

American Canyon



Arts in April  
NAPA VALLEY

# The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, April 2017

## Art Extravaganza Updates

Our 25th annual [Art Extravaganza](#) is only days away from opening! We received almost 100 entries from over 30 artists.

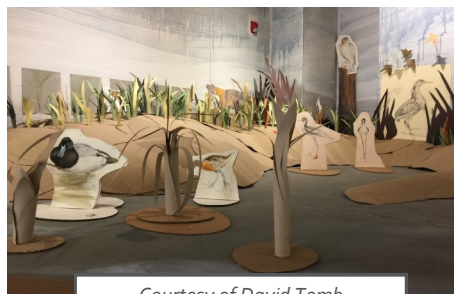
Right now our judges are screening those entries. On Monday, April 17, the artists selected will bring their art to [Jamieson Ranch Vineyard](#) winery, and the show opens Friday, April 21.

That is also the night of our Artist Reception, also at the winery. This free event is hosted by JRV, one of our Premiere Sponsors. The reception is from 5:30-7:30pm. Come early for the Silent Auction.

The Extravaganza will be open during winery hours through Sunday, April 30.

And check out our **Director's Show** at the American Canyon Welcome Center at 3860 Broadway (Hwy. 29). Drawing from the same artist pool as the Extravaganza, members of our

Board curate a show that is oriented toward visitors stopping at the Chamber of Commerce's Welcome Center for information about American Canyon and the Napa Valley.



Courtesy of David Tomb

And last, but not least, we are also co-sponsoring the Arts in April event in American Canyon, with an art installation by avid birder, artist and conservationist, [David Tomb](#).

His work will be available for viewing on Saturday, April 22, from 10am-1pm. The artist will also be there, to answer questions and engage the audience.

This is part of the City's "AmCan by the Bay" program, celebrating Earth Day with kid's activities, music, art, food and more. These events will be held at the City's Wetlands Park, corner of Eucalyptus and Wetlands Edge Road.



## 25th Annual Art Extravaganza

Join us for the 25th annual Art Extravaganza. Held at the beautiful Jamieson Ranch Vineyard winery from April 21-30, we exhibit some of the best artwork from the Bay Area! Artist Reception is Friday, April 21 from 5:30-7:30, also at the winery. Come early for the Silent Auction!

And check out our new Director's Show. Located at the AmCan Welcome Center, this exhibit is curated by members of the Board of Directors.

A special thanks to our sponsors:



## Napa Valley Arts in April

We focus on the programs scheduled in American Canyon, but we should also note the entire Napa Valley has artistic activities scheduled throughout April. Here's a quick summary, starting in Calistoga and working our way south.

**Sarafovia—the Arts of Calistoga** (March 30-April 2) This includes the third annual Engage Art event at the Calistoga Fairgrounds.

**Arts in the Streets—St. Helena** (April 15) Located at Lyman Park, this is a free event for the public. Art, poetry and even a brass band will be there!

**Art, Sip & Stroll—Yountville** (April 22) Yountville's fifth annual event. Enjoy art, wine and an incredible walking town experience! Located throughout the downtown area.

**Flow: Arts at the River—Napa City** (April 30) Highlighting the new Rail Art District, and culminating in a concert at the Oxbow Commons.

Napa Valley Arts in April is produced by the **Arts Council Napa Valley** and promoted by **Visit Napa Valley**. This is its seventh year. For more information, and a complete list of activities scheduled, go to <http://www.artscouncilnapavalley.org/artsinapril>.

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# Art Shows in the Bay Area

## Benicia Open Studios:

This is Benicia's 30th Anniversary! Open Studio weekend is May 6-7, from 10-5pm. There will also be a **Mike Kendall Retrospective** at the Arts Benicia Gallery, April 8-May 7.



## "In My Dreams" at Lawler House Gallery

Located at 718 Main St. in Suisun City, this exhibit will run through April 23.



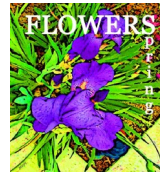
**NV Writers Club:** Dr. Shepherd Bliss presents "Enhance Your Writing," Wednesday, April 12, 7-9pm in Napa.

