



The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, December 2016

Holiday Boutique Now Open!

It's the season, as they say, and the Arts Foundation has opened a Holiday Boutique in the Safeway Shopping Center.

The Boutique has jewelry, cards, wearable art and other craft items for sale. We are—maybe the only—place to buy See's Candy!



The Boutique is open from 11am to 7pm each day

until Sunday, December 18.

The boutique is a great opportunity to buy unique gifts and support our local artists at the same time. And even if you can't find the right gift for yourself or that someone special, candy always works!

The Foundation hasn't had a

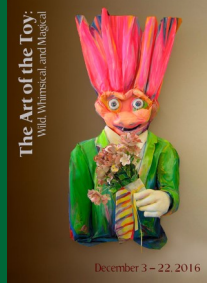


holiday retail event since our Gallery, back in 2014. We hope this becomes a successful program for us, in which each year we find a storefront available during the holiday season. It's a great opportunity for our member artists, and the net proceeds go towards our student scholarship program.



And a special thanks to Board members **Jonette McNaughton, Laura Keiser** and **Gloria Fouts**, for all their hard work.

Please stop by and make this a success!



Art of the Toy Dec. 3-22, 2016

The Art of the Toy explores the toy as a work of art, as a vehicle for the imagination. Whether created for play or as a reference to playthings, toys can embody our own personas. They can be filled with nostalgia, fun, scary, ridiculous, or thought provoking.

The **Arts Benicia Gallery** is located at **991 Tyler Street, Suite 114, Benicia**. Family Day is Sunday, December 11, from 1-3pm.

A special thanks to our sponsors:



Annual Dinner Meeting-January 22

We are just getting under way on our 25th annual Membership Dinner! This is pretty exciting and we are working with Brenda Knight to do it right!

The dinner is set for **Sunday, January 22, 2017** (sorry about competing with the NFL League Championship games!) It will be held at **Eagle Vines Golf Club**, and tickets are set at \$45 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. We will welcome new board members and honor those stepping down from the board.

As it is our 25th year, we are inviting the surviving Charter Members to the dinner. We want to learn about the early years and what their plans were for the Foundation.

Here's the original members. Let us know if you have any contact information!

ACAF CHARTER MEMBERS

Pat Barclay
Joan Bennett
Charlotte Benson
Ann Brown
Sue Cypher
Roger Cypher
Robert DaSilva
Helen Fitzsimonds
Ralph Freeman
Denise Freskan
Lorraine LaVoie
Ray LaVoie
Fran Lemos
Candy Mahanay

Pat Goodhue
Bernice Newell
Jack Newell
Victor Paddock
Anita Reynolds
Virginia Scott
Jeanne Smith
Cleo Stone
Gwen Sweezey
Marilyn Templeton
Roberta Trachsel
Bonnie Waxman
Mary Winters

Art Shows in the Bay Area

Coal Shed Art Studios—Holiday Bazaar

December 10-11, from 11-5pm. Several Vallejo Artists will be represented. Located on Mare Island, Building 153, 4th & Waterfront.



Based on a True Story: Highlights from the di Rosa Collection Get a special insight into the di Rosa Collection, with works that have not been collectively viewed in the past. Through May 28, 2017.



Art at the Welcome Center! In our monthly rotating art program, December's artist is new ACAF member, **Trinity Holsworth!**



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The Art of the Toy, Arts Benicia Enjoy this exhibit now until December 22. See page one for more info.

Ablaze with Color at Lawler House Gallery Located at 718 Main St. in Suisun City, this exhibit will run until January 29.

53rd Annual Nor-Cal Regional Juried Art Show—Fairfield Suisun City Visual Arts Association At the **Gallery at the Solano Town Center**. The Show goes until January 8, 2017.

Glimpses of Me—ACHS Art Gallery Artwork from our local High School Artists! Now until December 16. Room B217 at the American Canyon High School.

Open Show, Vacaville Art Gallery On exhibit until December 30. Reception and Holiday Party is Saturday, December 10, from 6-9pm. The gallery is located at 718 E. Monte Vista Ave, Vacaville.

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Membership News

Our annual Membership Renewal is beginning to pick up steam. Last month the following individuals/families signed up.

- Pam Jones
- Joe Schunk & Family
- Constance Terrell
- Katherine Griffin
- Roberta Labaw & Family
- Trinity Holsworth

We will send out renewal notices this month, including our annual dinner meeting announcement and a link to our Member Survey! **Dues are the same for 2017: \$35/individual; \$65/Family & \$10/Students (up to 23 years).** For more, go online at www.amcanart.org

Arts & Culture Update

The Arts Foundation is adding Arts & Culture to its programming efforts. We are seeking grants to produce a number of events throughout the year to celebrate our diversity. We just received a grant from the City and have two other grants pending. Meanwhile, with the help from Foundation members **Nathell Buford, Rozalind Johnson,**

Carolyn Peterson, Jennifer Lockette, Jonette McNaughton and Mark Joseph, we were able to sponsor the **Taller Bombalele** event at Napa Valley College. This is an Afro-Puerto Rican dance program, and the group provided a free show for the public, Monday, November 14 (see below). We hope to do more of this in the future!



Arts Foundation: Year in Review

We are developing a core program of events and activities, based on our efforts in 2016. Here's a quick recap.

- Annual Membership Dinner.** We invited Artist **Gordon Heuther** to talk to us about the 9/11 Memorial.
- Chalk Art contest.** A perennial favorite, we had almost 80 kids enjoy the event.
- Arts in April.** Our premiere event and fundraiser—over \$3000 this year from our 24th annual Art Extravaganza. We also hosted a very popular Tour of the Ruins, with graffiti artists onsite.
- Student Scholarships.** Two this year,

thanks to a donation from Photographer/Council member **Kenneth Leary.**

- Artist Receptions.** We held several successful events, hosting **Katherine Griffin, Kenneth Leary** and our two Extravaganza winners (**Jonette McNaughton** and **Marjorie Lutz**) at SpringHill Suites. We even participated in Vallejo's Visions of the Wild show, and started a rotating art exhibit at the new Welcome Center.



- ARTwalk at the Canyon Plaza.** A new program that we will expand next year. We worked with the Chamber of Commerce to support local businesses and local artists. We hope to make this a monthly event during the Summer.
- Friday Night JAM.** **Brenda Knight** is back! Sponsors paid for 4 nights of free music at the Napa Junction Shopping Center. A big hit!
- Holiday Boutique.** Currently underway, this could be a big event in the future. A great venue for our local crafters, and good recognition for the Foundation. And a great place to buy See's Candy!