Every year our board and staff work together to assess and plan how we might best extend our reach and deepen our impact. We review surveys, grant reports and local and national research to help inform next steps. This anniversary year, we are visiting around the county to share and explore ideas with you in greater depth. We are so grateful to Sol Treasures for kicking off our 35th Anniversary Tour. Forty leaders in South County from the arts, libraries and recreation, civic groups and business met for lunch at the beautiful Sol Treasures Gallery and shared what we love about South County and what we’d like to see happen in the next two or three years. Many ideas started taking shape that day and many more will follow. Next up is North County!

For details and ideas, please read on and be sure to visit arts4mc.org. To get more involved in our work, send me email anytime: paulette@arts4mc.org.

Thank You for Your Service!

At a recent celebration, The Arts Council Board of Directors honored the following board members recently retired with an engraved crystal star: Richard Anderson, Lynn Diebold, David Larison and Gordon Mayfield. Each have served more than ten years and contributed substantially to our mission and organization leadership. New Board President Susan Breen presented a marble gavel to outgoing Board President Arlene Krebs.

Please help us welcome board officers for 2017-2018:

President, Susan Breen
Treasurer, Nick Papadakis
Secretary, Marilyn Ann Vierra and Immediate Past President, Arlene Krebs

JOIN US!

Tomorrow, Saturday, August 19, 2017 | 4-7pm

Join us for the 20th Anniversary of the Ferrari Event at The Barnyard in Carmel, California. You’ll join Ferrari and other Exotic Car owners displaying their automobiles. Enjoy Monterey County wines, a sampling of small bites from local eateries and live entertainment.

To purchase your tickets click here.

Proceeds benefit the Arts Council for Monterey County & the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row.

Future Audience Network Meeting, Wednesday, August 23rd

Please join us for the next Future Audience Network meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Venue: The Pink Flamingo Theater
2115 N Fremont St, Monterey

Please RSVP to Klara at klara@arts4mc.org no later than August 22nd, 2pm

Featured Speaker
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Congratulations!

Executive Director Paulette Lynch and Deputy Director Jacquie Atchison recently completed the Nonprofit Breakthrough Fund Financial Resilence Cohort, thanks to the David and Lucille Packard Foundation. This two year program focused on building confidence and skills to lead organizations that change the world, including workshops on operational excellence and long-term financial stability. The Monterey Jazz Festival staff and board participated in this program as well.

Arts Council Team Openings!

Are you eager to help us extend our reach or deepen our impact through the arts? Do you have a few hours a week to devote to a leadership role?!? Then, you might be ready to join one of our teams. Each team meets once a month and is led by a board member and supported by a staff member. We just need you to help expand our capacity and provide additional guidance and insight on our work.

Programs Team - Grants, Professional Artists in the Schools and Arts Ed Summit Development Team - Membership, Sponsorship and Special Events Champions - The Annual Gala! Marketing - Advertising, Sponsorships and Communications

We are eager to help you decide what's right for you. Call Paulette at 831-206-2588.

Congratulations to Nicole Reilly and The Monterey Symphony

Nicola Reilly is the new Executive Director of the Monterey Symphony as they begin their 72nd year! “We have an exciting season showcasing both our fabulous orchestra, and six incredible pianists. We welcome three soloists back to perform with the symphony, and celebrate three who are making their debut. Collaborations with Carmel Music Society for our opening night soloist Orion Weiss and Curtis Institute of Music for our March concerts strengthen the very fabric of our institution. Even the behind-the-scenes developments are exciting.”

Calling All South County Artists

Here is a great opportunity for Artists of all mediums to participate in a FREE group exhibition for the Monterey County Artists Open Studio Tour sponsored by Arts Habitat on Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1. The Exhibition will be held at Sol Treasures. Sol Treasures invites artists to show and sell their work directly to the public. Click on information regarding times, dates, set up, etc. Call 386-9809 to reserve your space now! Deadline is September 22nd.

