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**TOP STORIES**

**STATE OF ARTS EDUCATION**
**UPLIFT, INFORM, CONNECT**

*Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance*

**May 26, 2022 8:30AM-10:00AM**
In-person at the Sonoma County Office of Education
[creativesonoma.org/opportunities/state-of-arts-ed](creativesonoma.org/opportunities/state-of-arts-ed)

**FEATURING:**
- Forum of Sonoma County Superintendent Candidates
- Updates and Celebrations of Progress and Opportunities
- Student Performances
- plus Breakout Meetings of Cohorts 10:15am-12:00pm

State of Arts Education: Uplift, Inform, Connect!
The Arts Education Alliance (AEA) invites you to this inspiring and informative event, free, in-person at the Sonoma County Office of Education on May 26, 2022. Registration is required.

8:30am-10:00am - General Meeting

- Celebrations and Recognitions in Sonoma County Arts Education
- AEA Goals and Updates
- Forum of County Superintendent Candidates
- Student performances and exhibits including County Youth Poet Laureate, Play Marimba, and more

10:15-12:00pm - Breakout Sessions of AEA Cohorts

Please plan to join us for this very special event! Register by May 20, 2022!

March is Arts Education Month!
During the month of March, communities across the state are spotlighting the importance of dance, theatre, music, visual and media arts for all students.
Our own AEA Advocacy Team is out in the community, sharing opportunities available through arts education. Advocacy Team member and musician/arts integration specialist, Jane Shelly created an arts education advocacy video, Leveraging Parents, that was shared at the Summit for the Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM with over 2,000 attendees nationally and internationally.

Advocacy Team Member Yuliana Camarena, Early Childhood Manager of La Luz, spoke with almost 100 attendees at the Sonoma County Migrant Parent Institute about the opportunities available through the arts.

Celebrate Arts Education Month by taking a look at the archive of Student Arts Spotlight features. This monthly feature recognizes the good news of the arts making a difference in students’ lives!

SEE THE SPOTLIGHT ARCHIVE

Student Arts Spotlight
Chelle Servais, Sonoma County’s Poetry Out Loud Winner

This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education.
Learn more: www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-march-2022
Brought to you by the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance and Creative Sonoma

The AEA is pleased to share Poetry Out Loud winner, Chelle Servais for March 2022. Chelle is a junior at Santa Rosa High School. Earlier this year, seven talented high school students, representing seven different schools, competed virtually in the Sonoma County Poetry Out Loud Showcase held by California Poets in the Schools. High school participants offered pre-recorded recitations of well-known poems in two rounds. It was an inspiring and fun evening with over 40 audience members in
attendance. Chelle represents Sonoma County at the Poetry Out Loud state finals this month. **Congratulations, Chelle!**

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**LEARN HOW TO SUBMIT TO SPOTLIGHT**

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**Libros y Raíces for Literacy**

Libros y Raíces is a 10-session bilingual reading program from **Corazón Healdsburg** to instill the family value of reading, create a love for bilingual reading, and foster each child’s reading literacy towards school readiness and academic success for Northeast Sonoma County families. An essential part of the program is the sensory activities aligned with the readings, as these provide families access to arts, music, and cultural activities.
PepToc Has Made the News!
Dubbed the “Peptoc Hotline,” the public art project from students at West Side Elementary School is designed to offer positive and encouraging messages to help everyone get through this trying time. Healdsburg Artist, Jessica Martin, created this project for her students, and the project has gone viral, with up to 5,000 calls per day.

- Read the Press Democrat article HERE
- Read the CNN article HERE.
- Listen to the NPR piece HERE.

ArtsEd RESOURCES
MARIACHI INSTITUTE

Led by José Soto,
LBC Music Specialist

April 13, 2022
2 Sessions

LEARN ABOUT MARIACHI INSTITUTE
ArtsEd BLOG

Read the monthly Arts Education Blog for more information on these stories, as well as resources available in the field of arts education.

READ THE BLOG

ArtsEd DIRECTORY & OPPORTUNITIES
FROM CREATIVESONOMA.ORG

**Featured ArtsEd Training:** Teaching Artists Skill Exchange! Free, fun interactive workshop to share knowledge and skills.

**From Opportunities:** Calling music and performing arts teachers! Present your students in a Gallery Setting at the Petaluma Arts Center.