

ONTARIO ARTS FESTIVAL



October 19, 2024
10 AM – 5 PM

2024 Featured Artist, Eva Grello-Nakas

Eva Grello-Nakas is an illustrator, printmaker, and art educator based in Southern California.

Concerned with socioeconomic accessibility in the arts, Eva focuses on self-producing art and art products in a way that makes them available for anyone and everyone. Her work is a reflection of the many delights of life, both big and small. It is bright, mischievous, and unendingly cute. She currently teaches at Cal State Long Beach, Cal Poly Pomona, and Chaffey College, with a focus on illustration and 2-D foundations.

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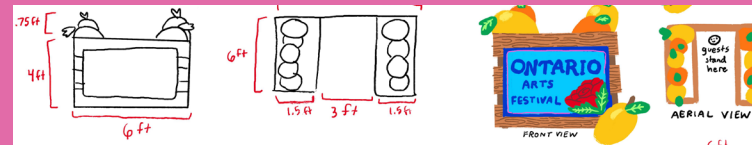
Inspiration Behind the Ontario Arts Festival Installations

The overall design of this year's Ontario Arts Festival installations is inspired by the arts and culture of our local history, and in Ontario, "culture" has often meant agriculture.



Artist rendition of the Armstrong Rose Arches.

The festival entrance installation is an homage to John Samuel Armstrong, who came to Ontario with six dollars in his pocket, and went on to establish one of the nation's most successful and influential nurseries. Known for its award-winning hybrid roses, this first-of-its-kind mail order business employed hundreds of local workers, with fair wages and profit-sharing bonuses, contributing to the strong working-class roots of our humble city.



Artist rendition of the Citrus Crate Photo-Op.

The Citrus Crate Photo Op, is a nod to the fruit and citrus industry which became the bedrock of the local economy for decades. World-class fruit orchards and citrus groves in Ontario supplied many parts of the world with produce and plant-derived products by train and aircraft.

As a proud, life-long resident of Ontario, Eva Grello-Nakas designed and illustrated the graphics for this year's festival to celebrate the egalitarian spirit of our city. Ontario is a place where people come to raise families, start businesses, chase dreams, and work together to create a vibrant and diverse community.

Eva is grateful to her husband Jonas Nakas, and sisters: Roseanna and Isabella Grello, who worked to build the visual landscape of this year's festival and supported her whimsical vision.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES



All Day

Fun With Paper Cut-Outs

Create an artwork using cut paper in vibrant colors.
Hosted by Pomona Valley Art Association
Located outside at the Pomona Valley Art Association Booth on E. Emporia Street and S. Lemon Avenue.

All Day

All Ages Paint Along

Paint a canvas using vibrant acrylic paints.
Hosted by Associated Artists of the Inland Empire
Located outside at the Ontario Museum of History & Art courtyard.

All Day

Collective Investment: Community Kaleidoscope with Crystal Rodriguez

Design a sun catcher and experience its beauty in a kaleidoscope. This activity is created for groups of two or more.
Hosted by The Arts Area
Located outside at the Ontario Museum of History & Art courtyard.

All Day

Man One Lounge

Join graffiti artist "Man One" in the lounge. Experience hands-on activities such as DIY stickers, stenciling, and paint on the community wall.
Hosted by Man One
Located outside at the cul-de-sac on E. Emporia Street.

All Day

Pinch Pot Workshop

Try your hand at creating a small pot using this fundamental hand building clay sculpture method.
Hosted by Nathan Hua and Gaby Ambrozio Cruz
Located at Booth Number 39.

All Day

Carved Block Temporary Tattoos with Grafica Nocturna

Decorate yourself with original artist-made block prints. Create your own designs with the Grafica Nocturna artist team.
Located outdoors at the Ontario Museum of History & Art plaza.



DON'T MISS
THESE
SCHEDULED
ACTIVITIES

10 AM – 1 PM

Armstrong Rose Inspired DIY Mini Tote-Bag Workshop

Hosted by Arts Connection's Estudio Aire Artist, Sarah Steelo
Located outside at the Ontario Museum of History & Art courtyard.

