



The **Alameda County Arts Commission** is pleased to share this newsletter with information about the completion of the public art program for the East 14th Corridor Improvement Project, the 2022 Arts Relief Grants Program, upcoming Pride Event, webinar regarding arts legislation introduced by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, and information about arts funding in the CA Budget.

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

## East 14th Street Corridor Improvement Project Public Art Program



Alameda County celebrated the completion of the East 14th Corridor Improvement Project in the Ashland Community with an official Ribbon Cutting Event on June 18th.

The East 14th Corridor Improvement Project extends from 162nd Avenue to Interstate 238 in the Ashland community in unincorporated Alameda County. Motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and residents in the Ashland community will enjoy a revitalized, safe, and accessible commercial corridor.

Artist **Miriam Klein Stahl** was selected through

an open, competitive process by a Selection Committee of community members who live and work in Ashland. The overall theme of the artwork is “Keep Close to Nature.” The artwork is about the beauty of the natural world, resilience, and a sustainable future for our communities. The original artworks are handmade paper cuts. The paper cuts were digitized and the designs were laser cut into metal panels, sandblasted on seating, and featured on street banners and utility boxes. Check out the [public art guide](#) for more information.



The Public Artwork for the East 14th Street Corridor Improvement Project was managed by the Alameda County Arts Commission in partnership with the Alameda County Public Works Agency. The major public funds are provided through the “Percent for Art” Ordinance established by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. In addition, the artworks are featured on the street banners through a partnership with the Alameda County Economic & Civic Development Department. Also, the utility box art program is made possible through a partnership with the Alameda County Public Works Agency.



Group image (left to right): Malik Johnson (Graphic Designer), Osie and Carden Smith (Vision Isle Digital Imaging), Barisha Spriggs (Community Member), Rachel Osajima (Arts Commission Director), Nico Berry (Ashland Community Identifier Artist), Tomyé Neal-Madison (Public Art Advisory Committee Member), Miriam Klein Stahl (Artist), Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, Margaret Thornberry (Arts Commissioner), Sawsan Jari Wolski (Arts Commissioner), Andrea Guskin (Arts Commissioner), and Elin Christopherson (Public Art Advisory Committee Member). Artist Miriam Klein Stahl with completed utility box along East 14th Street. Image of East 14th Street with public art including cut metal panels and street banners. Photos of Ribbon Cutting and public artist by Paul Kuroda.

## Alameda County Arts Relief Grant Program - Round Two

On July 19th, the [Alameda County Board of Supervisors](#) approved awarding \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds to 182 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in Alameda County through the Alameda County Arts Relief Grant Program. The complete list of grantees and the award amounts can be found at this [link](#). All eligible applicants received grant funding.



The Alameda County Arts Relief Grant Program was established in 2020 with the goal of providing funding assistance to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is managed by the Office of the Alameda County Arts Commission under the leadership of Melissa Wilk, Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Alameda County recognizes that arts and cultural organizations are essential to our



community and an instrumental aspect of our economic recovery. The organizations provide arts and cultural programs and services in the areas of visual art, dance, theater, music, literature, poetry, cultural events and traditions, and other related forms.

We acknowledge and thank the Alameda County arts and cultural community for their commitment and dedication in finding creative solutions that have provided hope and inspiration for so many.



## Every Month is Pride Month! Inaugural Event at the San Lorenzo Library

Wed., July 27th from 10:00am - 6:00pm

Join **Supervisor Dave Brown** and the **San Lorenzo Library** on Wednesday, July 27th for the inaugural Every Month is Pride Month Event! The San Lorenzo Library will be offering a full day of Pride-related events including a collaborative community project, Family Storytime, and other activities. Stay tuned for more programming details by visiting the **San Lorenzo Library Facebook** page.

The poster has a dark brown background. On the left, white text reads "Advancing Arts &amp; Justice with Congresswoman Barbara Lee". Below that, it says "Tuesday, July 26" and "11-11:45am PST • 2-2:45pm EST". It also states "FREE &amp; open to the public" and "Register: bit.ly/CFTA-Events". At the bottom left, there are logos for "CALIFORNIANS FOR THE ARTS" and "WESTAF". On the right side of the poster is a photograph of Congresswoman Barbara Lee, a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a blue blazer and a pearl necklace, smiling. The background behind her is a pattern of many raised fists in various shades of brown and pink, with the word "DROOB" written on each fist.

## Advancing Arts & Justice with Congresswoman Barbara Lee

Tues., July 26th from 11:00 - 11:45am

Join **Californians for the Arts** in an informational webinar on the arts justice legislation introduced by **Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13)**, Advancing Equity Through the Arts and Humanities Act, H.R. 7627. Learn how this bill uplifts the role the arts and humanities have in addressing and dismantling systemic racism in the United States. Meet the artists, cultural bearers, and arts and social justice leaders in the field supporting the bill. Learn how you can engage to help advance equity through the arts and humanities at the federal level.

To register for the webinar **click here** or stream from Barbara Lee's Facebook page on the day of the event: <https://www.facebook.com/RepBarbaraLee>

## CA Budget Update with Julie Baker

Thurs., August 4th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join **Californians for the Arts** and CEO Julie Baker in a webinar to discuss California's \$307 billion budget for 2022-2023, signed by Governor Newsom. The webinar will review what is in the budget for the arts including: \$30 million for CA Cultural Districts Program, \$25 million for Cultural & Art Installations in Parks Program, and \$120 million in local arts & culture investments. The discussion will highlight wins, possibilities, and next steps for arts advocacy. Register for the webinar [HERE](#).

## CA Budget Update with Julie Baker:

What's in it for Arts & Culture?



## 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

*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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