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GET NEWS: Stories and Updates



2015 State of Creativity Forum, presentation by Upside Dance.

Celebrating Five Years of Creative Sonoma - Join Us!

2020 State of Creativity Forum

Five years ago, Creative Sonoma hosted a State of Creativity Forum to launch into our first full year of programming. Three-hundred members of our creative community came together to share their vision for what our best creative community could be and for how Creative Sonoma should grow...and we're doing it again.

Sonoma County has been rich with creative activity these past five years and it is

worth recognizing and celebrating. Join us as we come together to kick off the next five years. Be inspired by the original voices from our community that Creative Sonoma has met along the way--some well-known, some newly uncovered. And add your voice to the mix to help shape our shared future.

This event coincides with National Economic Development Week which will be celebrated by our "parent" department, the Sonoma County Economic Development Board. Help Creative Sonoma magnify the economic, innovative and creative power of our sector, all of which makes this County such a vibrant place to live, work, play, and create.

This FREE event includes a lite-bite reception, followed by presentations and performances. The full program will be announced later this month, but you are welcome to reserve your spot today!

2020 State of Creativity Forum: [RSVP here!](#)

Monday, May 4, 2020, 5:00-7:00pm

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts
50 W Mark Springs, Santa Rosa, CA

Spring 2020 Coffee & Conversation Meetings

We want to hear from you: how we've done in our first five years, and what you envision for the next five! See the *What We're Up To* section below to RSVP for a conversation in a town near you.

We'll be adding events throughout the spring; watch our website, newsletter, and Facebook page for announcements. And if you want to host a meeting in your town or venue, please let us know (email CreativeSonoma@sonoma-county.org).

WHAT WE'RE UP TO

GRANTS

DEADLINE EXTENDED: RECOVERY FUND FOR 2019 PHYSICAL PROPERTY PERSONAL LOSS

This 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 this **Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:59pm PT**.

[LEARN MORE](#)

GRANTEE ANNOUNCEMENT: ARTS EDUCATION FRAMEWORK PLANNING GRANTS

Congratulations to the five school districts and schools that were awarded 2020 Arts Education Framework Planning Grants. Each will receive customized consultation and funding to support planning and implementation to increase access and equity in arts education in their school or district.

Bellevue Elementary, Bellevue Unified School District (Santa Rosa)
McNear Elementary, Petaluma City Schools (Petaluma)
Santa Rosa City Elementary School District (Santa Rosa)
Taylor Mountain Elementary, Bellevue Unified School District (Santa Rosa)
West Side Union School District (Healdsburg)

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2020-2021 YOUTH IMPACT GRANTS

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY: The Youth Impact Grants are a consolidation of the former Summer Arts Youth Program Grants (SAYPG) and the former Arts Education Innovation Grants (AEIG), and continues to be funded through a partnership between the County of Sonoma and Community Foundation Sonoma County.

This grant supports arts education and learning opportunities for Sonoma County youth, ages 4-18, during July 2020-June 2021. In the consolidated application, Sonoma County arts and youth-serving organizations may choose one of two options:

- **Arts and non-arts nonprofit organizations** (including experienced arts education and learning groups with nonprofit fiscal sponsors) may apply for up to \$10,000 to support an arts education or learning project.
- **Arts nonprofit organizations** may apply for up to \$20,000 in arts education or learning general program support.

The Guidelines and the Application Help Tool will be available in the coming week. Here are the important dates:

March 24, 2020 Information Session 4:30-5:30pm ([RSVP](#))

March 26, 2020 Online Application Opens 12:00am PT

April 9, 2020 Application Workshop 5:30-7:00pm ([Register](#))

April 30, 2020 APPLICATION DEADLINE 11:59pm PT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 Funding Period

[LEARN MORE](#)

WORKSHOPS AND CONVENINGS



Risk and Insurance Basics for Creatives and Organizations

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Sebastopol Center for the Arts



TWO FREE WORKSHOPS / ONE DAY!

12-1:30pm: Risk and Insurance Basics for CREATIVE NONPROFITS

5:30-7pm: Risk and Insurance Basics for CREATIVES & BUSINESSES

MORE INFO / REGISTER: www.creativesonoma.org/marketplace/risk-and-insurance-basics/

Is your business, your home-based studio, or your nonprofit protected and prepared for a disaster or other risks?

A FEW SEATS STILL AVAILABLE: Explore risk and insurance basics with Chad Fillingier of Fillingier Insurance Agency (Petaluma) - come prepared to ask all of your coverage questions!

[REGISTER](#)



Please join us for a Creative Sonoma "Coffee and Conversation" meeting, coming to a town near you now throughout this spring! We'll bring the coffee, and you bring your ideas for what we, our county's creative communities, can accomplish together in the next 5 years.

