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DID YOU KNOW?

April is the National Awareness Month for over a dozen topics!



Many Blossoms this Spring for Placer Rep

By T.S. Forsyth

Grateful and blessed are the first two words that come to mind when we look back over the whirlwind that has been Q1 2023 as we move into Q2. Placer Repertory Theater is so grateful to all its donors, patrons, partners, company members, affiliate and friends!

Our March, April and May blossoms so far include:

March 15 the VAPA Academy contract with Colfax Elementary School District was confirmed!

March 26 Collaboration LAB - the new venue and turnout was FANTASTIC! Hosted by Funny Robert, our headliner was **professional Sculptor Jennifer Johnson**, comedians Daniel Carillo, Amber Zajec, Carrie Meyers, and Wesley Hoffman performed. During open mic we had a pint-sized comedian (son of Daniel Carillo) and singer/songwriter/musician Craig Dunlap who sang a few songs for us. An audience member won the \$100 in prizes and everyone enjoyed a slice of pizza from Placer Rep.

March 2023 - We gained ***new board members and advisory committee members!***

April 3-7, Placer Rep operated the VAPA Academy in Colfax. Theater fundamentals, visual & applied arts with multi-discipline, experiential curriculum. The results were amazing! VERY HIGH marks from students, parents/ guardians and Colfax staff/administration.

April 23: Collaboration LAB @ Cool River Pizza & Taphouse in Rocklin. Grab yourself a microbrew on tap or glass of wine



LAB Guest Host: Funny Robert.



PRT's new Advisory Committee Member: Superintendent Dr. Andrew Giannini.

and have a slice of pizza on Placer Rep while you mingle with creatives and network.

Thurs MAY 4 brings in *Big Day of Giving (BDOG)* and already a patron is OFFERING A MATCH! (TBA soon!)

Sat MAY 6 is the ***Rocklin Historical & Cultural Celebration***. Placer Rep will perform true, history-rich theatrical scenes and host a booth with activities and prize drawings.

May 29 thru June 30 Placer Rep offers the **Summer VAPA Academy of Colfax**.

Ongoing: *Placer Rep's professional growth program, **Stadium-Practicum** is narrowing down theatrical selections for the 2023-2024 season - TBA.*

Ongoing: *Placer Rep's Education Outreach programming continues as we plan 2023-2024 opportunities for students: free tickets to public productions, Placer Rep tours to scholastic institutions, and continued visiting artists in the classroom for K-12 and colleges.*

All of these promising buds were nurtured into being through your love and support. THANK YOU. You mean the WORLD to us!



Spring 2023 VAPA Academy student places a spike mark on the floor.



Sculptor Jennifer Johnson headlined the LAB in March. <http://jjohnsonstudio.com/>

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<https://Facebook.com/PlacerRep>

BDOG

<https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/organization/Placer-Repertory-Theater>



Placer Repertory Theater VAPA Academy of Colfax *Next Session: SUMMER 2023* *May 29 thru June 30*

Huge thanks belong to Superintendent Andrew Giannini and the **Colfax Elementary School District** for their scholastic creativity, vision and support for the PRT VAPA Academy of Colfax program.

Summer Program 2023 offers innovative and experiential curriculum grounded in 21st Century Skills Development, like creativity, critical thinking and leadership. All-day, morning session and afternoon session slots are available and registration begins soon.



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LOCAL / REGIONAL:

Rocklin Historical & Cultural Celebration May 6

**Rocklin's
130th Anniversary
Historical and
Cultural Celebration**
May 6, 2023 • 4-8:15 p.m.
with fireworks to follow
Johnson-Springview Park
rocklin.ca.us/130th-celebration

CELEBRATING
ROCKLIN
130 YEARS

ROCKLIN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Placer County

The Rocklin Historical Society has partnered with the City of Rocklin to offer an historic, cultural and civic celebration of the 130th anniversary of Rocklin, CA. Festivities start at 4 PM and go until the fireworks run out!

Dance groups, theatrical performance groups, living history characters, booths, demonstrations and more will be at Johnson Springview Park on Saturday, May 6.

Placer Repertory Theater's participation in this event includes history-rich theatrical scenes and living history performers, as well as manning a booth with prize drawings, and photo ops with costumes and props.

FMI: City of Rocklin - 130th Anniversary & Cultural Celebration

<https://www.rocklin.ca.us/130th-anniversary-celebration>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL:

April Awareness

According to online research, April is a month with **MANY HATS**. Statistically the most recognized themes associated with April include:

- Stress Awareness Month
- Earth Month (Sat Ap 22 Earth Day)
- Alcohol Awareness Month
- Arab American Heritage Month
- Autism Acceptance Month

For each topic, *click* the links below to learn more about the history and observance of these National Awareness and Acceptance topics for April.

STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

Stress Awareness Month was established in 1992 in the U.K. before it was adopted in America.

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/stress-awareness-month/>
<https://www.stress.org/april-is-stress-awareness-month>

EARTH MONTH

The first **Earth Month** occurred in 1970 and started as a movement to curtail gasoline consumption.

<https://nationaltoday.com/earth-month>

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

In 1987, **Alcohol Awareness Month** was founded by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD).

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-alcohol-awareness-month/>

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Arab American Heritage Month is a fairly recent addition to April, as it started in 2017.

<https://arabamericafoundation.org/national-arab-american-heritage-month/>

This **Womans Day article** has inspiring stories of successful Arab Americans, like Astronaut Christie



Stress causes the body to release adrenaline and cortisol. Persistent stress can lead to depression, high blood pressure and other health-threatening issues.



Born in the U.S., TV Host Kota Hotb is "Egyptian Arabic," and holds both American and Egyptian passports. Her parents are from Egypt.

McCauliffe.

<https://www.womansday.com/life/inspirational-stories/g27195411/arab-americans-in-history/>

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Almost 50 years have passed since the Autism Society held the first National **Autism Acceptance Month** (then titled Autism Awareness month) in April of 1970.

<https://blog.stageslearning.com/blog/autism-awareness-month-the-history-and-today>



Lewis Carroll supposedly exhibited several attributes listed in the modern diagnostics for Autism.

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