



Online Resources and 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.

Last Updated: 10/20/2026

For Everyone:

Sawdust Art Festival — Winter Fantasy

Nov. 20–Dec. 20, 2026

Local artists, original paintings, handmade crafts, and live entertainment. Open Friday–Sunday, 11 AM–7 PM.

WEBSITE: <https://sawdustartfestival.org/pages/plan-your-visit?>

First Thursdays Art Walk

Nov. 5 and Dec. 3, 2026

Free gallery visits and a chance to explore local artists' work. Typically 6–9 PM.

WEBSITE: <https://www.visitlagunabeach.com/event/first-thursdays-art-walk/>

Radiant Terrains: Elements of Light in Contemporary Art

Through Jan. 10, 2027

An exhibition exploring light in contemporary art, suitable for students, parents, and art enthusiasts.

WEBSITE: <https://lagunaartmuseum.org/exhibitions>

Art + Nature Celebration Week

Nov. 1–9, 2026

Outdoor art, participatory projects, and activities connecting artistic expression with the environment. Some activities are free.

WEBSITE: <https://lagunaartmuseum.org/art-nature/>

What Fearful Shadows

Oct. 10–Dec. 13, 2026

Contemporary art exploring horror, folklore, and society.

WEBSITE: <https://www.breaartgallery.com/currentexhibit>

Shaped by Place: Nature, Nurture and Becoming

Oct. 3–31, 2026

Contemporary art exploring identity and belonging.

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

Theo Hirschfield: Euphoria

Through Nov. 1, 2026

Contemporary gallery exhibition.

WEBSITE: <https://sparkoc.com/categories/visual-arts/>

Orientations: Fall Faculty and Staff Exhibition

Through Nov. 6, 2026

Faculty and staff artwork at Saddleback College.

WEBSITE: <https://www.saddleback.edu/events/orientations-fall-faculty-and-staff-exhibition>

Ongoing OC Art Events:

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/>

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>

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/>

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: <https://www.artwalkdtf.com/>

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>

Cocoa and Canvas

Dec. 19, 2026

A holiday-themed painting workshop with hot cocoa and seasonal treats.

WEBSITE: <https://artventureoc.com/events/>

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/bouguereau-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

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

Fresh(AIR): Artist in Residence

See an artist's process and learn about creative practice.

WEBSITE: <https://www.breaartgallery.com/events>

Radiant Terrains

Study light, composition, and contemporary artistic approaches.

WEBSITE: <https://lagunaartmuseum.org/exhibitions>

Orientations: Fall Faculty and Staff Exhibition

Explore college-level artwork and different artistic disciplines.

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For Older Elementary TRIAL FONT *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=sIYX1OUKuhl&list=PLroCMysQv0JOpI_S8mPiBCHw7MZpt5BC4

For the Youngest Children:

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_sSMyfKbNmIcylFcMyIq16Rnf0JFt

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



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