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Reopening - Welcome Back Museums and More!



The recent waves of email announcements that Sonoma County's museums are reopening this month bring new resonance to the spring season. It is impossible to miss the green shoots of new life across our county – in our natural environment and now also in our arts community. And new [state guidance for live events and performances](#) is offering glimmers of optimism for our performing arts family as well.

As we come out of this “hibernation” carefully and thoughtfully, we will be nourished by experiencing art and creativity together, with cherished friends and new acquaintances. And we will not take for granted our hard-earned, rediscovered appreciation for the value of human connection.

Here's to recommitting to support all of our community artists, cultural workers, and organizations who have continued to carry the torch forward through this long winter.

Happy Spring!

[Reopening Resources for Creatives](#)

PHOTO ABOVE: Sonoma Valley Museum of Art presents [Ed Ruscha: Travel Log](#) through May 30, 2021

CALL TO ARTISTS: Meredith Pier Public Art Project RFQ

This Bodega Bay public art opportunity from the County of Sonoma's General Services Department and Creative Sonoma is open to artists or artist teams residing in Sonoma County. Submit qualifications by **April 12, 2021**.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

FREE WEBINAR: Conversations in Equity - Session 3

In January, we postponed the final session of our 3-part series "Conversations on Equity," and we have a new date!

Join us on **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 12pm** as Veronica Vences of La Luz Center discusses equity in organizations with José Soto, Music Specialist and director of the youth Mariachi Ensemble at Luther Burbank Center for the Arts.

(If you previously registered for the January series, you do not need to register again - we will send you the updated time and date with the link.)

[Learn More and Register](#)

ARTS EDUCATION



ArtsEd April 2021 Blog

STUDENT ARTS SPOTLIGHT

- This month's Student Arts Spotlight features **Casa Grande HS Art Students** and their new mural (pictured above).

ALSO IN THE BLOG:

- **What Are They Up to?** Updates from Creative Sonoma's 2020 Arts Education Framework Grantees
- **Arts Education Is a Student Right** Thoughts from a Student Poet Laureate

[Read the Blog](#)

NEW: Arts Education Framework Consultancy Awards

Sonoma County public elementary school districts are eligible to apply for an Arts Education Framework Consultancy Award. With priority given to rural districts, this award provides customized consultation in the development of a strategic arts plan to increase access and equity in arts education. Apply by **April 30, 2021**.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

YOUR FEEDBACK REQUESTED: Generation Housing

A new nonprofit in Sonoma County, Generation Housing (GenH) is soliciting feedback from artists and other community members about housing in Sonoma County. This is a great opportunity to be heard about your experiences as artists and musicians living and working in Sonoma County.

Start by answering a very brief survey at the links below. And for more information about GenH and this initiative, please visit their website here: <https://generationhousing.org/>

[English Survey](#)

[Encuesta en Español](#)

RELIEF FUNDING: COVID-19 Resources and Deadlines

Note these important relief opportunities and deadlines for organizations, businesses and individuals!

- SBA Shuttered Venue Operations Grant **opened April 8, 2021**
- City of Santa Rosa Public Art Program Musician Relief Grants **apply by April 11, 2021**
- Museum Workers Relief Fund, enter drawing by **April 15, 2021**
- Actos de Confianza for Latinx artists and arts administrators, apply during **April 28, 2021 - May 12, 2021**.
- SBA Paycheck Protection Program (including sole proprietors and gig workers), deadline extended to **May 31, 2021**
- Artist Relief, apply by **June 23, 2021**

[Learn More](#)



From our Creative Calendar:
Watch Music to My Ears (Cotati) music education center's [April Virtual Recital](#) on April 25, 2021.

From our Opportunities:
Chalk Hill Artist Residency (Healdsburg) is hiring a [Part-time Program Assistant](#).

[MORE Events](#)

[MORE Opportunities](#)

*Would you like to your event or opportunity featured in this spot?
Add your items to our online calendar or opportunities listings! Login or Register [HERE](#).*

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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.



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