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**TOP STORIES**

**AEA Celebrates Students and the Arts Community**

State of Arts Education: Uplift, Inform, Connect!
Over 70 arts education advocates attended the May 26 event held in-person at the Sonoma County Office of Education. State of Arts Education included:

- Student performances and artwork
- Student presenters sharing the impact of the arts in their lives
- A forum of county superintendent candidates
- Recognitions of awards and honors
- And much more!

SoCo Youth Poet Laureate Dedicates New Work

Ella Wen, Sonoma County Poetry Out Loud Winner 2021 and Sonoma County Youth Poet Laureate, wrote a new poem for the May 2022 State of Arts Education event. She recited the inspiring poem titled, "unapologetically."
Arts Education Framework Grants

Application opens June 1, 2022
Apply by October 12, 2022

Sonoma County Public School Districts, new applicants and previous Framework grantees, are invited to apply.

Get the help your district needs to make arts education an essential and exciting part of a better future for students!

Sonoma County Public School Districts may apply to Creative Sonoma for up to $7,500 to develop or implement their strategic arts plans. The 2022-2023 grant cycle is made possible by funding from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The application portal for this grant is open early, so that school personnel who would like to begin working on their applications now may do so.

School personnel, arts partners, and community members are invited to attend a virtual workshop on either June 15 (TODAY at 5pm!) or August 25 at 5pm to learn about the program!

LEARN MORE
CREATIVE CALENDAR FOR YOUTH

Find the fun this summer!

Check out the Creative Calendar to find or post classes, camps, performances, and more for kids and families.

WWW.CREATIVESONOMA.ORG/EVENT/

VISIT CALENDAR
Learn How YOU Can Advocate for Every Student!

CALL TO ACTION
Explore dynamic and relevant materials - no matter what stage of your career!

Find a collaborative community of teachers!

LEARN MORE
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 Directory:** Learn about [Native STEM Makers Program](#) that demonstrates how science, tech, engineering, and math are used in traditional lifeways.

**From Opportunities:** The CA Arts Council has reopened its [2nd round of funding for 9 grants](#) with an extended deadline of June 23.