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**OUR TOP STORY**



Sponsored by:

**Professional Development Workshops for Artists**

4.19.24 Storytelling and Branding  
5.10.24 Social Media Mastery  
5.24.24 Financial Literacy and Planning  
5.31.24 Curatorial Guidance

12-1pm at SebArts | FREE

RSVP at [SebArts.org/classes-and-events](https://SebArts.org/classes-and-events)

**Creative Sonoma Professional Development Partnership**

Sponsored by Creative Sonoma and hosted by the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 282 S High Street in Sebastopol, is hosting four in-person workshops for artists. The lunchtime, in-person sessions are free and open to the public, but a RSVP is required. Click on Learn More for more info and to register!

NOTE: Workshops are listed chronologically on the SebArts webpage - look for the Creative Sonoma logo to find each workshop.

[Learn More](#)

## OUR WORK

### Public Art

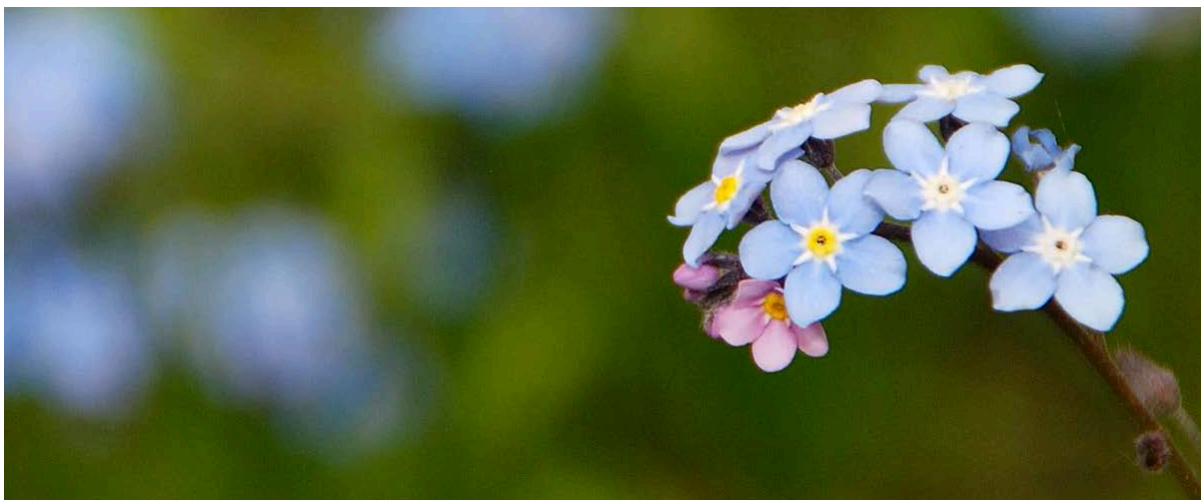


### ArtSurround Public Art Program

One of the final ArtSurround projects has been installed! The "Sonoma Coast" mural by ArtSurround Artist Zyssa Morales is now on display at the Sea Flower Cafe, 2001 CA-1, in Bodega Bay.

As ArtSurround projects are installed or presented, they are added to our project webpage, [CreativeSonoma.org/ArtSurround-Projects/](https://CreativeSonoma.org/ArtSurround-Projects/); watch the page as well as follow Creative Sonoma's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for more details.

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# Fire Memorial Public Art Project

## Update Spring 2024

In 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 is being overseen by a Fire Memorial Task Force in conjunction with Creative Sonoma.

At their March 26, 2024 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved Nagasawa Community Park in Fountaingrove as the preferred site for the Fire Memorial Public Art Project. The Fire Memorial Task Force conducted an analysis to identify a suitable location, starting with an extensive list of 32 potential sites. Nagasawa Community Park was identified as the preferred site after careful evaluation to ensure suitability, including consideration of the following project goals: emphasize tranquility, natural beauty, emotional resonance, and a significant connection to the events of the 2017 fires.

The next steps for the project include working with the City of Santa Rosa on the use of the park for the project, as well as preparing and publishing a RFQ for artists' qualifications. Community engagement opportunities related to the design of the memorial will be announced later this year.

