



Online Resources & Outdoor Events

We want to support our students and our community in any way possible. Enjoy this teacher-curated list of free online resources and in-person events, from art exhibitions to crafts to online step-by-step tutorials, for kids who really love art! Keep checking back for updates. Scroll down for different ages.

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For Everyone:

READ WITH ME IN THE PARK

June 12, 2024 – July 10, 2024

Join local teacher, Leslee Milch, for her "Read With Me" summer reading program Wednesdays this summer at Bellis Park, 7171 8th St. Everyone is welcome to participate and get lost in a great book.

Leslee Milch, a Buena Park School District teacher, and her students, the fun of reading doesn't end when summer vacation begins. Milch started her "Read With Me" summer reading program over 15 years ago as a way to keep her young students reading even during summer vacation. Milch, a National Board Certified Teacher and Reading Specialist, has been teaching at Gilbert Elementary School for over 20 years.

WEBSITE: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofBuenaPark/>

FAMILY ART DAY

July 14, 2024

Join the Festival of Arts for a wild good time as Family Art Day returns on Sunday, July 14 with a fun new animal-twist!

The Festival's Art Center, sponsored by Bank of America, will be buzzing with wildlife-themed art activities, perfect for all ages. Families will have the opportunity to meet feathered, furry and other fantastically fun critters from OC Reptile Zoo, Priceless Pets rescue, Raptor Events LLC, and the OC Beekeepers Association. You won't want to miss Orange County Aerial Arts taking to the stage for a special aerial performance or the chance to get an airbrush tattoo- it'll be a real hoot!

Limited space available. Children 5 and under receive free admission all summer long to the Festival of Arts.

WEBSITE: <https://www.foapom.com/event/family-art-day/>

IMPOSSIBLY CLOSE SCULPTURES BY KAZU HIRO

April 20, 2024 – June 23, 2024

Accomplished Los Angeles artist, two time Academy Award winning makeup artist and 2024 Oscar Nominee, Kazu Hiro, explored special effects makeup during his teenage years in Kyoto, Japan. Through a blend of mimicry and trial and error, he refined his craft in Hollywood, ultimately receiving Oscars for his notable contributions to films like "Darkest Hour" and "Bombshell." In a pivotal turn in 2012, Hiro shifted his focus to fine art sculpture, employing materials such as resin and platinum silicone to create remarkable, larger-than-life, hyper-realistic portraits. With unmatched technical skill, Hiro brings his iconic subjects to life, challenging us to confront these larger-than-life personalities face-to-face.

The exhibition "Impossibly Close" features the sculptures of Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo, Abraham Lincoln, and Jimi Hendrix.

WEBSITE: <https://muzeo.org/exhibition/impossibly-close-sculptures-by-kazu-hiro/>

GREAT PARK LIVE: MOVIES ON THE LAWN

June 27, 2024 – August 1, 2024

The community is invited to Great Park Live for an outdoor family movie night on the big screen. Bring low-back chairs, blankets and a picnic, or purchase tasty treats from gourmet food trucks and a snack bar. Guests can arrive early with food trucks available beginning at 6:30 p.m. Movies begin after sunset and are weather permitting.
Thursday, June 27 - *Elemental* (PG)

Thursday, July 18 - *Trolls Band Together* (PG)

Thursday, August 1 - *Wonka* (PG)

WEBSITE: <https://www.cityofirvine.org/community-services-department/summer-city>

KIDS SUMMER FRIDAYS AT LAGUNA ART MUSEUM

June 28, 2024 – August 2, 2024

Drop in and create masterpieces of your own every summer Friday at the Laguna Art Museum (LAM) Studio/Lab. The Lab is open to all kids who want to explore their creativity and participate in hands-on art projects. Members of Education Staff will be on site to help kids find inspiration and create their works of art.

Throughout Summer 2024, we will be welcoming kids into the museum for expanded learning and creative opportunities that can be found only at Laguna Art Museum. Starting off with our Summer Camp, we will announce new phases of LAM Kids Summer on this page. Stay tuned and make sure you register.

Drop ins are free with museum admission.

WEBSITE: <https://lagunaartmuseum.org/lam-kids-summer/>

NATURE'S BLUEPRINT: BIOMIMICRY IN ART AND DESIGN

June 15, 2024 – August 11, 2024

Explore the patterns and processes in nature that inspire the design of everything from raincoats to skyscrapers.

WEBSITE: <https://www.fullertonmuseum.com/exhibits/WIGvaXzTNQi86CKPUMTd>

A MOON FOR THE DAYDREAMERS

May 8th, 2024 – August 11, 2024

Connecting diverse artworks primarily drawn from OCMA's permanent collection, *A Moon for the Daydreamers* weaves a tapestry of lunar interpretations, drawing on the profound solitude and communal wonder that the moon inspires. Ranging from painting, printmaking, photography, and video, the collection of works navigates the literal, symbolic, and abstract dimensions of lunar influences, presenting a multifaceted narrative on identity and our relationship with the cosmos, while exploring the moon's gravitational pull on our collective psyche.

