



The **Alameda County Arts Commission** is pleased to share this newsletter with information about the annual Art is Education Month of March, Arts Leadership Award Program, Dublin Public Art Project, Arts, Culture & Creativity Month of April, and the East Bay EDA Innovation Awards.

All of the programs and services of the Arts Commission are based on the belief that arts and creativity are an essential part of every successful and thriving community. Thank you for your support of the arts in Alameda County!

## CREATE **ALAMEDA** COUNTY

### Arts Advocacy in Action



On March 1, 2022, President of the Board Keith Carson and the **Alameda County Board of Supervisors** proclaimed March as “Art is Education Month” and April as “Arts, Culture and Creativity Month.”

Melissa Wilk, Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder, and Rachel Osajima, Arts Commission Director, accepted the proclamation in person from Keith Carson, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (pictured above, left). They were joined on Zoom by the appointed members of the Alameda County Arts Commission (pictured in Zoom, from top, left to right): Usha Shukla, Rachel Osajima (Arts Commission Director), Theresa Rude, and Margaret Thornberry; (bottom, left to right): Diane Takei Gotanda (Arts Commission Chairperson), Ernest Jolly (Arts Commission Vice-Chairperson), Grace Karr, and Sawsan Jari Wolski.

Learn more by watching the [proclamation video](#).

Creativity is essential, and art is healing. We use creativity every day to create solutions for the world we share. Get involved now and throughout the year with these [arts advocacy resources and activities](#):

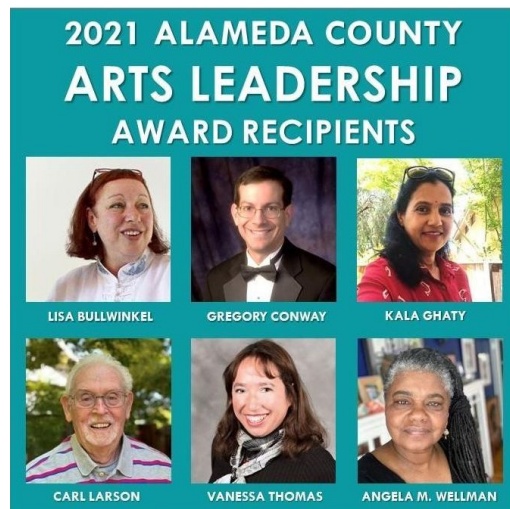
- **Connect your arts education events** by using the [Art is Education logo](#) in March and the [Arts, Culture & Creativity month logo](#) and hashtags #ArtisEducation #CreateAlamedaCounty #ACCM22
- **Share the value of the arts** with your network. Post social media images from the toolkits presented by [CREATE CA](#) and [Californians for the Arts](#).
- **Learn about arts advocacy** by watching a [short interview](#) with Julie Baker, Director of [Californians for the Arts](#) and Joaquin Newman, Manager of the [Arts and Creativity Program](#) at REACH Ashland Youth Center.

During Art is Education Month, the Arts Commission is distributing 20,000 arts education advocacy activity sheets and brushes with the help of partners across the County. The sheets have watercolor paint embedded in the paper, so all that is needed is a little water. Partners include [Alameda County Library](#), [Alameda County Community Food Bank](#), [Oakland Vet Center](#), [CREATE CA](#), and more.



## 2022 Arts Leadership Awards Program

Nomination Deadline: Friday, May 20, 5:00pm



Community members are invited to submit nominations for the [2022 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards Program](#). This annual program enables the Alameda County Arts Commission to recognize five individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and residents of Alameda County. You must be an Alameda County resident to submit a nomination. One nomination per person.

[Click here](#) to start the online submission form. The nomination deadline is Friday, May 20 at 5:00pm. Please spread the word about this program and submit your nomination today!

Image features last year's Arts Leadership

Award Recipients. Over 100 community members have received an Arts Leadership Award since the program began in 2003! Learn more by viewing the [Nomination Instructions](#) and the [List of the Past Award Recipients](#).

## Public Art Program

*Do you live or work in Dublin or use the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station?*

Take a short [online community survey](#) about the new public art project associated with the future **Dublin Transit Center Parking Garage**. Your comments will help influence the artwork!

Responses will be collected through April 30.

Are you interested in being part of the committee that will select the artist? Fill out an **interest form**. Deadline: April 6.

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Dublin Transit Center  
Parking Garage

Public Art Program

For more information, contact the Office of the  
Alameda County Arts Commission at  
[artscommission@acgov.org](mailto:artscommission@acgov.org)



## April is Arts, Culture & Creativity Month

**Californians for the Arts** (CFTA) directs this annual month-long spotlight on the arts to raise visibility and awareness about the value of our sector, to empower arts advocates to take action, and to spur greater investments in our industry and workforce. Be part of a movement and share your support for celebrating and recognizing the value and impact of arts, culture and creativity in your community. Here are ways to get involved:

**Download the ACCM logo** and add it to your social media during the month of April.

**March 31: Submit** artwork and art project images to the **ACCM 2022 | The Arts Work: Showcase**. Selected artworks will be featured on the CFTA website during April. Cash prizes available.

**April 1:** Attend **Weekly Webinars** every Friday through April 29th exploring the "The Arts Work" theme with a special focus each week such as social justice, community prosperity, healing, economic recovery and youth empowerment.

**April 5:** Sign up to be an **Advocacy Week Delegate** for your District to meet with state legislators that represent Alameda County. Meetings with state legislators will take place the week of April 25.



## 2022 East Bay Innovation Awards

**Deadline Extended until Friday, April 1**

Often referred to as the "Academy Awards of the East Bay," the **East Bay Innovation Awards** is the premier program of its kind that celebrates and honors the extraordinary companies and organizations that contribute to the East Bay's legacy of innovation. Presented by the **East Bay Economic Development Alliance**, the 10th Annual East Bay Innovation Awards returns in person to the Fox Theater on August 4, 2022.

Nominations for the 2022 award are now open. Submission deadline extended until Friday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m. For questions, please email [iawards@eastbayeda.org](mailto:iawards@eastbayeda.org) or call



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## Resources for Artists and Arts Organizations



**Americans for the Arts**  
Federal Arts Advocacy

**California Arts Council**  
Grant Opportunities



**Californians for the Arts**  
News, Resources and Events

**California Arts Advocates**  
Arts Advocacy



**Create CA**  
Arts Education Advocacy

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*Top Image:* Artwork by Yan Inlow, "Butterflies Enjoying Poppies on a Spring Day #2", 2016, embroidery, 20" x 20". From the Alameda County Art Collection, commissioned for the Cherryland Community Center. Artwork copyright the artist.

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