11 AM – 2 PM

Painting a Bold, Colorful, Western Landscape with Artist, Joe A. Oakes

\$25 | Pre-registration Required
Located inside the Carlson Education Studio at the Ontario Museum of History & Art.

2 PM – 5 PM

Create a Cartonería (papier-mâché) Piñata

Hosted by Arts Connection's Estudio Aire Artist, Aguati
Located outside at the Ontario Museum of History & Art courtyard.

ART INSTALLATIONS



All Day

Citrus Crate Photo Op by Eva Grello-Nakas

Strike a pose at this fun oversized citrus crate art installation created by Eva Grello-Nakas for the Ontario Arts Festival.
Located outside at Lemon Avenue and Emporia Street.

All Day

Armstrong Rose Arches Art Installation by Eva Grello-Nakas

Explore whimsical crepe paper Armstrong roses created by Eva Grello-Nakas for the Ontario Arts Festival.
Located at the entrance of the Ontario Arts Festival on Lemon Avenue and Transit Street.

All Day

Immerse Yourself in Art Interactive Art Installation by Kathleen McCall

Presented by Pomona Valley Art Association
Located outside at the Pomona Valley Art Association Booth on Emporia Street and Lemon Avenue.



Go on a Rose Hunt:

This year, the Ontario Arts Festival is celebrating the beauty of Ontario's iconic Armstrong Roses. How many roses did Eva Grello-Nakas use in her Armstrong Roses Arches Art Installation?

EXHIBITIONS



The Art of Healing

Now – October 20, 2024 at CCMA
Now – November 17, 2024 at OMHA

The Art of Healing explores the concept of art promoting healing in those who are ill, their families, and in the artists themselves. Locally, this was exemplified in the mid-1950s when San Antonio Community Hospital assembled an art collection to display on hospital walls and in patient rooms. As its name implies, Chaffey Community Museum of Art's (CCMA) exhibit *Highlights from the San Antonio Hospital Collection* presents selected works of art from the hospital's collection. Ontario Museum of History & Art's (OMHA) exhibition, *Holistic Expressions*, showcases the transformative power art can have on the healing process through the work of five artists living in Southern California.

Día de los Muertos: Healing & Remembrance

Now – November 17, 2024 at OMHA

The Ontario Museum of History & Art presents the 26th edition of its annual Día de los Muertos exhibition. The Museum invites visitors to explore artists' interpretations of their connections with the holiday and its history. Through a diverse range of media—including paintings, sculptures, mixed media, fabric art, and altar installations—artists will present a multicultural perspective on life and death. *Día de los Muertos: Healing & Remembrance*, features the work of Gloria Toti-Bell, Heriberto Luna, Irene Nuñez, Jessica Cruz, Lisa Cabrera, MaryLucille Nuñez, Raymond Sloan, Theresa Polley-Shellcroft, and June Ramirez, and invites visitors to explore their personal connections to the holiday and its history. Through a diverse range of media—including paintings, sculptures, mixed media, fabric art, and altar installations—artists will present a multicultural perspective on life and death.



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Thursday – Friday, 12 PM – 4 PM
Saturday – Sunday, 11 AM – 5 PM



ChaffeyMuseum.org
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Thursday – Sunday, 12 PM – 4 PM

217 S. Lemon Avenue, Ontario, CA 91762

Welcome to the sixth annual Ontario Arts Festival

It's that special time of the year when the Ontario Museum of History & Art and the Chaffey Community Museum of Art team up to bring you a day-long experience of the best of what the Inland Empire has to offer in the arts.

This year we extended the festival footprint to host over 60 artist booths, three live art demonstrations, six hands-on artmaking activities, and two large-scale art installations by resident Ontario artist, Eva Grello-Nakas. Throughout the festival, you'll notice signage and details celebrating the legacy and beauty of Ontario's iconic Armstrong Roses. These iconic roses were first hybridized here in Ontario, California by John Samuel Armstrong in 1889.

The City is pleased to welcome guest programming with local artists and organizations such as Joe A. Oakes, Nathan Hua, Man One, Pomona Valley Art Association, Associated Artists of the Inland Empire, The Arts Area, Arts Connection, and IE Modern Quilt Guild.

