Dear Friend,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, staying safe and healthy. Please be assured that the staff at the Arts Council are working (remotely) to keep the arts alive in our county, especially during this shelter in place.

We believe the arts are essential for our mental health and bring us moments of joy when we most need it. Artists are finding creative ways to keep us connected during a health crisis that is keeping most of us apart. If you go online, you will find hundreds of arts activities, free plays, musicals and concerts, live lessons, poetry readings and more! And if you find solace in the arts now, please don’t forget to return to them once this pandemic ends. Art will sustain our spirit as we make sense of what’s happened and try to find our footing again.

How can YOU support the arts from the comfort of your home? Purchase a membership with your local museum; take an online art class, buy original art from an artist online, or donate to your favorite arts organization.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns via email at jacquie@arts4mc.org or 831-622-9060 x104

Thank you for supporting the arts in Monterey County!

Jacquie Atchison
Executive Director

“Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts.” – Margaret Mead
Thanks to the generosity of the Arts Council for Monterey County & Excelligence, all 300 of Mr. Paul’s students got their own sketchbooks and colored pencil sets to take home so they can keep making art. Passing them out today, you would’ve thought I was Oprah handing them keys to their new cars. My friends at the Arts Council got the idea because I told them about a boy who showed me a spiral notebook the second week of class. Every page - front and back - was filled with drawings. I told him they were amazing and asked how long he had been working on them. He said he started after our first art class the week before. That conversation blew my mind, not only bc it was an incredible amount of work to do in such a short time, but bc it made me realize he hadn’t known art was an option for him prior (there are no regular art classes in his school). Hearing his story and how each week my students clamor for any
leftover scraps of art supplies they can take home, the Arts Council took it upon themselves to give them such a wonderful gift today. This whole experience has been a gift for me too. One more day tomorrow and that will wrap it up for Mr. Paul’s first teaching session — and I can guarantee there will be many more!” - Paul Richmond

The creative sector is devastated by this global health crisis as events are canceled, teaching artists are out of work and galleries are closed.

Please donate today to help us keep the arts alive in Monterey County by supporting local artists and arts organizations.

DONATE

Please support the arts in Monterey County!
Economic Impact Grants are available to small nonprofit arts organizations seeking general operating support who have or will have an economic loss from cancellations or closures due to the Covid-19 crisis. Maximum award size is $5,000 based on the scoring of your application. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until funding is expended.

**DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2020 OR UNTIL FUNDS ARE EXPENDED.**

**OPORTUNIDAD DE SUBVENCIÓN**

Gracias a los fondos de la Fundación William y Flora Hewlett y la Fundación David y Lucile Packard, el Consejo de las Artes se complace en proporcionar Subvenciones de Impacto Económico de hasta $5,000 a pequeñas organizaciones artísticas sin fines de lucro que han tenido que cancelar eventos o programas durante la pandemia de Covid-19.

**APPLY NOW**
Arts and Cultural Impact Grants are available to nonprofit organizations seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs up to $5,000 per year.

We have two cycles for this grant program – Spring and Fall. Organizations may only receive one grant per year and must have completed their previous grant’s final report before submitting a new application.

DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2020

Gracias al Condado de Monterey, el Consejo de las Artes para el Condado de Monterey anuncia la apertura del ciclo de primavera para nuestras Subvenciones de Impacto Cultural y Artístico para apoyar el arte público o los programas culturales.

APPLY NOW

Thanks to the support of
Community Art Grants están disponibles para organizaciones pequeñas y emergentes con presupuestos de hasta $250,000, que buscan apoyo para proyectos/programas de arte y cultura, con subvenciones de hasta $5,000 por año. Sin fecha límite; las subvenciones se revisan mensualmente. Las organizaciones solo pueden recibir una subvención de Community Arts por año y deben haber completado el informe final de su subvención anterior antes de presentar una nueva solicitud.

Gracias a la Fundación William y Flora Hewlett, la Fundación David y Lucile Packard y la Fundación Comunitaria del Condado de Monterey por proporcionar estos fondos para hacer del Condado de Monterey el lugar más vibrante para vivir, trabajar y visitar.

APPLY NOW
The arts play an essential role in our health and well-being, especially during these unnerving times. We ask that you send us any content that is art related and we will gladly share on our website and social media. Please email your content to jazmine@arts4mc.org.

ART ACTIVITIES NEEDED!

CALL TO ARTISTS!

VISIT ARTS4MC.ORG/ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

Click Here! Livestream kid's art classes for Palenke Arts every Friday at 2 pm w/ Paul Richmond.