Zoom with us through Summer!

As we zoom through summer, you may find yourself yearning for ways to make these beautiful days even more meaningful for yourself and family. With summer art camps, wonderful plays, concerts and exhibitions, cultural festivals and more throughout the county, the arts are the answer for more fun, more connections and more memories to last a lifetime.

There’s still plenty of ways to celebrate the Summer of Love! Check out: The Third Friday ArtWalk in Pacific Grove, The West End Festival, the Monterey County Fair and My Museum.

Meanwhile, summer is also the launch of our membership drive. The Arts Council is your partner in creating a more vibrant community. Your support helps ensure that everyone has access to high quality programs. Please join us!

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.

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Event proceeds help us to expand and improve arts education for every youth in Monterey County. For full Champions bios, program details, tickets or sponsor packets, please visit arts4mc.org/champions.

Summer Arts Enrichment for Salinas Students

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Team Openings!

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Arts as Healing: Juvenile Justice and Beyond

Drawings, Paintings, and Multi-Media Masks
Probation’s Youth Center Residents, Their Teachers and Supporting Community Artists

Teaching Artists
Arnold Chavez
Linda Pedrazzini Hevern
Majlo
Eligene Turnacder

Supporting Artists
Dick Crispo
Jose Ortiz
Marcia Perry
Brannon Rendlen
Yvonne Simons

Avery Gallery Seaside City Hall
440 Harcourt Avenue, Seaside

EXHIBITION DATES
July 3rd to August 31st
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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on the PAS program, visit arts4mc.org/artspas. Interested in bringing the PAS program to your school or community site in Monterey County? Please call us at 831-622-9060. We are also recruiting for fall!

Fourth graders at University Park Elementary, Salinas experiment with paper sculpture techniques, PAS teacher & photo credit- Ellen Berrahmoun

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**Newest Arts Council Board Member**

Please join us in welcoming Eric Mora (District 1) as the newest Arts Council Board Member! Eric is the Marketing & Membership Coordinator for the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas and has a B.A. in French Literature from Cornell University. "Through my work at the Steinbeck Center, I’ve found that the arts are not simply an accessory, they’re a necessary part of creating vibrant communities. As a result, I really value the work that the Arts Council for Monterey County does to help improve the lives of all area residents."

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**Seeking New Board Members**

The Arts Council for Monterey County is seeking new board members from South Monterey County (District 3) which includes East Salinas, Spreckels, Chualar, Greenfield, Gonzales, Ft. Hunter Liggett, King City, Soledad, Lake San Antonio, Lockwood, Bradley, San Lucas, San Ardo, Parkfield, Blythe-Hesperia, Mission-Soledad, and Arroyo Seco. If you live or work in District 3 and are interested in supporting the arts for everyone in Monterey County, please contact Jacquie Atchison, Deputy Director at jacquie@arts4mc.org or Paulette Lynch, Executive Director at paulette@arts4mc.org.

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**Congratulations!**

The Urban Arts Collective was honored as the 30th Assembly District's 2017 Nonprofit of the Year by Assemblymember Anna M. Caballero. The Urban Arts Collaborative empowers young artists to make a difference in their community by using the power of art to create a safer environment for their neighbors and families.

Congratulations to Guitars Not Guns!

The Monterey County Chapter of “Guitars Not Guns” was honored as the 17th Senate District Nonprofit of the Year by Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel).
Guitars Not Guns is an all-volunteer nonprofit that provides guitars free of charge to children and teens, along with lessons, to encourage creativity, personal growth and help direct students away from harmful influences, such as drugs, alcohol, and gang activities.

**Americans for the Arts Convention**

Americans for the Arts Convention 2017 in San Francisco was an amazing experience for everyone there!! Special thanks to the David and Lucile Packard Foundation for providing scholarships for several Monterey County arts leaders to attend. Pictured here: Juan-Carlos Gonzales of the Urban Arts Collaborative with one of the extraordinary featured speakers - Rhodessa Jones - Co-Artistic Director of the acclaimed San Francisco performance company Cultural Odyssey. In addition to underscoring the full value of the arts in our communities, the conference provided a number of effective tools for advancing our work, e.g., gauging economic impact through the Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 Report and gauging social impact through their Animating Democracy toolkit - plus various ways to developing our practice of inclusivity in all areas of our work.

Learn more at [www.americansforthearts.org](http://www.americansforthearts.org)

**California Arts Council Announces $15 Million in Grant Funding**

A record number totaling over 1,000 grantees across the state received support from the California Arts Council for wide-ranging arts and culture projects this year. The Arts Council for Monterey County is proud to be earn their support for Veterans in the Arts - designed to develop the creativity and design skills for clients of the Veterans Transition Center; for Artists in the Schools designed to create more inclusive programs in partnership with MPUSD and Juveniles Utilizing Massive Potential Starting with the Arts! (JUMP) -- our award-winning partnership with the Monterey County Probation Department Youth Center. We are grateful for the longtime support of the California Arts Council in our work to improve the quality of life for everyone in Monterey County through innovative art programs.

**Special thanks to returning Champions Sponsors**

Dr. Robert Keller, M.D.

and Dr. Curtis E. Jansen, D.D.S.

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**Join us Every Fourth Friday At The Barnyard**

(Center Stage) Barnyard Shopping Center

Special Thanks Kiki Wow!

Friday, July 28 - [Dan & Laurel](http://example.com) from 6-8pm

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

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**FERRARI EVENT**

AT THE BARNYARD

SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 2017 • 4-7PM

CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

PRE-SALE TICKETS $50 ($60 DAY OF EVENT)

Pre-register your Ferrari at info@thebarnyard.com. 1 free ticket per car included at $50, and 1 guest ticket available for $35 at time of registration.

[www.thebarnyard.com/events](http://www.thebarnyard.com/events) /barnyardshoppingvillage

A benefit for Monterey County Youth and Arts Education
Please donate today to help support art programs for everyone in Monterey County.

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.

Are you a Ferrari Lover? Would you have time to volunteer at the Ferrari Event at The Barnyard?

Join us for the 20th Anniversary of the Ferrari Event at The Barnyard. You’ll join Ferrari and other Exotic Car owners displaying their automobiles. Monterey County wineries will be participating, volunteers will be serving a sampling of small bites from local eateries, handling parking, registration set up and tear down. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Arts Council for Monterey County and the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row. Click on volunteers needed for more details.