



## **CREATIVE SONOMA ADVISORY BOARD Program Reports March 2024**

### **PUBLIC ART**

#### **Public Art Master Plan**

Staff has been working on edits to the plan in consultation with Todd Bressi. The goal is to have a draft ready for review in March to gather stakeholder feedback. The presentation of the plan to the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 16.

### **GRANTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### **2024 Arts Impact Grants for Organizations**

The award notification for this grant program has been delayed due to the timing of our additional funding from the NEA, as well as to a Public Records Request related to conflict-of-interest issues. We expect to announce the awards by the end of February or early March.

#### **2023 Arts and Cultural Equity Fellowship Grants**

The current 2023 Fellows Cohort concluded with a training by [Favianna Rodriguez](#) on February 15, 2024. The Fellows are each scheduled for a one-on-one consultation with Favianna on the topic of managing money as arts business or entrepreneur in late February and early March, which will conclude their fellowship. Announcement of the 2024 program will be available this spring.

#### **Professional Development Partners**

Sebastopol Center for the Arts and Raizes Collective are partnering with Creative Sonoma to present professional development series for individual artists and creatives. Upcoming: Sebastopol Center for the Arts has launched their artist entrepreneur incubator, with a call to artists to apply by February 23, 2024.

#### **Learning Cohorts**

Amy Kweskin of Artsightful has been contracted to present a six-session series for our Community-Based Arts Centers for them to explore tools and methods to create (or refresh or explore) sustainable business and revenue models as well as operations plans. The series will take place February 29 – May 9, 2024. Six arts centers are participating:

- Cloverdale Arts Alliance
- Life on Earth Art (new space in Petaluma)
- Healdsburg Center for the Arts
- Petaluma Arts Center
- Sebastopol Center for the Arts

- Sonoma Community Center

## **ARTS EDUCATION**

### **Workforce Development Committee**

An Arts Education Workforce Action & Implementation Committee has been formed and will begin meeting to create a plan for arts ed workforce development. Members represent AEA leadership, SSU education and arts deans and faculty, SRJC arts and learning deans, LBC, Positive Images, Raizes, and CTEF.

### **Artful Conversations – A Community Engagement Project**

The first [Artful Conversations](#) will be held via Zoom on May 14. The conversation will be focused on a foundational (and exciting) literary work called YOUR BRAIN ON ART: How the Arts Transform Us by Susan Magsamen and Ivy Ross. Experiences will be planned over time that community members can participate in as relates to the book.

### **Arts Educator of the Year**

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts and Creative Sonoma have teamed up to present the first Sonoma County [Arts Educator of the Year Award](#), recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of arts education over an extended period of time. The award honors professional arts educators working with the K-12 population particularly arts and classroom instructors who teach visual art, music, drama, dance, or multimedia arts. The award recipient will receive \$500 honoraria and \$500 gift card to local arts store of their choice for classroom supplies. A panel of judges will meet March 5 to determine the winner.

### **Networking**

The next [Mixer on March 27](#) will be held at Mitote for visual art teachers to gather and network. All continue to be welcome!

### **Support of District Arts Plans**

A Community of Practice for District Arts Leadership Teams is planned for April 8. This 2nd CoP will bring teams together to compare notes and share strategies about implementation.

Debbie will be presenting to Leading Impact, a gathering of superintendents and district leaders, along with the SCOE VAPA Coordinator. We hope to inform and engage with district leaders about how to use build and fund arts programs.

### **Prop 28**

Create CA with the ACLU are developing a way for the community to report misuses of Prop 28 funding. The tool should be available in April. Creative Sonoma has been asked to weigh on a draft of the tool.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING: IN PERSON**

Wednesday, May 1

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Meetings are in-person at 141 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa unless otherwise notified.