

History of the American Canyon Arts Foundation

From Inception to 2008

By Bonnie Waxman

1992

A Committee of 4, Lorraine LaVoie, Lloyd Bartee and Bonnie Waxman, with the help of the City's Recreation officer, Charity Hakes. Put on an Art and Craft Show in the Donaldson Way School auditorium. We made cookies and punch and had a two day show. Also attending a few of the earlier meetings was Pat Gardner a representative of the then Napa Valley Bank and Nadine Davis, art teacher at the Olympia Mobile home park.

1993

Lorraine LaVoie was Chairman, Robert Da Silva was Secretary. Flora Anderson was then the City's Recreation officer and acted as a liaison between the art group and the City, Bonnie Waxman was photographer and historian. We were called together by the then City Manager Ron Kiedrowski, who was the instigator in getting us to do another two day art and craft show which we did and this time held it out in the park next to the school. The wind destroyed many of the paintings and the craft people also had several losses. Several of the artists did not come back the second day. A call went out to all the artists in town and those that answered the call, other than the above were: Pat Barclay, Jane Conley, Fran Fanelli, Marianne Fanelli, Mary Ferreira, Pat Gardner, Paulette Griffin, Pepe Hoefler, Alisha Keith, Betty Lorenz, Annette Muldur, Virginia Scott, Jeanne Smith, Cleo Stone, Gwen Sweezey, Roberta Trachsel, & Roseanne Ward.

1994

Lorraine LaVoie Chairman, Robert DaSilva, Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secretary-Historian, Flora Anderson Liaison to the City. Ron Kiedrowski suggested that those that were in attendance of the meetings and helped with the show become the Board of Directors. Those in attendance were: Paulette Griffin, