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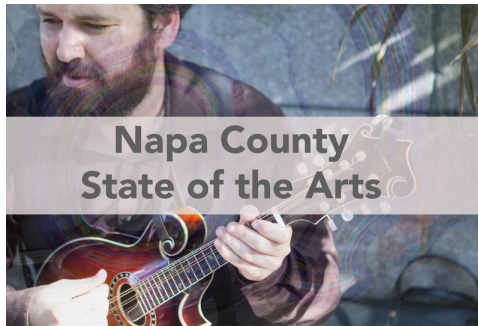
American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, June 2016

Napa Valley State of the Arts

The second annual Napa Valley State of the Arts was held in Yountville, on May 31. Approximately 130 members of the Arts Community was there.

First, they announced the 2016 Arts Hero Award to **Barry Martin**, co-owner of Lucky Penny Community Theater.

Next, Arts Council Napa Valley (ACNV) CEO, **Olivia Everett**, reported on ACNV's works over the past year, including the Arts in April program, the newly adopted Arts Education Master Plan for Napa Valley Unified School District; and their proposed Art Re-granting program. She also discussed programs that expand and enhance online access to Artistic Spaces for rent/lease, a directory of Artists, and an artistic Calendar of Events. She also announced that ACNV is planning to update their 2008 Cultural Arts Plan for Napa County.



There were two panel discussions. The first dealt with the new Arts Education Master Plan and what it can mean for the Valley. The main focus of the plan is to ensure sequentially applied artistic experiences from K-12, versus disjointed efforts. It also includes the hiring of the first Visual And Performing Arts (VAPA) Coordinator,

Chuck Neidhoefer. For more, download the [study](#).

The second panel was on industry trends. Some of the highlights included the relative success of arts advocacy; the large amount of data relating to the arts (although not as much here in Napa Valley!), and the need to

integrate the arts with other fields. We were encouraged to Think Big when it comes to planning for the Arts, and to realize that Creativity—essential for the arts—is often more appealing than the Arts themselves, so remember that when advocating for the arts.



Farewell to Umpqua Bank

After more than 10 years of community support, our local Umpqua Bank branch is closing at the end of June.

*Several community groups, including ACAF, are hosting a **Farewell to Umpqua Bank**. This reception will be on **Friday, June 17, from 5-7 pm**, at the bank in Canyon Plaza, 3417 Broadway, Suite J-2, American Canyon, CA. Please plan to drop by to say good-bye and to wish them well.*

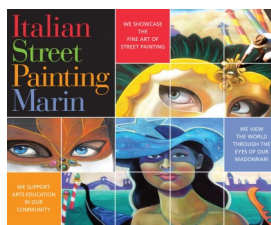
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Field Trips, Anyone?

We want to expand services to our members, and one area is to offer field trips—some as nearby as a local art gallery, and some as far away as San Francisco or Santa Rosa.

On **Saturday, June 25**, we'll meet at the Senior Center at 10 a.m. to carpool to San Rafael for **Italian Street Painting Marin** event. RSVP to info@amcanart.org if you want to attend.



We also make suggestions for art-related trips under the City's Recreational programs included

in their Activity Guides. For the fall, we have suggested a trip to the recently remodeled SF Museum of Modern Art (SF MOMA), or a day trip to Santa Rosa to see the Snoopy Museum (great for families with small children!)

But we want to hear from our

members—where would you like to go? It's easy to get together and check out a local art gallery, and then stop to do some wine tasting (we are in Napa Valley, after all!)

We can also develop workshops to enhance our artistic skills, or schedule a paint-out or two. We can even connect with artists from other groups and organizations in Napa and Solano Counties.

Just let us know and we'll do the rest.

Art Shows in the Bay Area

"Into the Mystic:" At the Coal Shed Art Studio, June 25, from 11-5pm. The Studio is located on Mare Island, Building 153, at 4th & Waterfront Ave. Formed in 1999 by artist Tim Rose, the [Studio](#) is home to 18 artists.



