Dear Friends of the Arts,

I hope you enjoyed the Independence Day holiday, bbqing with family and friends, and relishing in the “freedom” from wearing a mask (if fully vaccinated)!

Over the past 16 months, we’ve talked a lot about what “normal” looks like, and do we really want to go “back to normal”? Racial inequity and wealth inequality are at the forefront of our nation and the Arts Council is focused on what we can do to advance social equity through the arts. Our strategy is to expand our mission “to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts” by delivering more arts and cultural programs to historically excluded people, reaching more students with enriching arts education classes, providing more opportunities for local emerging artists to expand their art business, and offering more unrestricted funding to the most vulnerable arts organizations in our community.

Our new “normal” is to work harder and smarter to make the arts in our county a priority. Monterey County needs to heal and move forward from the most devastating event of our lifetime and the arts will help us get there.

Please join us in promoting the arts in our county. Share this newsletter or our social media posts with your friends and family; attend a festival, concert or theatrical performance; visit one of our many local museums and galleries, and share your experience on social media.

And as always, please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions.

Thank you,

Jacquie Atchison
Executive Director
831-622-9060 x104
jacquie@arts4mc.org

Welcome to the Arts4MC Team!

We are pleased to announce a new member to the Arts4MC Board of Directors:

Susie Brusa (District 2) is the CEO at Rancho Cielo Youth Campus, a comprehensive learning and social services center for underserved and disconnected youth in Monterey County.

“Arts are my passion, and I believe strongly that they are critical to both brain development in youth, as well as a healthy community.”

www.Arts4MC.org
Thank you for serving on the Arts4MC Board!

We would like to thank Ron Cacas, Holly Byers Ochoa, and Cathryn Wilkinson for their service to our Board of Directors. They have all played instrumental roles in guiding our mission with their insights and unique expertise. Thank you for your time!

The Arts Council is looking to add new members to their Board of Directors. If you have a passion for the arts and time to contribute to steer the organization towards a sustainable future, please contact Jacquie Atchison at Jacquie@arts4mc.org.

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**WE ARE HIRING**

**Business Manager**  
**Teaching Artists**

To apply, visit: [www.arts4mc.org/jobs](http://www.arts4mc.org/jobs)

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**COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS**

Community Arts Grants, up to $5,000 are available to small and emerging organizations with budgets up to $250,000, who are seeking support for public arts and culture projects/programs.

No deadline - grants are reviewed on a monthly basis until funds are expended.

Visit our website: [arts4mc.org/grants](http://arts4mc.org/grants) for more grant information.

Thanks to the support of

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**BECAS DE ARTES COMUNITARIAS**

Las subvenciones para artes comunitarias están disponibles para organizaciones pequeñas y emergentes con presupuestos de hasta $250,000, que buscan apoyo para proyectos/programas de arte y cultura pública, con subvenciones de hasta $5,000 por año.

Sin fecha límite: las subvenciones se revisan mensualmente hasta que se gastan los fondos.

Para obtener información, visite: [arts4mc.org/grants](http://arts4mc.org/grants)

Gracias al apoyo de
NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS:

Monterey County Poet Laureate

The County Poet Laureate is an honorary position that celebrates the County of Monterey’s cultural heritage and promotes literacy and literature among county residents. Deadline: August 31, 2021.

For more information visit www.arts4mc.org/poetlaureate

It’s Festival Season and Arts4MC will have an interactive art booth at this summer’s Artichoke Festival, Salinas Valley Food & Wine Festival, West End Festival, and the Monterey Jazz Festival and we need Volunteers! Spend a couple of hours leading community art projects, handing out swag, talking about art and enjoying what our county has to offer. To join the Arts Council Volunteer Team, please contact erin@arts4mc.org today!
Join us!
CAPTAIN STOKER
Artist Pop Up!
Sun. July 11th
9 am - 1 pm
398 E Franklin St,
Monterey, CA 93940
ArtWorks Artists:
Diane Grindol
& Nancy Donaldson

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for MONTEREY COUNTY

Artist Spotlight
Tune in to learn more about the Monterey Museum of Art‘s exciting new exhibits, including Erin Lee Gafill and Ansel Adams!

Corey Madden  Jeanne Adams  Erin Lee Gafill

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021 | 12:00 P.M.
LIVE PRESENTATION AT
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ARTS4MC
VISIT ARTS4MC.ORG FOR LINK TO PRESENTATION
The Arts Council for Monterey County will have a booth at the Artichoke Festival this year located at the Monterey Fairgrounds July 24 and 25!

Stop by to create some spin art with staff, pick up some excellent swag or enter our raffle to win a deluxe art kit. It's just a couple of weeks away, we hope to see you there!

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**Events/Happenings**

August 6th: [Call for Art from Women Veterans](#)

September 3rd-6th: [Local Performers Sought For 85th Annual Monterey County Fair](#)

September 24th-26th: [Monterey Jazz Festival's Evolution of a Groove - 12 Episode Package: the Monterey Commissions](#)

**Grants & Scholarships**

[Grant Writing for Succe$$](#)

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**The Legacy Circle**

With the stroke of a pen, YOU can ensure the future of community arts programs in Monterey County!

For more information on how you can support the arts for future generations, contact Bella Hockersmith, Development Director at 831-622-9060 x108 or bella@arts4mc.org.
Thank you to the County of Monterey and the Board of Supervisors for the ongoing support of the Arts Council for Monterey County’s efforts to strengthen and broaden the County’s economic base.