

## Events: Arts Orgs Guide

Why stay at home and watch more reality TV when you can be supporting local arts? Our monthly Arts Org Guide can help you do just that! With a different theme in mind each and every month, we highlight a few Bay Area art orgs, giving you the perfect excuse to get off that couch.

### Arts Org Guide: September 2004

It's time to refresh the image of sewing as your grandmother's pastime. It's back in style not only for people of both genders and all ages but also as a respected craft which requires creativity and precision.

September has been anointed the national sewing month to honor an heritage that spans across all cultures. Here are some museums, workshops, and classes to enhance your current knowledge of sewing:

East Bay

#### **New Pieces Quilt Store & Gallery** [newpieces.com](http://newpieces.com)

In addition to stocking 3,000 bolts of fabrics and quilting supplies, they offer classes for every level of quilter. The classes are held in the studios at their Quilt Gallery located two doors away, which is also home to exhibitions of quilt art.

**Where:** 1597 & 1605 Solano Ave., Berkeley  
**Phone:** (510) 527-6779

San Francisco

#### **The Muse Sewing Workshops** [museonline.net](http://museonline.net)

Geared towards tailors and seamstresses of all skills and areas of interest, this hip studio teaches technique as well as strategies for commercial success in the world of sewing.

**Where:** 35 Stillman St. #120, San Francisco

#### **The Sewing Workshop** [thesewingworkshop.com](http://thesewingworkshop.com)

Serving the Bay Area's arts community for over 20 years, The Sewing Workshop knows their seams and notions. They offer classes from A Costume Vision-Quest (geared to the Burning Man go-er) to Embellishing the Home -- and everything in between and beyond.

**Where:** 2010 Balboa Street at 21st Avenue, San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 221-7397

#### **Stitch Lounge Clothing Makers** [stitchlounge.com](http://stitchlounge.com)

Along with selling clothing by local designers, Stitch offers daily drop-in sewing sessions and continuous classes throughout the month allow this organization to maintain its credo of sewing as a pastime that encourages the growth and sustenance of community.

**Where:** 182 Gough (at Oak), San Francisco  
**Phone:** (415) 431-3739

South Bay

#### **Museum of American Heritage presents "Stitches in Time: 100 Years of Machines and Sewing"** [moah.org](http://moah.org)

Until September 26th, both the history and the impact of sewing on American culture are detailed in the aptly named "Stitches in Time." Palo Alto's Museum of American Heritage examines the progress of sewing in prehistory, through the industrial revolution, to sewing as it exists today, both as commercial production and a casual hobby.

**Where:** 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto  
**Phone:** (650) 321-1004

#### **San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles** [sjquiltmuseum.org](http://sjquiltmuseum.org)

Proudly displaying pieces of historical as well as personal significance, this museum was founded in 1977 and contains the oldest gallery of sewn art on display in the United States.

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There are thousands of arts organizations in Northern California. These Web sites offer links to organizations near you.

#### **Arist Resource**

(local, state, national and international organizations)

[artistresource.org](http://artistresource.org)

#### **ARTshare**

(San Mateo County)

[artshare.org](http://artshare.org)

#### **Artsopolis**

(Silicon Valley)

[artsopolis.com](http://artsopolis.com)

#### **Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County**

[ccscc.org](http://ccscc.org)

#### **Marin Arts Council**

[marinarts.org](http://marinarts.org)

#### **San Francisco Arts Online**

[sfarts.org](http://sfarts.org)

If you have a monthly Art Organization theme you would like to suggest to **Spark**, email us at [spark@kqed.org](mailto:spark@kqed.org).

**Where:** 110 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose  
**Phone:** (408) 971-0323

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