"Sunrise/Sunset" Art exhibit at the Lawler House Gallery, in Suisun City, 718 Main St. The show runs through July 31. The Gallery is open Fri-Sun, Noon to 4pm.

The Hub *The Hub* is located in the heart of Downtown Vallejo (350 Georgia St.), it has gallery space, a stage for live music and poetry, and even a coffee bar! **Carl Theodorski** will be a featured artist on The Hub's Second Friday Art Walk (June 10, July 8).



"Equilibrium: A Paul Kos Survey": April 16-October 2. Paul was among the first artists in Northern California to create performance-based film and video works as well as participatory installations. On June 25, 4-6pm, the curators will hold a talk at the museum to discuss Paul's work.



"Forma Natura—Nature as Source" At **Arts Benicia**, 991 Tyler Street, Ste. 114. June 11-July 10. Showcasing seven Bay Area artists with a common theme of nature. Opening reception on Saturday, June 18, from 6:30-8:30 pm.



Petaluma Arts Center: "The Zeitgeist Exhibition" 230 Lakeville St. in Petaluma. The Exhibit runs through July 10. Free to the public on Monday, June 27. Hours are Thursday-Monday, 11am-5pm. Capturing the times through art.

"Geometry" at FSVAA Solano Town Center Runs through July 10. Over 40 area artists communicate their visions through use of shape, line, and geometrical forms in their chosen mediums in this convergence of art and math. Includes works by our own **Jennifer Lockette**, **Cherol Ockrassa**, and others. The Gallery is inside the Solano Town Center mall, second floor. Hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 11am—6pm.



Marci Cervantes

Membership News

No new members this month (typical, since we're in the middle of the membership year), but here's two reasons you should join (or enjoy the fact that you *are* a member!)

1. **Show your Art.** We routinely rotate the works of our artist members in various locations in the area, such as the new **Welcome Center**. [Contact](#) us if you want to be added to the list.
2. **Your own Member Page.** Your annual membership includes your own page on our website, or a link to your own website. It's free!

Kids to Park Day

On May 21, the Arts Foundation joined the AC Community Parks Foundation and other community service groups to host a day at Newell Open Space Preserve. Thanks to **Bonnie Waxman**, we had our



Joey McNaughton & the Artwall—before the event!



Kids painting (photo credit: Ken Leary)

popular Artwall; the Lions Club provided a hot dog lunch, and the Kiwanis organized hikes up to the Preserve.

Even the weather helped out, and didn't start raining until we were almost done.

Coming Soon!

We're planning a number of events this Summer & Fall, so keep an eye out for the Flyers & Announcements!

- The Artwall is back for the Fourth of July!
- A Reception for our Student Scholars & "People's Choice" Winner in July.
- Open Studios in August.
- "Visions of the Wild" nature theme for an Art Show in September.
- A joint fund raiser for ACAF and the Friends of the Library in October.

We're working on the details for each, and will have more to report next month.

Student Scholars Honored

Each year we provide a scholarship to a graduating ACHS Senior planning on a career in the Arts. This year, thanks to Council member and Photographer, **Kenneth Leary**, we were able to offer a second scholarship for a graduating student in film or photography.

This year's recipients were **Casandra Moya** and **Ashley McLeod**. Vice President **Laura Keiser** presented the awards on May 19.

Casandra will major in Performing Arts and minor in Nursing. She was a member of the ACHS Dance Club and volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club. She will start at Napa Valley Community College and then transfer to a UC.

Ashley wants to be in the Film Industry. She plans to major in Film Editing and minor in Acting. She was involved in sports and drama while in high school, along with the Link Crew. Her goal is to get her education from Cal State LA because that is the heart of the industry.

The Arts Foundation is planning a reception for both students (plus our 2016 "People's Choice" winner, **Jonette McNaughton**) for July. We'll announce the details in next month's *Informer* and on our [Facebook](#) page.

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