

CURRENTS | November 2022

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## OUR TOP STORY



*[Patchwork Show: Modern Makers Festival](#) | Santa Rosa Old Courthouse Square | 11.27.22  
Find this and other holiday shopping and events in our [Creative Calendar](#)!*

**Give the Gift of Local Arts**  
**Support local creatives and arts organizations**  
**with your holiday gift giving!**

**SHOP** our arts centers and museums – their gift shops and special shows are brimming with locally made artwork, clothing, home goods and more.

**EXPLORE** Holiday events or special offers (open studios, special sales) produced by Sonoma County arts organizations and creatives:

- [Holiday Events](#) from Creative Sonoma's Creative Calendar
- [Holiday Craft Fairs in Sonoma County 2022](#) from Happening in Sonoma County

**GIVE** the gift that lasts all year long – museum or gallery memberships, or performing arts memberships or season tickets:

- [Museum and Gallery Memberships](#)
- [Performing Arts Memberships or Season Tickets](#)

**GIVE** the gift of arts learning:

- [Adult Classes and Workshops](#)
- [Youth Classes and Workshops](#)

[Learn More](#)

## OUR WORK

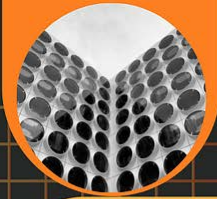
### Programs



### Sonoma County High Schools!

Poetry Out Loud is a national program providing opportunities and prizes that starts with local participation. Find out more about this free program that offers the support of a local Poet Teacher in high school classrooms and so much more! Deadline to express interest in this year's program is **December 1, 2022**.

[Learn More](#)



# ARTSURROUND

## Creative Placemaking Program



Explore #ArtSurround to find 27 artists' events and installations throughout Sonoma County, Oct 2022 -June 2023!

Learn more about projects: [www.CreativeSonoma.org/ArtSurround](http://www.CreativeSonoma.org/ArtSurround)

### Upcoming from ArtSurround:

- Check out the collaboration between ArtSurround Artist Patricia Bailey and River Arts for painted store fronts in downtown Guerneville when you visit Guerneville's Parade of Lights on **December 3, 2022**.

[Learn More](#)

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## Grants





**NEW**

# CA Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program



*Artists and Creatives are invited to apply for a \$2,500 grant!*

### APPLICATION WINDOW:

**Open until expended!**

### MORE INFORMATION:

[SonomaEDB.org](http://SonomaEDB.org)

[EDBGrants@sonoma-county.org](mailto:EDBGrants@sonoma-county.org)

\*Microbusiness means less than 5 full-time equivalent employees and includes individual artists and creatives, in all disciplines and crafts, who own their creative business.



### BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Sonoma County owned and operated
- Significant negative impacts to operations as a result of COVID-19
- Generated less than \$50,000 in business revenue in 2019
- Open/operating prior to Dec. 31, 2019
- Microbusiness is the primary source of income for the business owner
- Did not receive a grant from the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program
- Not a business excluded from participation in the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program: [careliefgrant.com](http://careliefgrant.com)

## Artists, Creatives and Creative Small Businesses: CA Microbusiness Grants open through JUNE 2023

The application portal has been extended through June 2023 - visit the Economic Development Board grant webpage to learn more and apply.

[Learn More](#)

## Networking



### Add Your Profile: Creative Sonoma Artist & Creatives Directory

Get found! Through our free, online Artists & Creatives Directory, creatives have been

offered jobs and gigs, been featured in media stories, and found collaborators.

We're currently working on a project to update and refresh the directory. Click on the button to get started or to log in, or if you have additional questions, please email [CreativeSonoma@sonoma-county.org](mailto:CreativeSonoma@sonoma-county.org).

[Learn More](#)

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## Arts Education

# Student Arts Spotlight

Mark West Charter School

"Make Music" Elective Class



**This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education!**

**Learn more:** [www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-november-2022](http://www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-november-2022)

Brought to you by the Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance and Creative Sonoma

## November 2022 ArtsEd Blog

The Arts Education Alliance's Student Arts Spotlight shares the good news of the arts making a difference throughout our county each month. Share YOUR school or district's accomplishments! Visit the blog for more on how to contribute to the Spotlight, and for links to other timely arts education resources.

[Learn More](#)

**CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES**

# UNCOMMON GROUND

BIPOC JOURNEYS TO  
CREATIVE ACTIVISM



## From our Creative Calendar:

Imaginists' Guest House is presenting "**Uncommon Ground**", an afternoon of live prose and poetry readings and visual art created by leading Bay Area creatives of color. Nov 12, 3-5pm.

[MORE Events](#)



## From our Opportunities:

**Artstart** is actively seeking a part-time Programs Director to help develop and manage exciting programs for students and the community. Apply by November 18.

[MORE Opportunities](#)



