



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:

MARCH ARTISTS & CRAFT NIGHTS AT FULLERTON MUSEUM CENTER

March 27, 2025

Fullerton Museum Center invites the community to join us Thursdays for our March Artists & Crafts, free, all-ages, and all-skill-levels creative activities. Each week a local artist will host a new creative activity. Come explore your artistic side and make something special for free. All materials provided—just bring your creativity.

3/27: Fused Glass This week: Bugs and Butterflies

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

JAPANESE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

April 6, 2025

Celebrate with Bowers Museum during our free family festivals held every first Sunday of the month in the Museum's beautiful Key Courtyard. Enjoy live performances, art making, face painting and complimentary treats at every festival.

WEBSITE: <https://www.bowers.org/index.php/programs/festivals/japanese-cherry-blossom>

IMAGINOLOGY

April 12 – April 13

A free family event that focuses on STEAM education and hands-on learning.

Imaginology features makeshops, demonstrations, competitions, hands-on activities and entertainment, as well as food and fun. Youth competitions give students the chance to be recognized for their unique talent and accomplishments.

WEBSITE: <https://ocfair.com/imaginology/>

ART + PLAY AT OCMA

April 16, 2025

Join OCMA for Art + Play for toddlers. Discover fun ways to introduce art and creative thinking to youth ages 3–5 and their caregivers. Participants visit our exhibitions and engage in playful activities that inspire imagination.

Art + Play (Ages 3–5) is held the third Wednesday of every month. Two hour-long sessions are available from 11:00 am–12:00 pm and 12:00–1:00 pm. Please register for one session only.

Tickets are free, required, and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

WEBSITE: <https://ocma.art/calendar/art-play-ages-3-5-april-25/>

OC DIA DEL NINO FESTIVAL AT THE HUNT LIBRARY, FULLERTON

April 26, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The OC Dia del Niño returns to The Hunt Library on Saturday, April 26, 2025 with amazing youth music and dance groups from throughout the county and great children's arts workshops make this another great event! FREE!

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

MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW

February 20 – April 20

Extending beyond aesthetics and taste, *More Than You Can Chew* surveys contemporary artworks that examine the cultural, economic, and political foundations which shape our culinary experiences. Acting as conduits for discourse,

the artworks included in this exhibition bring new ideas to familiar subjects. Explore the complexities of food through a lens that merges the edible with artistic integrity, showcasing that some of the most simple and familiar things can hold hidden and elaborate meanings.

WEBSITE: <https://www.cityofirvine.org/great-park/exhibitions>

COMMON GROUND: EARLY 20TH CENTURY ARTIST COMMUNITIES

February 8 – May 17

UCI Jack and Shanaz Langson Institute and Museum of California Art (IMCA) invites the community to view Common Ground: Early 20th-Century Artist Communities in Southern California. Common Ground explores how artists' communities in Los Angeles, Laguna Beach, and La Jolla contributed to the development of California plein air painting in the early 20th century. Southern California experienced rapid growth during this period, as marked by population increases, suburban expansion, and the rise of automobile culture.

WEBSITE: <https://imca.uci.edu/exhibition/common-ground-early-20th-century-artist-communities-in-southern-california/>

DISNEY CLASSICS OF THE 1950s AND 60s

September 21, 2024 – April 19, 2025

Prepare for a whirlwind of enchantment as Pacific Symphony and American Ballet Theatre William J. Gillespie School at Segerstrom Center for the Arts unite to reimagine Tchaikovsky's cherished holiday spectacle. This exhilarating new production bursts to life with a freshness that will dazzle the senses and ignite the imaginations of all ages. Surrender to the magic as you're whisked away on a thrilling adventure, where every turn is filled with breathtaking dance, vibrant costumes, and the beloved, timeless score that has become synonymous with the wonder of the season.

WEBSITE: <https://hilbertmuseum.org/disney-classics-of-the-1950s-and-60s/>

PICTURING PARADISE: THE ART OF CALIFORNIA ORANGE BOX LABELS

September 21, 2024 – April 19, 2025

Gordon McClelland, who pioneered the whole orange-crate label collecting trend with his 1980s books on the subject, curates this exhibition of colorful crate labels dating from the 1880s to 1955. Many of the spectacular illustrations on these labels depicted the sunny paradise that was Southern California, or exoticized it as a land of flirty Spanish señoritas and picturesque haciendas. These designs helped not only to sell oranges, but to promote the notion of California itself as a golden dream state of idyllic beauty and "paradise found."

WEBSITE: <https://hilbertmuseum.org/picturing-paradise-california-orange-box-labels/>

ORDINARY EXTRAORDINARY

November 21, 2024 – May 25, 2025

A paper bag that glitters in 24-karat gold. A giant Pink Pearl eraser. A landscape sculpted from sponges, scrubbers, scouring pads, and mopheads. Reframing the objects and environments of everyday life, OCMA's exhibition *Ordinary Extraordinary* brings together a constellation of works that make the commonplace seem unfamiliar, uncanny, mysterious, and even magical.

WEBSITE: <https://ocma.art/exhibitions/ordinary-extraordinary/>

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?

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Every Child is a Masterpiece