Join us Every Fourth Friday At The Barnyard (Center Stage) Barnyard Shopping Center

Special Thanks Kiki Wow!

Friday, August 25 - Kenny Stahl & Bob Burnett 6-8pm
Friday, Sept. 22 - Kiki's Kids 6-8pm
Friday, Oct. 27 - Fields of Eden 6-8pm

4th Annual Nonprofit Awards Celebration

Nominations Are Open!

For the last thirteen years, the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County (NAMC) has worked to increase the capacity and collective power of the nonprofit industry for the benefit of all people in Monterey County. In recognition of the collective impact of the non-profit sector, NAMC will host the 4th Annual Nonprofit Awards Celebration on Friday, September 22, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. This event will be a unique opportunity to honor two important groups: 1) specific nonprofits that have made tremendous contributions to the community; and 2) the unsung heroes, who have worked creatively and tirelessly on the staffs of nonprofit organizations in Monterey County.

Please take this opportunity to nominate ONE nonprofit organization and ONE nonprofit employee per category.

Click HERE to nominate an organization.
Click HERE to nominate a nonprofit employee.

All nominations must be received by Monday, August 21, 2017.

For more information about the event and how to register, please visit www.alliancemonterey.org.

Special Awards in the Arts Program
Reilly had been serving as Director of Institutional Advancement for the Symphony. Prior to joining the Symphony, she was the Director of Development for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at California State University, Monterey Bay and previously the Director of Development and Marketing for the Carmel Bach Festival.

The Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation is pleased to announce the continuation of its Special Awards in the Arts program and another three-year $900,000 initiative by the Gerbode and Hewlett foundations. The program will support the commissioning of individual artists and invest in their contributions to new work in the arts. The dance composition awards are the first round of this initiative with a $300,000 fund for the creation and production of new dance works by innovative California choreographers. The works are to be commissioned and premiered by Bay Area nonprofit arts organizations that can apply for grants of $50,000 each. The resulting works will have their world premieres in Bay Area public performances between February 2019 and June 2021.

Proposed commissions in all dance genres will be considered. Applicants must be nonprofit organizations and based in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, or Sonoma counties.

Applications for the 2017-18 Dance Composition Awards are available online at www.gerbode.org. Completed applications must be submitted to the Gerbode Foundation no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Salinas Arts Commission Opening

The City of Salinas is looking for volunteers who are interested in serving on the Public Art Commission. The Public Art Commission shall consist of seven members who are Practicing Arts Professionals. As specified in the City’s Ordinance for Public Arts, a Practicing Arts Professional is “an individual who has a demonstrated expertise and demonstrated professional qualifications in and interest, competence, or knowledge in the visual arts or the performing arts and who is currently employed in the visual arts or performing arts including fields such as art, art history, art education, architecture, literature, music, painting, sculpture, or the performing arts.” The primary duty of the Public Art Commission is to identify and actively encourage the development and sustainability of the arts in the City by serving as the City’s primary resource in matters of art, culture, public art, and cultural tourism. Interested persons may obtain an application from the Salinas City Clerk’s Office, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, 93901, (831)758-7381 or from the City’s web page at www.cityofsalinas.org. Applications must be filed with the City Clerk’s Office. Deadline: August 25, 2017.

In Memoriam: Jim Casteel

In December 2016 our community lost a great friend and talented painter, Jim Casteel. Jim will stay in our hearts and thoughts forever. Many thanks to his friends who have donated to our PAS Program in his honor.

Please donate today to help support art programs for everyone in Monterey County.

The Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation

The Arts Council for Monterey County's mission is to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. For over 35 years we have served our community and through research and experience, we find over and over that “The Arts Are the Answer” to overcoming our communities’ greatest challenges and achieving our region’s greatest potential.

Thanks to our supporters and partners, we help bring high quality arts programs to more and more residents - including those who have historically had little access. Over the years, we have strengthened the capacity of all arts organizations and cultural groups to more effectively serve our families and we have influenced a broad range of leaders to incorporate the arts in their plans.