



## Happy Holidays and Joyful New Year from the Arts Council!

Arts Council for Monterey County, Board of Directors. From left to right (Second row): Arlene Krebs, Marilyn Vierra, Sarah Boos, Susan Breen, Jose Moran, Laurie Bend, Valrie Jensen and Ron Cacas (First row): Paulette Lynch, Nick Papadakis, Holly Byers Ochoa and Eric Mora.

We are so honored to be your partner as a catalyst for creating an ever more vibrant community. Your support and encouragement help us take a comprehensive approach to ensure that everyone has access to high quality programs throughout the year. With such caring and creative friends, we have so much to celebrate.

If you do find yourself yearning for ways to make the holiday season even more meaningful this year, we suggest the arts are the answer! With so many wonderful plays, concerts, exhibitions and special programs throughout the county, there is likely something perfect for you right nearby. There are also more and more opportunities for getting more involved. For details and ideas, please read on, visit our website and send me email anytime: [paulette@arts4mc.org](mailto:paulette@arts4mc.org).

PS: Please be sure to stop by the Arts Council's Resolution Sculpture at First Night Monterey this year -- the 25th!!!

## Creativity & Community Radiate in the Monterey Bay



*Photo by Peter Meuse*

"Everyday I see the music opening their hearts and minds as their skills improve," said Peter Meuse, music teaching artist. "I feel this early music education is building the foundation of a life-long love of songs, expression and cooperation."

1100 kindergarten students are impacted weekly with music and/or dance instruction - creativity is blossoming in Monterey Bay! Music classes are helping the students relax, focus, feel connected socially and supported emotionally.

With support from the California Arts Council, the Arts Council for Monterey County partnered with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) to incorporate music and dance lessons. 1100 Kindergarten students across 11 elementary schools were guided by professional teaching artists during weekly classroom visits.

10 sequential music classes are set to the district's guiding philosophy of "Better Together". Kindergarten students are receiving a crucial foundation of creative expression, building confidence and working together as musicians and dancers.

"We are striving to provide a world-class education AND pull families out of poverty. This high-quality program will help improve school climate, engage our families and contribute to success for every student," said Jaqui Hope, MPUSD Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator.

Weekly lessons culminated with the opportunity to share fun, expressive music and dance performances to friends & family this holiday season.

Meuse reflected, "The singing voices of the children creates a unique energy of happiness, hope and beauty, unlike anything I have ever experienced in more than thirty years of teaching.

To request a program, apply as a teaching artist or sponsor a program, please contact Arts Education Coordinator Karyn Lee-Garcia: [karyn@arts4mc.org](mailto:karyn@arts4mc.org)

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# TONIGHT

# **ArtWorks@PacificGrove Third Friday ArtWalk & Holiday Music Jam**

**December 15, 2017 6-8pm**

Join our talented collective of ArtWorks artists for our final Third Friday event of the year!

Local musicians Erica Wobbles, Gabe De Vera, James Koenig, and Justin Huang will lead an accompanied sing-along of Holiday classics!

Enjoy wine & snacks, and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind gifts for your friends and family.

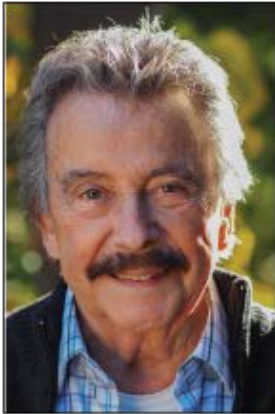
**125 Ocean View Blvd, Suite 209 & 210  
Pacific Grove, CA  
Located in the American Tin Cannery Building,  
2nd floor**



**Join Us! - Saturday, February 3, 2018 | Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa**



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## Purchase our 2018 Fine Art Calendars for Upcoming Holidays



**Carmel:** Carmel Art Association, River House Books; **King City:** Sol Treasures; **Monterey:** Cha-Ya, Monterey Museum of Art, Mythic Games; **Moss Landing:** Haute Enchilada; **Pacific Grove:** Alpha Stationers, Artisana Gallery, ArtWorks@Pacific Grove, Bookworks, Imagine Art Supplies, Marina Patina, Pacific Grove Art Center; **Salinas:** Destination Salinas, Ariel Theatrical; **Watsonville:** Kelly's Books

Visit [arts4mc.org/fineartcalendar](http://arts4mc.org/fineartcalendar) to purchase the calendar and for more details.

## Volunteer with The Champions!



Many hands are needed to support our gala, and celebrate the individuals and organizations that make our region the best in the world to live, work and play! We have volunteer needs beginning 9:30 am and running all day long! Please take a moment to look over all our needs and find what suits you best! One hour, three hours, all day, we will take whatever time to have to give! You are also welcome to share with friends, family and all who you think might like to assist us on this most important day! Each team/area will have a lead person to answer all questions and prepare you for your duties! If you have any questions, or concerns, please email me at [austin@arts4mc.org](mailto:austin@arts4mc.org) or call me at (831) 622-9060 ext. 105. to sign up to volunteer click on [Volunteers Needed for the Champions of the Arts Gala 2018](#)

## Monterey County Government Center Artists Reception



*Photo Credit: Shawn Kelley*

One of our greatest joys each year is producing the annual exhibition at the Monterey County Government Center. Juried competitions like this one help each of the participating artists in their own professional development and bring great vibrancy and vitality to our region.

Each day they are open to the public, you can visit with any of sixty works of art depicting scenes from every district in the county. Be sure to also take in a special presentation in the Monterey Room produced by Linda Pedrazzini Hevern and the artists in the Arts as Healing Intervention Program at the Monterey County Probation Department Youth Center. (2nd Floor).

