

FACT SHEET



PALO ALTO
ART
CENTER

The Palo Alto Art Center is your place to see and make art, activate your creativity, and expand your community.

Created by the community, for the community in 1971, the Palo Alto Art Center provides an accessible and welcoming place to engage with art. We serve approximately 140,000 people every year through a diverse range of programs.

The Palo Alto Art Center is owned and operated by the City of Palo Alto as a program of the Division of Arts and Sciences, Department of Community Services. The Palo Alto Art Center Foundation was founded in 1973 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides financial support and advocacy to the Art Center through a public/private partnership that allows us to enhance our reach and impact in the community.

“I love how there are so many different types of art in this building for me to see and explore especially those I have never seen or thought about.”

—Art Center Visitor

EXHIBITIONS:

Learn, discover, and be inspired by exhibitions at the Art Center. With free admission and a welcoming atmosphere, our acclaimed shows offer something for everyone, bringing the work of world-renowned and emerging artists to the community.

PROJECT LOOK:

Highlighting the experience of seeing and making art that is central to the Art Center’s mission, Project Look, the Art Center’s school tour program, combines an interactive tour and related hands-on art activity.

CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE:

Our unique artists-in-the-schools program pairs classrooms from schools in the neighboring communities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, and Menlo Park, building bridges through the arts. By partnering K-5 classrooms from Palo Alto Unified School District and Ravenswood City School District, we foster connections for hundreds of students from diverse backgrounds annually.

CHILDREN’S FINE ART:

We offer a variety of art classes, workshops, and summer camps in a broad range of media for the artist in every child, from preschoolers to teens. Taught by professional artist-educators, our classes help students practice creativity, build confidence, and explore their interest in a fun and supportive environment.

ADULT STUDIOS:

Be part of a community hub for creative exploration through weekly classes, special workshops, and drop-in programs. Wherever your interests lie everyone can activate their creativity in our supportive environment and well-equipped facilities.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

The Art Center hosts signature events throughout the year, including the Clay and Glass Festival, the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch, and Friday Night at the Art Center, at which the entire community can celebrate creativity.

FAMILY PROGRAMS:

Spend quality time together at the Art Center. We offer fun and enriching art experiences to families through a variety of programs, including free Family Days throughout the year.

VOLUNTEER—GET INVOLVED:

Volunteer at the Art Center and make a difference in your community. Adults and teens (12+) can enjoy regular or one-time volunteer opportunities. Behind-the-scenes, in our classrooms, in the gallery, or at a community event, your help is appreciated.

FACILITY RENTALS:

The beautiful Palo Alto Art Center offers a welcoming setting for events of all kinds. With spaces that meet a variety of event needs, the Palo Alto Art Center is an ideal location for celebrating those important milestones or holding your next work team meeting.

SUPPORT THE ART CENTER:

Help the entire community learn, create, and be inspired by joining the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation as a member, donor, or sponsor!

GENERAL INFORMATION

*"Bravo to PAAC for being truly a center
for arts and community engagement."*

—Margo Wixom, Palo Alto High School
photography instructor



LOCATION AND GENERAL CONTACT INFO

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GALLERY HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.
Closed Monday

CLASSES

For a full list of Art Center classes for children and adults, consult the Enjoy catalog. Enjoy catalogs are available at the Art Center or online at www.cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy.

PROJECT LOOK TOURS

Tours are provided during scheduled exhibitions Tuesday-Friday. The cost is \$125 per tour. Need-based scholarships are available. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 650.329.2366 for registration information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For information about volunteering at the Art Center, call 650.329.2366 or email artcenter@cityofpaloalto.org.

GIVE OR SUPPORT

Find out more about becoming a member and supporter of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation by visiting www.paacf.org or calling 650.617.3501.

