



# ARTS COUNCIL OF MENDOCINO COUNTY UPDATE

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The Arts Council of Mendocino County recognizes the many sacrifices you are making to stop the spread of COVID-19. Thank you. We look forward to gathering again when it is declared safe to do so. When that time comes, we will still be here, and our county-wide arts calendar will again flourish with events. In the meantime, may you be healthy, safe, and in possession of every resiliency necessary to ride out this global pandemic.

We know that many of you have turned to the arts as you stay home and practice physical distancing. Each song you listen to, sing, or compose; each book you read, or write; each stitch you make, each time you closely observe nature on a daily walk, or share a photograph or painting online, you connect to the arts in ways that are both deeply personal and held in common. Keep turning to the arts and keep sharing what you create.

For individual performing and visual artists, arts organizations, and small businesses experiencing economic losses related to this pandemic, please visit our COVID-19 Resources and Response page. The QR code below will take you to the COVID-19 page at [www.ArtsMendocino.org](http://www.ArtsMendocino.org). As we learn about recovery and grant opportunities, we will share them there. Our website is also a great networking tool. We host an online directory of artists and arts organizations, we have arts education lesson plans and video links online, and we created a new online/streaming category for arts events.

*Thank you, again, for doing your part to keep Mendocino County safe and healthy!*



## *In the Time of Pandemic*

And the people stayed home.

And they read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And they listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.

Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

—Kitty O’Meara

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