## Wisdom/Art/Resistance:

The Artizen Cultural Art Center is hosting an exhibit of women artists, ages 50 and above, celebrating our strength, majesty, and grace.

Reception & show opens, April 14 (6-10pm); runs through May 20.

**Flowers/Spring:** "What is your Spring?" Fairfield/Suisun Visual Artists Assoc. (FSVAA's) Gallery at Solano Mall is hosting a colorful exhibit through April 16.



**Call For Art: Magical Realism—Allegory, Dreams & Myths:** Arts Benicia is accepting artwork until April 28 for their next show, which will run from June 3—July 9, 2017.

**Contests:** Here's 3 contests to consider!

- **Wildlife Photography Contest**—Photographs of the California wilderness will be selected throughout the year. Finalists will have their work published in *Outdoor California*.
- **Invasive Species Youth Art Contest**—For children, grades 2-12. Deadline to enter is May 5, 2017. This year's theme is "Don't Let It Loose."
- **CA Duck Art Stamp Contest**—If you can draw a mean Ruddy Duck, you're in luck! That's the theme for this year's contest. Winner's artwork will be on the 2018 California Duck Stamp. Submit entries from May 12-June 12.

And don't forget: **Art Extravaganza** & the **Director's Show!** April 21-30, 2017.

## Membership News

The Art Extravaganza is our last best recruiting tool for the year. Another 12 members signed up, as of April 5.

- **Nathell & Lawrence Buford**
- **Lynn Dykstra**
- **Hilda C. Robinson**
- **Diane Stawicki (NEW)**
- **Arvind Nischal**
- **Vicki Dennis**
- **Lozja Mattas (NEW)**
- **Jenifer Leahy (NEW)**
- **Tony Cadot (NEW)**
- **Vincent Connors (NEW)**
- **Yvette Diaz (Stu.)**

To join online, go to our website at [www.amcanart.org/membership-application](http://www.amcanart.org/membership-application).

## Chalk Art Results

We had another great Chalk Art Contest on March 25, although it took longer to get there!

In the past, we scrambled to sign up and judge some 70+ junior artists in less than an hour. This year, given the weather, people strolled in, and it took over two hours to handle the same number of artists. Everyone had a great time, though.

First, Second and Third place winners received gift cards from Walmart. Everyone received prizes.



This year's winners, along with our judges: Gloria Fouts, Jennifer Lockette and Joe McNaughton.

Thanks to **Jonette McNaughton, Joe McNaughton, Roberta Labaw, Gloria Fouts, Jennifer Lockette** and others who helped out.

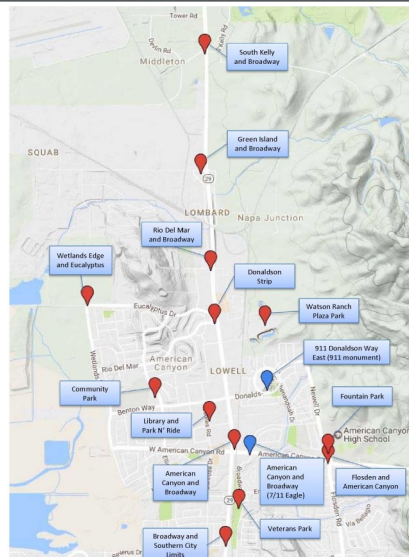
And a special thanks to new Board Director, **Fayza Hamid**, who painted faces for 3 hours!

## City of American Canyon's Public Art Program

On April 18, the American Canyon City Council will adopt a Proclamation supporting Napa Valley Arts in April, and consider a Public Arts Program for the City.

The new program will establish an Arts Committee that will oversee the program, including recommendations for art purchases and installations.

Although no funding is budgeted, having a program, and in particular, identifying sites for public art (see the accompanying map), will help when grants, private donations, or fund raising efforts (such as ACAF's drive to help build the 911 Memorial) show up and we need to act right away.



The enabling resolution originally focused on art purchases, but Olivia Dodd, CEO of Arts Council Napa Valley, pointed out that temporary installations are less expensive and avoid long-term maintenance costs. The Artwalk in Napa, for example, only cost \$10-15,000 for approximately 7 pieces of art. Acquisition would probably exceed \$100,000!

We encourage all our members to show up at the Council meeting on April 18—show your support for public art in American Canyon!

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