



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 history 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:

BUENA PARK CULTURE FEST

September 23, 2023 5PM - 9PM

The City of Buena Park invites all to our annual CultureFest. This is a free, family-friendly event where we come together to celebrate our cultures. You'll explore different cultures from around the world through amazing music, dance, delicious food, community booths and a variety of activities.

WEBSITE:

https://www.buenapark.com/city_departments/community_services/cultural_fine_arts/bp_culturefest.php

FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN

September 24, 2023 12PM - 4PM

Join us every weekend in September as we celebrate National Child Awareness Month at the world-renowned South Coast Plaza during the 22nd annual Festival of Children®. Come enjoy free activities and live performances that delight children and adults alike while learning about over 70 youth-serving organizations that proudly serve children in the community.

WEBSITE: <https://festivalofchildren.org/>

MUZEUM TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT

September 28, 2023 4PM - 7PM

Muzeo Museum and Cultural Center (Muzeo) invites educators to a complimentary after-hours open house. Enjoy light refreshments, participate in a Wine and Paint Class, see our Fall shows: Anaheim Art Association Annual Juried Exhibit, Halloween Greetings, and Tricks, Treats, and Traditions. Join a raffle for one free school tour (up to 65 students), receive 20% off purchases at the Muzeo gift shop, and discover what Muzeo has to offer you and your students for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Teacher Appreciation Night is free with advance RSVP.

WEBSITE: https://muzeo.org/event/teacher-appreciation-night/?event_date=2023-09-28

IRVINE MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL

September 29, 2023 5PM - 9PM

The City of Irvine invites all to join us as we host a Mid-Autumn Festival at the Great Park. Enjoy live musical and dance performances, cultural exhibits, and a festive atmosphere. This free family evening also includes arts, crafts, artistic demonstrations, education plus, tasty food trucks. Local community partners will be in attendance to support the event and share organizational information and resources.

This event is free, open to all ages, and no registration is required.

The Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival.

WEBSITE: <https://www.cityofirvine.org/community-services-department/mid-autumn-festival>

CALIFORNIA BOUNTY IMAGE AND IDENTITY

June 13 - September 30, 2023

California Bounty is the first curatorial interpretation of the Bowers Museum's distinguished painting collection since 1994. Viewers will take a rambling journey through California's visual history, a history shaped by a unique mixture of Mexican and Anglo traditions as well as the state's position on the Pacific Rim. Each painting epitomizes California's land, people and offerings as a place of produce and plenty.

The exhibition brings together many of the museum's most cherished paintings, including works by early artists documenting the Mission and Rancho periods; landscapes by plein air painters portraying California's coasts and canyons; sumptuous portraits and still-life paintings of flowers and paper-wrapped fruit by Alberta and William McCloskey; and a small selection of works indicating California as a continued place of possibility. This will be the first public display of many of the selected paintings, some of which have spent years in storage.

A catalog, Legacy of Bounty: Paintings from the Bowers Museum will delve even deeper into the museum's assemblage of paintings. Focusing on the breadth of the collection, the hardbound catalog will include 138 of the museum's most important historic, plein air, American and European paintings.

WEBSITE: <https://www.bowers.org/index.php/upcoming-exhibition/112th-annual-gold-medal-exhibition>

ALL MEDIA 2023

June 24 - September 30, 2023

Irvine Fine Arts Center invites the community to view its annual juried All Media exhibition. Join us July 8 for the opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m., featuring this year's guest juror, Gabriela Urtiaga, Chief Curator at the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) in Long Beach. The annual juried "All Media" exhibition showcases artwork from Southern California artists working across all visual creative disciplines celebrating diverse perspectives, experiences, and ideas through art.

Irvine Fine Arts Center is a community venue that presents exhibitions designed to expand awareness, understanding, and sensitivity to art, and provide exploratory and educational viewing experiences for diverse audiences.

WEBSITE: <https://www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-fine-arts-center/all-media>

SCULPTURE GARDEN AT THE MUCK

June 20 - September 30, 2023

The community is invited to take a stroll through the outdoor Sculpture Garden at the Muckenthal Cultural Center in Fullerton. The Sculpture Garden includes work by Bret Price, Jimmy Centeno, Sofia Enriquez, Katherine England, and Daniel Miller, as well as a collection of Papua New Guinea Story Poles on long term loan from the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.

WEBSITE: <https://themuck.org/sculpture-garden#story-poles>

ANCIENT ARTS OF CHINA

June 13 - October 7, 2023

Bowers Museum presents our permanent exhibition, Ancient Arts of China: A 5000 Year Legacy. Curated by scholars of Chinese history and culture from the Shanghai Museum, this incredible collection portrays the evolution of Chinese art and culture.

Art from China and Japan make up the majority of this collection, numbering more than 6,000 objects. Recently, Bowers has been actively collecting jewelry, ornamentation and textiles from the native cultures of China. Objects from the Asian collection range in date from Neolithic to 20th Century.

WEBSITE: <https://www.bowers.org/index.php/current-exhibition/ancient-arts-of-china-a-5000-year-legacy>

YU JI, A GUEST, A HOST, A GHOST

July 19 - October 22, 2023

Join OCMA for Yu Ji: A Guest, A Host, A Ghost. In her first US museum solo exhibition, A Guest, A Host, A Ghost, OCMA presents the first ten works in her ongoing series Flesh in Stone (2012–ongoing), where different-sized cement casts of the human body are presented in fragments, as parts of a larger whole. Alongside these intimate cement works, the exhibition includes three of her Refined Still Life lithographs (all 2020)—ghostly, fugitive images of landscapes printed onto curved plates of stainless steel. Fragmented and abstracted, Yu Ji's works seem to have come from the past while being reminiscent of a world still coming into being.

Combined with a new work created in response to the curved architecture of OCMA's Mezzanine and Landing Galleries, A Guest, A Host, A Ghost explores the interwoven relationship between the body, nature, and the built environment, asking us to think deeply about what it takes to occupy a physical form today.

WEBSITE: <https://ocma.art/exhibitions/yu-ji-a-guest-a-host-a-ghost/>

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/event/surf-city-nights/20454/>

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: <http://www.firstthursdaysartwalk.com/>

FREE ONLINE ART STEPS CLASS

The new online program gets students into “the zone”! Develop classical, foundational skills while you’re at home! There is limited space for one Free Introductory Online Class for new and former students living in Orange County, CA: Ages 4 through teens. Reach out and get on the list!

WEBSITE: <https://www.artstepsclasses.com/contact-artsteps.aspx>

VIRTUAL MUSEUM TOURS

Google’s list of all free virtual museum tours

WEBSITE: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner>

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:

IRVINE TEEN FEST

October 18, 2023 3PM - 6:45PM

OC Public Libraries invites teens ages 12-18 to experience TeenFest at the Irvine Heritage Park Library. Programs include authors + hands-on activities.

The Art of Fashion Illustration
Drawing workshop presented by FIDM.

Anabelle Brown: Creative Cookie Crafter
Presentation & cookie decorating workshop. Participation limited to first 50 teen attendees.

Author Talk: Victoria Aveyard
Author of the #1 New York Times bestselling and USA Today bestselling series, Red Queen. First 50 teen attendees will receive a signed copy of Realm Breaker

Plus these activities: Drawing Corner, Sew a Stress Relief Plush, and Mystery Scavenger Hunt.

WEBSITE: <https://ocpl.org/teenfest>

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

Ongoing

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_sSMYfKbNmIcylFcMyIg16Rnf0JFt

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