## Fire Memorial Email List Sign Up Form

If you are interested in any opportunities to participate in the Fire Memorial project - from community engagement meetings to artist opportunities and more - please fill out this brief interest form. Emails will only be sent as opportunities arise.

- Complete the English and Spanish Bi-Lingual Sign Up Form [HERE](#).

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## Arts Education



## Awards in Sonoma County

### 1st Annual Arts Educator of the Year Award Announced

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts and Creative Sonoma presented the first Sonoma County Arts Educator of the Year Award to Analy High School dance educator Jolene Johnson (above left, photo by Will Buquoy). Jolene was acknowledged at the March Arts Education Alliance Mixer and Sonoma County Office of Education's Festive Thought Art Open House last evening. Read more about Jolene in [this recent Press Democrat profile](#).

Honorable mentions were also recognized at the Mixer: Efrain Nava from Elsie Allen High School, Jessica Martin from West Side Elementary School, Kyle Thompson from Cesar Chavez Language Academy, and Yoshi Makino from Geyserville New Tech Academy.

### Sonoma County Student is Poetry Out Loud State Champion

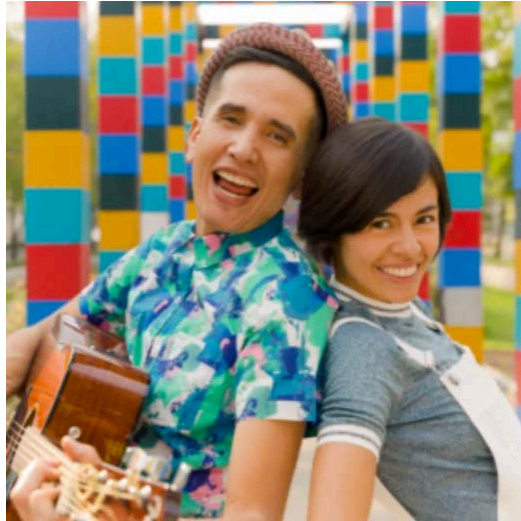
Sonoma Valley High School student Riley O'Hara (above right) won the Poetry Out Loud state championship in March, and will travel to the national competition in Washington DC May 1-2. Poetry Out Loud is a program of the National Endowment of the Arts. Congratulations Riley!

## Arts Education Newsletter

Do you want to receive more information on local arts education news and events? The Sonoma County Arts Education Alliance newsletter is published monthly. Click on the Sign Up button to stay in the know about arts education initiatives in Sonoma County!

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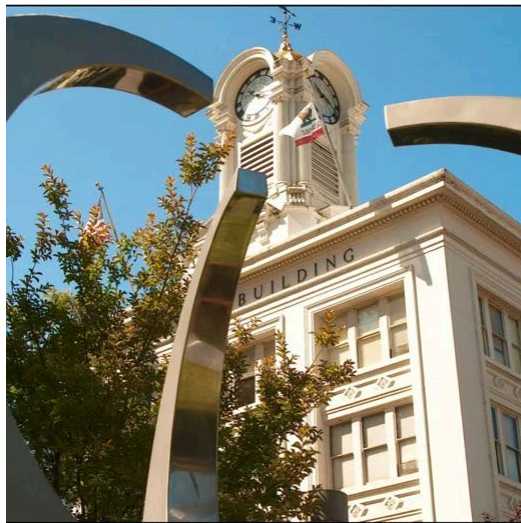
## CREATIVE CALENDAR & OPPORTUNITIES



### From our Creative Calendar:

**Free Family Day** at Green Music Center with 123 Andrés, the Latin Grammy-winning duo for kids and families known for their interactive, high energy shows. Food trucks, workshops by local artists, and a variety of activities! **April 6, 2-4pm.**

### MORE Events



**From our Opportunities:** **The City of Santa Rosa** Planning & Economic Development Department seeks an energetic and passionate Arts and Culture Coordinator to plan, oversee and implement Public Art and Special Events policies and programs! **Apply by April 12.**

### MORE Opportunities

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