Special thanks to Monterey County Supervisor and Board Chair Mary Adams who opened our launch event and County Administrative Officer Lew Baumann, who provided remarks and invited us to create this exhibit 11 years ago!!! Many thanks to Sue Ann Hillyer, our curator and to our jurors: Marilyn Ann Vierra, Stitch Campos and Carol Silveira.

Congratulations to [Bonnie Joy Sedlak](#) (1st Prize), [Sandie Srigley](#) (2nd Prize) and [Sandra Uecker](#) (3rd Prize) winners selected by Laurie Bend, Arts Council Board Member and Principal of Page One Graphic Design.

Participating Artists: [Marv Anderson](#), [Katharina D'Amore](#), Stefan Didoszak, [Rachell Hester](#), [Peter Holmsky](#), [Ray Koh](#), [Dida Kutz](#), Marli Melton, [Jim Potterton](#), Marybeth Rinehart, [Bonnie Joy Sedlak](#), [Sandie Srigley](#), [Nancy Stainton](#), [Cherie Stock](#), [Abigail Stryker](#), [Sandra Uecker](#), Marilyn Van den Bogaerde, [Murray Wagnon](#), [Andy Williams](#), [Steve Zmak](#) and Lynn Zwagerman

## Arts Council for Monterey County Launches Spanish Language website!





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We are delighted to announce the update and relaunch of our Spanish language website. You can find us at [arts4mc.org/es](http://arts4mc.org/es). Our goal with is to provide an easier way to learn about art organizations and arts & cultural programs in Monterey County in the Spanish language. Among the new features, the site contains integrated social media buttons for Facebook, Twitter and a Calendar of Events to connect our Spanish-speaking community with activities in our region. We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information, articles, blogs, newsletters, announcements, and success stories. We hope you find the new website fresh and modern.

This website is available to help promote YOUR programs and events! Please send us your events (English or Spanish) to [Berniz@arts4mc.org](mailto:Berniz@arts4mc.org) We will translate if needed and post to the calendar. For more information, please contact Berniz House, Community Outreach Coordinator, at [Berniz@arts4mc.org](mailto:Berniz@arts4mc.org)

Gracias!



Artworks @Pacific Grove is an artists cooperative, which encourages collaboration and community, and fills the need of affordable studio and gallery space for Monterey County artists. As a "CoOp" the artists meet monthly to make decisions on marketing, events, responsibilities, etc. We currently have 20 local artists specializing in painting, mixed media, photography, fashion design and jewelry.

ArtWorks @Pacific Grove is located in the American Tin Cannery, 125 Oceanview Blvd, Suite 209-210, Pacific Grove. The studios are open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 2pm and we hold a monthly "Third Friday ArtWalk" from 6-8pm with live music, wine and light refreshments, which is open to the public.

For more info, please contact Jacquie Atchison, Deputy Director at [jacquie@arts4mc.org](mailto:jacquie@arts4mc.org).

## Grants for Greater Reach and Impact

Thanks to support from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and the Economic Opportunity Committee, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, we offer a number of options.

1) **County Arts and Culture Grants Program.** Eligibility: All arts and culture organizations with 501(c)(3) status -- or a confirmed fiscal sponsor -- serving Monterey County residents. Cycle 2 Deadline: Spring -



Feb 15. Click on [application](#).

2) Local Emerging Artists Program / LEAP. Eligibility: Individual artists with three years demonstrated experience and fewer than ten years professional experience. Deadline: Feb 2018. Click on [application and guidelines](#). (Note that applicants may receive only one grant per year from any program.)



## Monterey County Flag: Call for Artists! Deadline: January 30, 2018

It's an exciting time for art in Monterey County! The Board of Supervisors has called for the adoption of an Official County Flag. To do this, we are setting out a Call for Artists to partake by submitting an emblem that will become the permanent image for the County Flag. This an excellent opportunity for you or an artist you know to become part of history in Monterey County!

Please follow the link for more details and to submit your artist rendering: [co.monterey.ca.us/countyflag](http://co.monterey.ca.us/countyflag)



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to First Night Monterey -- celebrating their 25th Celebration of the Arts on New Year's Eve in historic downtown Monterey. Once again, hundreds of artists and performers and thousands of families and friends will gather for hours and hours of music, dance and more. First Nights all over the country and beyond are the perfect way and the perfect time to gather in peace and in good spirit, sharing each other's cultures, styles and ideas in a festive format.

As the founding director, I personally feel especially indebted to those who take on a leadership role now! Special thanks to Ellen Martin - Executive Director and her amazing board of directors and her team of volunteers who work throughout the year and all over the county to develop and showcase such a wide variety of talent. They make our beautiful corner of the world an even more vibrant and welcoming place to live.

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## Arts Education

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This year, we are expanding our award-winning Arts as Healing Intervention Program -- designed by Linda Pedrazzini Hevern -- to help youth struggling to stay in school. In a year-long program, our teaching artists weave creative skill building with emotional support. As they work toward their final projects, our youth develop their communication skills and their capacity to solve problems and overcome unexpected challenges. With your support as an [MC Gives!](#) donor, we can help the hundreds of youth who need us most develop more confidence and make better choices for a safe and healthy future. Your donation will be matched! Click [here](#) to donate.



From left to right: Karyn Lee-Garcia, Jacquie Atchison, Paulette Lynch, Klara Hickmanova, Austin Foster and Berniz House

*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.*





