2020

Thank you to the California Arts Council for funding these grants.

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WHAT WE'RE UP TO



Kristen Throop's thumbnails of door artwork for Los Guillicos Village.

ART AT LOS GUILICOS VILLAGE

Four days before Los Guillicos Village was set to open to residents, Creative Sonoma received a request from the County's General Services Department: they needed way-finding signage to help the new residents discern one identical cabin from another and thought that perhaps that could be accomplished by engaging an artist.

The timing challenge on the project was intense: new signs had to be designed, fabricated and installed within 72 hours. A solicitation of a dozen artists and designers

from the Creative Sonoma website led to a concept by artist/designer Kristen Throop. Reflecting the belief that there is dignity, and even magic, in small dwellings, Throop created 65 unique designs including an astronaut returning to earth in a space capsule, a butterfly emerging from a cocoon, and the first woman to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

This project is reminder of how the art of our community can reflect the humanity of our community. Click on Read More for the Press Democrat's recent article "Artists help make Santa Rosa shelter at Los Guilicos home for former Joe Rodota Trail residents."

[READ MORE](#)

GRANTS

Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund Reopens

This new round of Recovery Fund grants are for individual creatives who experienced personal property loss or damages due to either the **February 2019 Russian River and Laguna de Santa Rosa Flood**, or due to the **October 2019 Kincade Fire**.

Up to \$1,500 in unrestricted funds will be awarded to eligible households (award size may depend on the number of qualified applicants that apply). The deadline to apply is **Sunday, March 8, 2020 11:59pm PT**.

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CONVENINGS & WORKSHOPS

NEW: Coffee & Conversation in Cloverdale

Please join us for a Creative Sonoma "Coffee and Conversation" meeting at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance and share your feedback with us on what we can accomplish together in the next 5 years.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 10:30am-12:00pm

[REGISTER](#)

NEW: Risk and Insurance Basics for Creative Businesses and Nonprofits

Is your business, your artwork, or your nonprofit protected and prepared for an emergency, disaster, or other risks? Explore risk and insurance basics - and come with your questions - in these FREE introductory-level workshops with Chad Fillingier of Fillingier Insurance Agency (Petaluma).

Two workshops are being presented on the same day at the Sebastopol Center for the

Arts, Tuesday, March 10, 2020:

Risk and Insurance for Creative Nonprofits Organizations, 12:00-1:30pm

Risk and Insurance for Creative Individuals and Businesses, 5:30-7:00pm

[REGISTER](#)

AB5 Forum Follow-Up

Does your organization or company hire independent contractors or do you work as an independent contractor? A new California law, AB5, went into effect on January 1, 2020 which may require some or all of those currently serving as independent contractors to convert to employee status.

Creative Sonoma and Luther Burbank Center for the Arts co-hosted a Forum on this issue on February 6, 2020. Visit the Creative Sonoma AB5 webpage for updated information released during and following this event.

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ARTS EDUCATION

Based on assessments of the state of arts education in Sonoma County schools, the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance has developed and published an Arts Education Framework. Check out this new tool designed to bring equity and access to arts education to your school or district.

[LEARN MORE](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING

THE VALUE OF A LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE

There are many studies that point toward a liberal arts degree as an investment in developing writing and artistic skills, expanding critical thinking, and preparing graduates as creative collaborators and innovators, but is sometimes dismissed as an expensive or non-essential detour on the way to financial success in the workforce.

However, a new study from [Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce](#) finds that "over the course of a career, a liberal arts education is remarkably practical, providing a median return on investment 40 years after enrollment that approaches \$1 million" which far outpaces non-liberal arts degrees. Read more in the Washington Post's article "Liberal arts education: Waste of money or practical investment? Study's conclusions might surprise you."

GET KNOWLEDGE: Trainings and Conferences

Professional Development

[LUTHER BURBANK CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Teaching Artist Training - Classroom Management](#)

Santa Rosa, CA, February 19, 2020.

Conferences/Convenings

[BALANCED BREAKFAST: Music Summit 2020](#)

San Francisco, CA. February 21-22, 2020.

[CREATE CA: 2020 Statewide Arts Education Leadership Convening](#)

Sacramento, CA. May 12-13, 2020.

MORE [Professional Development/Training](#)

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, & More

Calls to Creatives

[CALL FOR BANDS: City of Santa Rosa | 2020 Live at Julliard Concert Series](#)

Santa Rosa, CA. Apply by March 6, 2020.

[CALL FOR ARTISTS: Mendocino Art Center | 2020-2021 Artist Residencies](#)

Mendocino, CA. Apply by April 10, 2020.

MORE [Calls to Creatives](#)

Grants & Awards

[CREATIVE CAPITAL: Award & Info Session \(Free Webinar\)](#)

Nationwide, USA. Webinar February 12, 2020. Apply by February 29, 2020.

[SUSTAINABLE ARTS FOUNDATION: Artists and Writers with Children Grants](#)

San Francisco, CA. Apply by February 28, 2020.

[UP STREET MUSIC PATRONS: 2020 College Scholarship for High School Seniors](#)

Sonoma County, CA. Apply by February 29, 2020.

MORE [Funding Opportunities](#)

Jobs, Internships, and Volunteer Opportunities

[SONOMA VALLEY MUSEUM OF ART: Education & Community Engagement Manager](#)

Sonoma, CA. Open until filled.

MORE [Job/Internships](#)

Check out these and more opportunities in our online [MARKETPLACE](#).

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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 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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