



Funding School Field Trips Since 2002!

The screenshot shows the 'Our Story' page on the ArtsBusXpress website. At the top, it says 'Celebrating 20 YEARS ArtsBusXpress' and 'www.artsbusxpress.org'. The main heading is 'Our Story', followed by the text 'It started as a project of the San Diego-Tijuana Sister Cities Society'. Below this are two columns of text and photos. The left column features photos of Patty Smith and Jeri Denniston, with the text 'It was Al Williams' fault...' and a paragraph about the organization's founding in 1998. The right column is titled 'The focus was arts' and includes the quote 'A ride to the Arts. San Diegans send students on the ArtsBusXpress.' and mentions 'Patty's first field trip led to a 30-year career in the arts...'. At the bottom of the screenshot, there are two photos of school children on field trips and the text 'As STEAM became more important, we expanded to include both arts and science.' Below the photos are links for 'Support our mission' and 'Join our list'.

Since October 21, 2002, ABX has funded over 200,000 students on field trips to the arts and sciences. We're proud to continue our mission to "enrich student learning" and connect young minds to education and career opportunities never thought of before.

We thank our two co-founders, Patty Smith and Jeri Denniston, for their vision to create a wonderful non-profit serving our teachers and students. Both are still involved to this day.

[Learn more](#) about the ABX history.

Your donation keeps this mission alive

Read what Teacher Brittany Leon had to say about this field trip

**Naranca Elementary
School Visits Birch**



Aquarium!

“Students were over the moon on this field trip! They kept saying it was the best day ever and commenting on how much fun they were having. Students loved interacting with sea life in the tide pools and seeing the animals up close in the exhibits. They especially loved the sea turtle, sea cucumbers and sharks. ***We had an amazing experience with ABX!*** Your response was quick and communication was excellent. We really appreciate your flexibility with our last-minute change of location. We can't thank you enough for sponsoring our students!”

And here's what Teacher John Jacobs had to say ...

Scripps Ranch High School takes a Photo Walk at MOPA

“My students were led by a docent at the San Diego Museum of Photographic Arts through their exhibits. They learned a great deal more about composition and '*seeing*' as well as enjoying the student artwork section.

You are all amazing. You were quick to reply, quick to approve, and made the whole process simple and clean. *I would not be able to do any of these types of activities without your organization. Thank you so.. so.. so much.*”



ABX in search of its first Executive Director, thanks to The Conrad Prebys Foundation!

ABX was recently awarded a substantial grant to be used to increase our staff and strengthen our sustainability for the long term. We're excited to start our search for an Executive Director. If your passion is

to serve the K-12 community “one field trip at a time” and lead an exciting organization for years to come, [click here](#) to learn more about the opportunity.



Patti's Spirit Lives with KidsArtEd Fund!

ICA San Diego will present a 250-piece selection from 500 contemporary artworks by Patti Coopridner, spanning over four decades of creation. Her artwork will be on view for one weekend only, from **April 28 – May 1, 2022**

The “**Patti’s Spirit Lives KidsArtEd Fund**” is an endowment in Patti Coopridner’s name that fulfills her dream to ensure “every child in the world experiences the creation and love of art.” The fund will provide **FREE** access to arts education for underserved San Diego youth ages 5-17 through ICA San Diego and six partnering organizations. These include ArtReach, A Reason To Survive, Patrons of the Prado (Bucks4Buses), New Children’s Museum, Monarch School, or ArtsBusXpress. [Click here](#) for more details on the exhibit.

Stop by the **ArtsBusXpress** display at the **VIP Donor Preview** event on April 27, 2022, from 5-7 pm at ICA San Diego / Central (Balboa Park), 1439 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101. Entry: \$250 minimum donation to “Patti’s Spirit Lives! KidsArtEd Fund”, or ICA Members at the \$250 Supporter Level.

[Register for the VIP Donor Event](#)

Help Us Raise \$100,000

For our 20th Year Celebration, our goal is to give 10,000 students life-changing **Field Trip Xperiences** whether on-site or virtual. We are already overwhelmed with teacher requests for field trip funding.

The need is real. **The student Xperience is priceless!**

In keeping with our 20-year theme, we are asking for donations in \$20 increments. Every \$20 funds up to 2 student field trips. Thank you!



New Search Feature Added to ABX website!

Teachers can now use the search box to quickly access available on-site and virtual **Field Trip Xperiences** Give it a try!

<https://www.artsbusxpress.org>

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