

# CVN ARTCETRA



Participants in a kokedama class at the Carpinteria Arts Center learned how to create a moss ball with a hanging orchid.

## Westerlay Orchids donates kokedama class proceeds to Arts Center

All the proceeds from a recent bilingual kokedama orchid ball class at the Lynda Fairly Carpinteria Arts Center were donated back to the center, courtesy of Carpinteria's Westerlay Orchids.

The class was held last Saturday and was attended by 19 students. Instructors Paige Harmon and Mayra Romero taught participants how to create a moss ball with a hanging orchid; the center is aiming to host another kokedama orchid ball class in the fall.



This year, low-income families will have increased access to Santa Barbara County museums such as The Wolf Museum of Exploration + Innovation (MOXI) and the Art, Design & Architecture Museum at UC Santa Barbara.

## Museums offer free and reduced entry to low-income families

Within Santa Barbara County, 18 museums have joined Museum for All, a program that aims to increase low-income families' access to museums. The program offers those who receive CalFresh/SNAP benefits admission to all 18 museums for \$0 to \$3 per person, for up to four people, upon presentation of a SNAP card.

The program was first created in 2014 in a nationwide initiative that now has over 700 member institutions.

Participating Santa Barbara County museums include: Art, Design & Architecture Museum, UC Santa Barbara; Casa del Herrero; Dunes Center; Elverhoj Museum; Goleta Valley Historical Society; Lompoc Museum; Ganna Walska Lotusland; The Wolf Museum of Exploration + Innovation (MOXI); Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara; Museum of Sensory & Movement Experiences; Old Mission Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara Botanic Garden; Santa Barbara Historical Museum; Santa Barbara Maritime Museum; Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History & Sea Center; Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation; Santa Barbara Zoo; and Wilding Museum of Art & Nature.

"We all want our museums and institutions to be inclusive and to be places where all in our community feel welcome. We know there are certain people who, for a variety of reasons, don't choose to visit museums," Robin Gose, president and CEO of MOXI, said.

"This county-wide embrace of the Museums for All program is an important step in removing a barrier to attendance. We hope that by offering free or reduced admission, we are eliminating financial reasons for not visiting. For MOXI, it is especially important to offer equitable access to families with children because every child deserves the same opportunities to learn and thrive by having fun learning experiences outside the home or classroom."

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History President and CEO Luke Swetland said that the collaboration between museums and Museum for All "activates the transformative power of the county's museums and culture institutions."

"For those among us who are most economically challenged, these needs are acute and urgent, though too often ignored or sidelined. The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is proud and humble to be a part of this effort to raise all of us up together," he said.

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Savannah Hoover, left, is Carpinteria's 2021 Junior Spirit of Fiesta and Ysabella Yturralde, right, is the 2021 Spirit of Fiesta.

## Sixth annual Old Town Carpinteria Fiesta to be held next Saturday

On July 24, Carpinteria will celebrate its sixth annual Old Town Carpinteria Fiesta, between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Carpinteria Veterans Memorial Building.

Presented by Artesanía para la Familia, the event will be emceed by Carpinteria City Councilmember Natalia Alarcon. This year's event is sponsored by La Centra Sumerlin Foundation, the Ann Jackson Family Foundation and the Friends of the Carpinteria Library.

For more information about the event, call (805) 617-5929 or visit friendsofthebrary.org.



Teen volunteers celebrate meeting the Arts Center's \$120,000 goal.

## Carpinteria Arts Center meets fundraising goal

The Lynda Fairly Carpinteria Arts Center met its spring fundraising goal, matching the \$60,000 anonymous donor pledge for a total of \$120,000 for the center.

"We would like to thank the community for helping us reach our milestone goal, and we look forward to seeing more of the community in the coming weeks," executive director Linda Rosso said.

The center held a number of activities to meet its fundraising goals over the past several months, including a virtual silent auction, "Together Again" events in the Koch Courtyard, a free community event and an opening reception for the new Charles Lo Bue Gallery.

The center is located at 855 Linden Ave. in Carpinteria and can be reached at (805) 684-7789 or at carpinteriaartscenter.org.