WEBSITE: <https://ocma.art/exhibitions/a-moon-for-the-daydreamers/>

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL

June 28, 2024 – September 1, 2024

Where Art Meets Magic. Laguna Beach's iconic Sawdust Art Festival is back for its 58th season, promising a summer of enchantment amidst a grove of eucalyptus trees. Spanning an impressive 66 days, this beloved event invites visitors into a world where art meets magic. With artists, makers, and musicians showcasing their talents, collectors and art fans will find endless opportunities to explore, connect, and create.

WEBSITE: <https://sawdustartfestival.org/summer/>

MARY BLAIR'S WONDERLAND: IMAGINING DISNEY'S ALICE

May 15, 2024 – September 7, 2024

The reinvented Hilbert Museum of California Art features a striking, two-building ensemble offering 26 galleries for rotating displays of the more than 5,000 oils, watercolors and drawings depicting everyday California life in the growing Hilbert Collection. It will also include a café, a community room for lectures, classes and events, a research library, and an outdoor courtyard with native gardens that create a new front door to the museum.

This ultimate *Alice* tribute to Disney artist Mary Blair (1911-1978), encompasses both Blair's *Alice in Wonderland* concept art and original *Alice* art by other Disney illustrators.

WEBSITE: <https://hilbertmuseum.org/current-exhibitions/>

Ongoing OC Art Events:

HUNTINGTON BEACH SURF CITY NIGHTS

Every Tuesday, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Surf City Nights Certified Farmers Market takes place every Tuesday on Main Street in downtown Huntington Beach from 5-9pm. Just steps from the beach, the market features local merchants offering fresh produce, flowers + local artisans with handcrafted collectibles. Take a stroll down Main Street and hear live music while watching the sun set over the Pacific Ocean.

WEBSITE: <https://www.surfcityusa.com/events/community-events/surf-city-nights/>

SAN CLEMENTE VILLAGE ART FAIRE

First Sunday of Every Month, 9:00 AM

The Village Art Faire is a decades-old San Clemente tradition, born from a desire to put gifted artists and craftspeople in touch with their local community. It has grown to include artists from all over Southern California and attracts visitors from near and far.

Our artisans offer a beautiful selection of hand-crafted work which includes photography, fine art, jewelry, woodwork, botanicals, apothecary, leather, wearables, ceramics, home decor, fused/blown glass, metal work, and much more. Stroll and shop Avenida Del Mar where more than 60 vendors will have arts, crafts and other fabulous items.

WEBSITE: <https://scdba.org/village-art-faire>

DOWNTOWN FULLERTON ART WALK

First Friday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

This incredibly popular Art Walk brings hundreds of art enthusiasts to the streets of downtown Fullerton, where various venues host art exhibits, music acts, and performance art. Multiple venues offer free art activities and exhibition openings within walking distance of each other. You can find a map at any venue for a self-guided tour. Free refreshments are also provided throughout the evening at many of the stops.

WEBSITE: <http://www.fullertonartwalk.com/>

SANTA ANA ARTISTS VILLAGE ART WALK

First Saturday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

The Downtown Santa Ana Art Walk takes place the first Saturday of every month and showcases more over 25 galleries, 40 vendors, and 40 bars and restaurants. The event features live performances, art activities for kids, Artmusement, a coloring wall at M. Lovewell, community engagement, and games at Good Beer Co.

WEBSITE: <https://www.dtsaartwalk.org/>

YORBA LINDA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FAMILY TOURS

Ongoing 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Families are invited to experience the new Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center! Tours of the facility will include family-friendly art workshops for the entire family. Social distancing measures will be in place and face coverings must be worn. With limited space, pre-registration is required. Online pre-registration is required and is limited to five families per 30-minute time slot. Only one registration is required per family; maximum family size of five is allowed. For more information contact the Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center at (657) 242-4660.

WEBSITE: <https://www.activekids.com/yorba-linda-ca/classes/free-family-art-experience-tours-2021>

LAGUNA BEACH ART WALK

First Thursday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Held on the first Thursday of every month from 6 – 9pm. Visitors are invited to join Galleries throughout Laguna Beach for a festive year round event. Free trolley service commences from the Laguna Art Museum. Each trolley is accompanied by an Art Walk guide, who are there to inform and answer any questions you may have.

WEBSITE: <https://www.firstthursdaysartwalk.org/>

For Kids:

ART FOR KIDS HUB

Step-by-Step Drawing for Kids! Many Art Steps kiddos love these tutorials!