We invite you to explore the festival grounds, experience exhibitions on view inside the museums, indulge in food and beverages by local eateries, enjoy the sounds of Homero Chavez y Una Noche Band, and shop for one-of-a-kind artworks by local artists.



FOOD & BEVERAGE

Beer and wine is available for purchase in the OMHA parking lot located near the main stage. Wristbands are required for consumption. Get your wristbands at the booth next to the beer and wine bar. Guests must be 21+. Prepare to show ID.

Marigold Coffee

Located at the Museum Plaza

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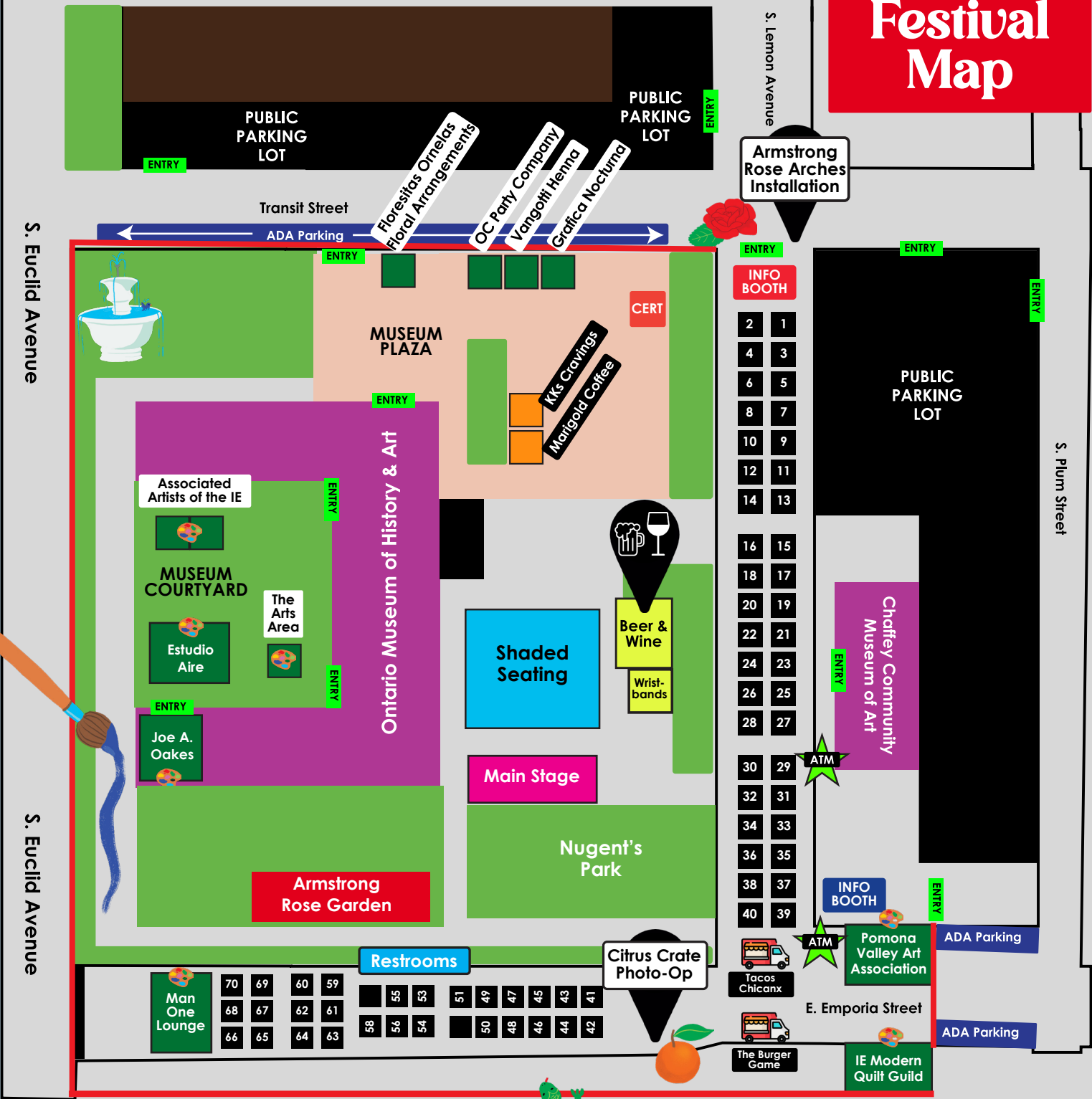
Located at the Museum Plaza

