While the end of the school year is just around the corner, arts education planning and advocacy efforts in Sonoma County are picking up steam.

The Windsor Unified School District completed and adopted a district-wide arts education master plan this past year. Petaluma just launched a new arts education awareness and support coalition earlier this week. And Creative Sonoma is initiating the process to develop a County-wide arts education master plan starting later this month. It is the hope of all of these efforts to increase access for all of our county’s students to high quality arts education in their classrooms.

There are a variety of statewide organizations that have provided invaluable assistance to all of these efforts and whose websites include great resources for all arts education advocates. Notable among them are Create CA which includes a
Windsor's arts education master plan was credited as a critical factor in its recent receipt of a $1.7 million grant from the California Department of Education for "Student Support and Academic Enrichment." Santa Rosa City School District also received a grant for $1 million for an arts education initiative.

For those interested in participating in Creative Sonoma's process, please contact Debbie Yarrow at Debbie.yarrow@sonoma-county.org.
Monday, June 17, 2019: Natural Networking

$25 for 3 workshops or $10 per workshop: register now for the whole series, or register for remaining spots in individual workshops beginning May 15!

More Info & Register

AND SAVE THE DATE:

INCREASING SALES FOR THE CREATIVE ENTREPRENEUR | PANEL DISCUSSION

Monday, June 24, 2019, 5:30-7:00pm
FREE - panelists and location to be announced soon!

All events and deadlines are listed and linked on our Upcoming Activities page!

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

SUMMER ARTS YOUTH PROGRAM GRANTS
These grants are designed to support local creative organizations that provide youth learning opportunities while school is out of session, as well as provide opportunities to attend high quality cultural arts summer programs. Funded activities must take place during July 1 - September 15, 2019. Important dates:

May 8, 2019 Information Session, 12-1pm (RSVP to attend or call in)
May 22, 2019 Application Deadline, 11:59pm PT

WHAT WE'RE READING
"STRUGGLING KIDS RETAIN MORE SCIENCE IF THEY RAP, DANCE, DRAW IT"

In a recently published study by Johns Hopkins University the research team explored whether an arts-integrated curriculum had any direct effects on learning, specifically students' memory for science content.

Through their study of 350 students in 16 fifth-grade classrooms in Baltimore, MD, they found that "incorporating the arts into science lessons can help low-achieving students retain more knowledge." For the full article from Futurity.org, click on Read More!
Conferences/Convenings

AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS: 2019 Annual Convention
Twin Cities, MN, June 13-16, 2019

CALIFORNIA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS: Arts in Corrections: Reframing the Landscape of Justice
Santa Clara, CA, June 24-25, 2019

AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR THEATRE & EDUCATION: Youth Voices Symposium
Berkeley, CA, October 18-20, 2019.

MORE Professional Development/Training

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, Jobs & More

Calls to Creatives

CALL TO ACTORS: Raven Theater | 2019-2020 Season General Auditions
Healdsburg, CA. Auditions start May 8 and run through June 5, 2019.

CALL TO ARTISTS: Petaluma Arts Center | Walls

CALL TO ARTISTS: Sonoma Clean Power | RFQ for Public Art
Santa Rosa, CA. Submit by May 29, 2019.

CALL TO ARTISTS: Occidental Center for the Arts | Abstractions

MORE Calls to Creatives and Vendors

Grants & Awards

CREATIVE SONOMA: Summer Arts Youth Program Grants
Sonoma County, CA. Deadline is May 22, 2019 11:59 pm

MORE Funding Opportunities

Jobs & Internships

SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY SIMPLY STRINGS: Program Administrator
Santa Rosa, CA. Posted May 1, 2019.

ARTS COUNCIL NAPA VALLEY: Programs and Administration Associate

MORE Jobs/Internships
Volunteering

HEALDSBURG CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Art After Dark Volunteers

MORE Volunteer Opportunities

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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