

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, March, 2015

2015 Arts in April! Coming Soon!

There's still time to turn in your entry form for the **23rd Annual Art Extravaganza** to be held from April 1-9, 2015 at **Jamieson Ranch Vineyard (JRV)**

You can download a copy from our website (www.amcanart.org) or from our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/amcanart).

The deadline is March 13, and you can mail the form in, or sign up online—and we've made arrangements with Ethnic Notions in the Canyon Plaza to accept the paperwork, if you want to hand deliver it.

The entry fee is \$20/piece, but only \$10 if you are an ACAF member.

In addition to the juried art show, we will have an exhibition by **Mario Chiodo**, a nationally recognized sculptor, who will also be speaking on April 8 at the winery. His talk is "From Monsters to Monuments."



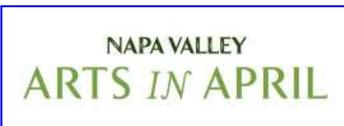
April 8 will also be our Silent Auction and reception for our winning artists. JRV will host that reception.

And on Saturday, April 11, from 1-4 p.m. there will be a tour of the proposed Napa



Valley Ruins & Gardens, including a unique collection of urban art on site.

There will be pop up art displays in various locations citywide (see below article). All of this is part of the annual Napa Valley Arts in April program.



For more info, you can go online (www.amcanart.org) or email us at amcanarts@gmail.com.



CHALK ART CONTEST

On Saturday, April 4, we'll be at Comm. Park II (near the Boys & Girls Club), ready to transform the sidewalks into Easter Eggs! This is part of the City's annual Easter Celebrations. The event is free to the public and you can sign up in advance by going online: www.amcanart.org There will be four age groups: 4 & under (just for fun!); 5-6; 7-9; and 10-12.

Pop Up Art!

As part of our annual Arts in April effort, several of our local artists will be on display in locations throughout the City. Here's a partial listing:

- **Joan Imlay & Roberta Labaw** at the **Umpqua Bank** in the Canyon Plaza
- **Ray Marcus** at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites**, on Highway 29 in American Canyon
- Various Artists at the **Ethnic Notions Gallery** in the Canyon Plaza.

We're working with other artists and venues, so keep checking our website (www.amcanart.org) and facebook page (www.facebook.com/amcanart).

We are also exploring a program to put our members' artwork in public buildings throughout the year.

Annual State of the Arts

On Tuesday, February 17, the Arts Council Napa Valley held its first Napa Valley **State of the Arts** presentation. Over 100 people attended.

The presentation gave a good overview of the arts in Napa County, with national issues covered as well.

The Arts are critical to the economy, mainly because they are critical to the

creativity essential for economic success.

The goal of ACNV is to play an advocacy role for the arts in our local economy and in our schools, as well as in the community at large. Collaborations and partnerships are key.

To view the entire show, click here: [State of the Arts](#) For the presentation materials, click here: [SOTA Materials](#).

Art Shows in the Bay Area!

Sometimes, it's not always about us!

We added a section to our website that includes all the other art-related shows and events that we learn about and pass on to our members. You can check it out [here](#).

Meanwhile, here's a few items you might be interested in.

- **Holi—Festival of Colors** This is an annual event scheduled this year on Sunday, March 22, 3-5 p.m. at Shenandoah Park in American Canyon. For more,



contact Arvind Nischal, at (707) 853-4693.

- **Thinking Outside the Bottle** An art show at the Napa Valley Museum in Yountville. The show is open now through March 22.
- **La Strada dell'Arte** Art, food, music, silent auction and more. The annual fundraiser for the New Tech High in Napa. It will be held Saturday, May 2 from 10-4.
- **Benicia Open Studios** Visit various



art studios on May 2-3. There is a deadline of March 18 to sign up, if you want to display your work.

- **Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival**

Although the 59th annual event is not until September 19-20, 2015, the deadline to apply is just around the corner, April 15.



- And, of course, there's our own 23rd annual **Art Extravaganza!!** April 1-9 at the **Jamieson Ranch Vineyards**. It's free and open to the public.

Membership News

We finally went through and clarified who's signed up through the end of February, including Life Members:

- Nathell & Lawrence Buford
- Keith Caldwell (Life)
- Lynn Dykstra
- Christina Edwards (student)
- Maggie Ford
- Laurine Fuqua
- Beth & Andrew Goff
- Robert Harris (Life)
- Paul Hippauf
- Ari Hood
- Brenda Knight (Life)
- **Elaine Mein (NEW)**
- **Janice Peterson (NEW)**
- Yvonne Scott
- Carol Willis
- Bonnie Waxman (Life)

We are behind in sending out the new Membership Cards and welcome letters—but that's on our "To Do" list for March!

Meanwhile, you can still sign up online at www.amcanart.org. Or do it as part of entering our Art Extravaganza show—members get half off the entry fee (\$10 per item vs. \$20—so if you submit more than 4 items, joining will save you money!).

Our new mailing address, as of January 1, 2015:
**101 W. American Canyon Rd #508-163
American Canyon CA 94503-1163**

Why Should You Join ACAF?

There's at least two good reasons to join the American Canyon Arts Foundation. First, if you **support the arts**, then you should join ACAF—especially if you live in or around American Canyon! The second reason is for the **Member Benefits!**

As a member, you get half off the entry fee for our signature event—the Art Extravaganza show. Now that it's linked to the Napa Valley Arts in April program, our event is part of a nationally promoted event that literally brings thousands to our area.

And you'll get a discount on any ACAF program or event in which there is a charge. We're looking to provide a speaker series and field trips this year—each event will save you money if you join.

And there are some exclusives: for example, we are working with local businesses to show "members only" artwork; and members get a free page on our website, with up to 5 photos and a short biography (if you have your own website, we'll include a free link to it).

And we're adding more benefits every day! So join—it's easy to do! Just go online at www.amcanart.org

The Board of Directors Report

Last month the Board approved our Two Year Work Plan—similar to what we worked out at the Board Retreat, but we added a few housekeeping issues and two new programs: organizing field trips for our members; and developing a series of art and cultural events celebrating our amazing diversity.

We already sponsor Black History Month; but we want to add more programs (for example, don't miss **Holi—The Festival**

of Colors at Shenandoah Park, Saturday March 22, 3-5 p.m.).

The Board also had a spirited discussion about the County Marketing Grant, and in the end agreed to a contract with Piazza Marketing Concepts.

Moving forward, on **Tuesday, March 10**, the Board will meet to go over the details of our Art Extravaganza and Chalk Art Contest; take action on Director's Insurance; and talk about Art in Public

Places. We'll also decide who to nominate for the 2015 Organizational Award winner (feel free to offer suggestions to amcanarts@gmail.com).

The full agenda packet will be available online by March 9. Members are welcomed to attend.



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