Tacos Chicanx

Located at E. Emporia Street

The Burger Game

Located at E. Emporia Street



S. Lemon Avenue	Elisa Arancibia	1	Mike Kim	16	E. Emporia Street	Robert Best	29	Melba Artea	44	May Perey	61
	Pechez Sepehri	2	Colleen Rowan	17		Santistevan	30	Sadaf Asjodi	45	Desiree Belone	62
	Terry Flanigan	3	Chi Huynh	18		Gisel Vincent	31	Cheyne Ellett	46	Yuju Yen	63
	Sonia Sleeper	4	Tofi O'Brien	19		Patti Hume	32	Stephen Sixta	47	Auntie KK	64
	Su Cheatham	5	Nancy Sakurai	20		Brianna Carler	33	Laura Ryan	48	Amanda Excell	65
	Nadia Silva	6	H Benjamin Diaz	21		Ruthellyn Whittington	34	Rebecca Potts Aguire	49	Hamed Saadat	66
	Robin Driscoll	7	Becky Floyd	22		Andrea Angus	35	Denise Pulvino	50	Jose Trejo Maya	67
	Linda Garcia-Dahl	8	Christian Kueng	23		Chad La Fever	36	Faviola Montoya	51	Christopher Wesley	68
	Colleen Sparlin	9	Angela Su	24		Nathan Hua	37	Joyce Shelton	53	Victoria Johnson	69
	Randy Au	10	Chinlan Chiang	25		Sonya Finley	38	Tracy Moore	54	Ryan Tickle	70
	Lisa Cabrera	11	Maria Marvosh	26		Nathan Hua (Demo)	39	Mia Bruce	55		
	David Unsworth	12	Ashley Wright	27		Gabriela Ambrosio Cruz	40	Yolanda Hughes	56		
	Jasmin Javon	13	Qi Peng	28		Analiza del Rosario	41	Sharon Robles	58		
	Michael Adamson	14				Amber Gonzales	42	Mario Solorzano	59		
	Gayle Bennett	15				Sydney Lopez	43	Deserei Davis	60		

Festival Map

MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

All Day

Homero Chavez y Una Noche Band

11 AM – 12 PM

A Discussion in Photography with Cory Byers and Matthew Nightingale
Presented by Pomona Valley Art Association
Located at the Plaza Main Stage.

3 PM – 3:30 PM

Artist of Distinction Award Presentation
Presented by Scott Murphy, Ontario Arts Festival Juror
Located at the Plaza Main Stage.

ART DEMONSTRATIONS

All Day

Live Painting Demonstration with Kathy Thomas
Hosted by Pomona Valley Art Association
Located outside at the Pomona Valley Art Association Booth on E. Emporia Street and S. Lemon Avenue.

All Day

Live Clay Throwing
Experience the process of ceramicists, Nathan Hua and Gaby Ambrozio Cruz live at the festival.
Located at Booth Number 39.

All Day

Quilting Demonstration
Experience the IE Modern Quilt Guild in action as they design, sew and assemble an original quilt. Audience members are welcome to participate in select quilt-making processes lead by artists.
Presented by IE Modern Quilt Guild
Located outside at the IE Modern Quilt Guild Booth on E. Emporia Street and S. Lemon Avenue.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Fun Fact:

John Samuel Armstrong's venture in sunny California was to purchase a few acres of property where he began growing eucalyptus and olive trees. Around the turn of the century, he opened his first retail garden center at 408 Euclid Street in Ontario.

For more festival information, please visit: OntarioMuseum.org/ontario_arts_festival.
2025 Exhibitor Applications open March 2025 at: OntarioCA.Submittable.com

SAVE THE DATE

The next Ontario Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10 AM – 5 PM at 217 S. Lemon Avenue, Ontario, CA 91762.