Brown Bag Coffee & Conversation: Petaluma

Thursday, March 26, 2020, 12:00-1:30pm (*you are welcome to bring your lunch*)
Barn 5400, 5400 Old Redwood Hwy, Petaluma, CA

[RSVP for 3/26/20 in Petaluma \(Barn 5400\)](#)

Brown Bag Coffee & Conversation: Sonoma (in English & en Español)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020. 12:00-1:30pm (*you are welcome to bring your lunch*)

La Luz Center, 17560 Greger St, Sonoma, CA

[RSVP for 4/8/20 in Sonoma \(La Luz Center\)](#)

Brown Bag Coffee & Conversation: Santa Rosa #1

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 12:00-1:30pm (*you are welcome to bring your lunch*)

The Lost Church, 427 Mendocino Ave (enter on Ross St), Santa Rosa, CA

[RSVP for 4/22/20 in Santa Rosa \(Lost Church\)](#)

Watch our newsletters, website, and Facebook page for many more meetings to be added throughout the spring!

REGISTER

ARTS EDUCATION

Workshops

The Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance (AEA), in addition to continuing to promote the [Sonoma County Arts Education Framework](#), will explore special topics throughout the spring at their "first Thursday" workshops (8:30-10:30am).

APRIL 2, 2020:

Planning and Building an Arts Education Community (for school personnel, arts organizations and educators, and community members), Location: Sonoma County Office of Education, Redwood C Room.

NOTE: Any Sonoma County school district or community interested in learning more about becoming an [Arts Now](#) community is welcome to attend this April 2 Arts Education Alliance Advocacy morning workshop or request a meeting with state coordinator, Robin Hampton. Robin will be in Sonoma County that day to support growing arts education communities. For more information contact Debbie.Yarrow@sonoma-county.org.

MAY 7, 2020:

Funding Arts Education for the Long Haul (for school personnel, arts organizations and educators, and community members), Location TBA

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WHAT WE'RE READING

Granny Units by a Granny

As a new state law went into effect early this year that aimed at easing restrictions on accessory unit construction, and as Sonoma County grapples with housing availability and affordability, we were delighted to read an article in the [Petaluma Argus Courier](#)

about a newly published booklet that contains six designs for accessory dwellings, also known as Granny Units, by a Petaluma architect who also happens to be a nonagenarian:

Harriet Redlich, 94 going on 95, has created a book called "Granny Houses by a Granny." It includes practical design ideas and plans, elevations and computer renderings for six snug homes. There's a studio that can double as a study, artist's studio, guest quarters, in-law unit or even dance studio. Another design is for an 840-square-foot bungalow with one bedroom; an open study and a combined dining, kitchen and living room.

Read the article to learn about Redlich's rationale for the designs, part of which is informed by her personal experience of living in a 640-square-foot cottage that she designed 24 years ago.

[READ MORE](#)

GET KNOWLEDGE: Trainings and Conferences

Professional Development

[CALIFORNIANS FOR THE ARTS: How to be an Effective Arts Advocate and Other Topics for Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month](#)

Free Webinar. March 18, 2020.

[LUTHER BURBANK CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Arts Integration for Classroom Teachers - Play Me a Book!](#)

Santa Rosa, CA. April 8, 2020.

Conferences/Convenings

[CALIFORNIANS FOR THE ARTS: Arts Advocacy in California - Statewide Convening and Advocacy Day](#)

Sacramento, CA. April 14-15, 2020.

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

Sacramento, CA. May 12-13, 2020.

[CALIFORNIA POETS IN THE SCHOOLS: 2020 Statewide Poetry Symposium with Jane Hirshfield and Jason Bayani](#)

Rohnert Park, CA. June 26, 2020.

MORE [Professional Development/Training](#)

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, & More

Calls to Creatives

[CALL FOR ROHNERT PARK TEEN ARTISTS: Artstart | Park Bench Designs](#)
Rohnert Park, CA. Submit designs by March 28, 2020.

[CALL FOR ART: The Monarch Project | Public Art Exhibition for Immigration](#)
Santa Rosa, CA. Submit work by April 3, 2020.

MORE [Calls to Creatives](#)

Grants & Awards

[CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL: Innovations + Intersections Grant](#)
Statewide, CA. Submit Letter of Intent by April 14, 2020.

MORE [Funding Opportunities](#)

Jobs, Internships, and Volunteer Opportunities

[JOB OPPORTUNITY: Transcendence Theatre Company | Mobile Unit Teaching Artist](#)
Sonoma, CA. Posted March 2, 2020.

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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