WEBSITE: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub>

GONOODLE

Feeling some stress? This one is not exactly about art, but we thought you might like it: Children can enjoy some indoor activity and relax with meditation.

WEBSITE: <https://www.gonoodle.com>

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART DOWNLOADABLE LESSONS

WEBSITE: <https://www.nga.gov/education/teachers/lessons-activities.html>

TATE KIDS

Tate Museum offers free online art lessons, quizzes, games, and mini lectures for kids!

WEBSITE: <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

For Teens:

KENNEDY CENTER ARTS EDUCATION

The Kennedy Center's Art Education resources aim to both empower young artists and provide arts educators the resources they need to effectively bring the arts to their classroom. Included is everything from graduate level assistance to classroom lesson plans to summer intensives for young students.

WEBSITE: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/>

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

The National Endowment for the Arts supports exemplary arts projects in communities nationwide through grantmaking initiatives, partnerships, and events. They also award grants to nonprofit organizations, creative writers and translators, state arts agencies, and regional arts organizations.

WEBSITE: <https://www.arts.gov/>

SPARKETH ONLINE ART COURSES

As seen on Shark Tank, Sparketh Online Art Courses offers a library of 1000+ bite-sized video art lessons taught by talented mentors and educators. There are classes on many different types of art. Everything from how to draw manga to how to create abstract paintings is covered.

WEBSITE: <https://sparketh.com/>

ART CAREER PROJECT

The Art Career Project is a leading destination for artists to explore career paths, search programs, and find the resources they need to build careers with longevity and meaning.

WEBSITE: <https://theartcareerproject.com/>

BROOKLYN DIGITAL ART LIBRARY

The Digital Library is the virtual extension of the Brooklyn Art Library and contains 25,019 complete scanned contributions to The Sketchbook Project and counting. Users curate collections of their favorite sketchbooks. You can search and share them with your friends! Find inspiration from others through this digital library!

WEBSITE: <https://www.sketchbookproject.com/library>

PIXAR IN A BOX

Pixar in a Box is a behind-the-scenes look at how Pixar artists do their jobs. You will be able to animate bouncing balls, build a swarm of robots, and make virtual fireworks explode. The subjects you learn in school — math, science,

computer science, and humanities — are used every day to create amazing movies at Pixar. This collaboration between Pixar Animation Studios and Khan Academy is sponsored by Disney.

WEBSITE: <https://www.khanacademy.org/partner-content/pixar>

SCHOLASTIC LEARN AT HOME

A vast, wide-ranging collection of ways to interact and explore a wide variety of topics, for all ages!

WEBSITE: <https://www.sdmart.org/exhibition/bouquereau-america/>

CESAR SANTOS

One of our favorite YouTubers who will surely provide both entertainment and big inspiration for tweens, teens and adults!

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ce7leNdACKk>

KHAN ACADEMY ART HISTORY LESSONS

One of our favorite YouTubers who will surely provide both entertainment and big inspiration for tweens, teens and adults!

WEBSITE: <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-history>

For Older Elementary & Tweens:

LITTLE BIG HISTORY OF PAINT

Cool concepts, for kids and teens

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCUav6IGs1s>

MOM JUNCTION

Fun Arts and Crafts for Teens

WEBSITE: https://www.momjunction.com/articles/cool-arts-and-crafts-ideas-for-teens_00377483/

CARLA SONHEIM PRESENTS KIDS ART WEEK

Author of Drawing Lab for Mixed-Media Artists: 52 Creative Exercises to Make Drawing Fun! Presents free kids art lessons based on famous artists!

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLYX1OUKuhI&list=PLroCMYsQv0JOpI_S8mPiBCHw7MZpt5BC4

For the Youngest Children:

STORY TIME WEDNESDAYS AT CASA ROMANTICA

Every Wednesday in July, 10:30 AM

Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens invites families to Story time Wednesdays. This event is free as a part of our Casa Kids programming. Donations will be accepted if you'd like to help rebuild Casa Romantica.

WEBSITE: <https://www.casaromantica.org/events/storytime/>

MISS BRUSHES ART ACADEMY BY SESAME STUDIOS

By the makers of sesame street, join Miss Brushes art class as they learn about "what is art?", "how to make a self-portrait", and "how to make new colors". A cute animated series your little one will love!

Video: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkon_sSMYfKbNmlcylFcMyIq16Rnf0JfT

ARTS AND CRAFTS BY SESAME STUDIOS

Grab some paint, crayons, and your imagination because it's time to express your creativity with Sesame Studios!

Video: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkon_sSMYfKbSjF_OeDn4Ts-SOL-P-AaJ

More to come! Check back soon!

Know of a great art-related link that you can share?

Call 714-524-2248, or email us! centraloffice@artstepsclasses.com



Every Child is a Masterpiece