Dear Friends of the Arts,

Recently I was asked what motivates me to work for Arts4MC, and I think the best answer is that every day is so different. Some days we have victories, other days present challenges. Last week, we had the honor of presenting art kits to every 3rd grader at Gabilan Elementary School in Soledad, a school that is underserved in the arts. To see the joy on their faces and the exclamations of "I LOVE ART" was priceless! This is what motivates me - to bring the arts to all our students in Monterey County.

And have you noticed our new logo? Unfortunately, we do not have the original artwork for the former logo and it was deteriorating over time. After careful consideration, we decided to refresh our logo that reflects a more modern look and captures our vision to symbolize our future as Monterey County's official arts agency.

I hope you can experience some joy this weekend with opportunities of art!

Warmly,

Jacquie Atchison
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Art Kits Distribution at Gabilan Elementary School

Poetry Out Loud High School Competition

The Arts Council for Monterey County presents the 2023 Poetry Out Loud High School Recitation Competition. Watch 11 local high school students compete for the Monterey County Poetry Out Loud Champion title!

Alisal High School
Everett Alvarez High School
Gonzales High School
North Monterey County High School
Notre Dame High School
Pacific Grove High School
Pacific Valley School
Palma School
Rancho San Juan High School
Apply to be the first Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate

The Arts Council for Monterey County, in partnership with Urban Word, celebrates local youth poets with the opportunity to serve as the Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Currently reside in Monterey County
- Be between the ages of 13-19 years old at time of submission

**REQUIREMENTS:**
- Submit five (5) original poems
- Complete the application, submit a resume, statement of civic engagement, and statement of social justice activities
- Be available to serve as Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate for the one-year term, April 2023 – April 2024

**DEADLINE:** February 28, 2023

Honorarium awarded - $1,000

The Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate will serve a one-year term and participate in several engagements throughout the year.

**APPLY NOW**

College Arts Scholarships Now Open

The Arts Council for Monterey County will award $2,500 college arts scholarships to graduating high school seniors pursuing a higher learning degree in an arts field. In addition, we will provide one Joann Adair Memorial Scholarship of $2,500 to a Salinas student to support their education. A college program gives artists vital access to training & professional mentors, as well as knowledge & skills in business, marketing and production.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Resident of Monterey County
- High School Senior, graduating class of 2023
- Transcript showing a 2.0 GPA or above

**DEADLINE:** April 17, 2023 at 11:59 pm

If you need assistance, call Klara Hickmanova: 831-622-9060 x 103 or email klara@arts4mc.org.

**APPLY NOW**
Opportunities for Teaching Artists

ARMS COUNCIL
for Monterey County

WE ARE HIRING

TEACHING ARTIST POSITIONS:
- Music
- Dance
- Theater
- Visual Arts

In-classroom and online opportunities for the 2022-23 school year. Hourly range is from $38-$54/per hour plus planning hours. Please submit a cover letter, resume, lesson plan samples and examples of student projects or personal portfolios to Karyn Lee-Garcia, Programs Director, at karyn@arts4mc.org with subject line “Teaching Artist”.

JOB DESCRIPTION
www.Arts4mc.org/jobs

Upcoming Poetry Workshops with Daniel Summerhill

POETRY WORKSHOPS

Hosted by Monterey County Inaugural Poet Laureate Daniel B. Summerhill and Monterey County Free Libraries co-facilitated by Poet and Monterey County nature Artist, Merli Meda

Session Date:
Soledad Library - bilingual February 8, 5:00 pm
Marina Library - bilingual April 22, 10:00 am

For ages 13+

- learn basic poetic techniques
- share stories through poetry and oral tradition
February 4th at 1 pm: **2023 Poetry Out Loud High School Recitation Competition**

February 8th: [Call for Art - EAAM + The Pearl Works](#)

March 16th: [Call for Young Artists 'Ocean Arts Festival: Monterey'](http://oceansartsfestival.com)

April 24th: [Monterey County Poetry Student Contest](#)

**Grants & Scholarships**

Ongoing: [Free Video Tutorial Grant Writing for Succes$](http://grantsformontereycounty.com)

**Art Directory**

Did you know... The Arts Council for Monterey County has an arts directory that allows you to quickly find all types of arts classes throughout Monterey County?

- [Art Studio Monterey](#)
- [Pacific Grove Art Center](#)

Click [here](#) to add your own organization, or update your existing directory listing, to help others find you.

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**BECOME A GEM**

Give • Every • Month

Our monthly donors ensure we can continue our work to help the arts thrive in Monterey County!

Join a community of people who believe art has the power to change lives for the better.

[www.arts4mc.org/give-every-month](http://www.arts4mc.org/give-every-month)

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**THE LEGACY CIRCLE**

Support the arts in Monterey County for future generations!

If the arts have made a difference in your life, you might be the perfect candidate for a legacy gift.

[www.arts4mc.org/planned-giving](http://www.arts4mc.org/planned-giving)

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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.

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*Support the arts in Monterey County!*