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OUR TOP STORY



Fire Memorial Public Art Project

Application to serve on Memorial Task Force now open

In June 2022, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved the creation and installation of a memorial artwork recognizing the impact of the 2017 Wildfire Complex on the County's residents and specifically honoring the memories of those whose lives were lost. The project will be overseen by a Fire Memorial Task Force in conjunction with Creative Sonoma.

Applications for members of the Task Force are being accepted now.

Preliminary goals for the memorial include:

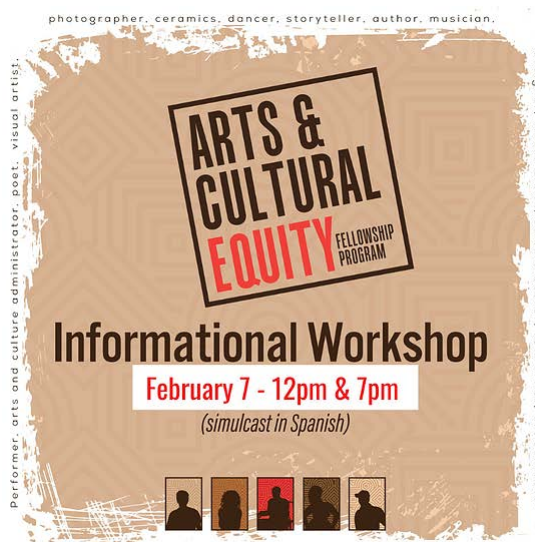
- Create a place for acknowledgement, remembrance, gathering, and reflection
- Create opportunities for community healing that acknowledge the community's individual and collective grief and sense of loss
- Recognize that people have experienced and are processing grief and trauma in individual ways, and accommodate those differing paths as much as possible

For a full description of the Fire Memorial process, Task Force, and link to the Task Force application, please click [here](#):

[Learn More](#)

OUR WORK

Grants



Arts & Cultural Equity Fellowship Program

[Creative Sonoma](#) 's Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship Program has been created to support cultural art works, activities, events, and professional development opportunities that promote and celebrate the diverse racial and ethnic individuals and communities within Sonoma County.

- \$5,000 in funding, \$1,250 additional stipend + training, mentorship & community!

All applications due: March 6, 2023

El Programa de Becas de Equidad Cultural y Artística

El Programa de Becas de Equidad Cultural y Artística de [Creative Sonoma](#) ha sido creado para apoyar obras de arte, actividades y eventos culturales y oportunidades del desarrollo profesional que promueven y celebran a los diversos grupos étnicos en el Condado de Sonoma.

- \$5,000 en fondos, \$1,250 estipendio adicional + capacitación, tutoría y comunidad!

Todas las solicitudes vencen: el 6 de marzo de 2023

Learn More / Aprende más



Program Extended!

CA Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

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

APPLICATION WINDOW:

Apply by June 30, 2023

MORE INFORMATION:
SonomaEDB.org
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

Artists, Creatives and Creative Small Businesses: CA Microbusiness Grants open through JUNE 30, 2023

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

- **Virtual Question & Answer Session:** Thursday, February 9, 2023, 12:00-12:30pm (recorded will be posted the next day) - register [HERE](#).
- **Application DEADLINE:** June 30, 2023

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Programs



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

Ongoing from ArtSurround:

- Banners from Aim Hover's "The What Brings You Joy Project" have been installed on the facade of the Sonoma Community Center, and were unveiled in conjunction with the Center's 70th anniversary celebration.

Learn More

Arts Education

STATE OF ARTS EDUCATION

INSPIRE! CELEBRATE! CONNECT!

March 7, 2023 from 4:30-5:45

Reception following

In-person at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts
Spanish Interpretation available



**Sonoma County
Arts Education Alliance**

creativesonoma.org/opportunities/state-of-arts-ed

2nd Annual State of Arts Education

March is Arts Education Month! Celebrate with us!

Join the Arts Education Alliance for this annual event that celebrates the impact of arts education in the lives of Sonoma County students. Performers and presenters include Legendary Saxophonist Tom Scott, Grupo Folklórico Quetzalén, renowned business leader, Letitia Hanke and more! Register soon to attend this FREE event!

Learn More & Register

Student Arts Spotlight

Sonoma County Honor Band

School Year 2022-23



This monthly feature celebrates excellence in local arts education!

Learn more: www.creativesonoma.org/artsed-news-february-2023

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

February 2023 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



From our Creative Calendar:

Art of Nature presents **Experiments and Techniques in Mixed Media Painting**. Learn how to use mixed media tools and techniques. **Feb 25-26** at Riley Art Supply in Santa Rosa.

MORE Events



From our Opportunities:

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: **WESTAF** is thrilled to share the upcoming launch of the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Artist Fund. Apply by **February 12, 2023**.

MORE Opportunities



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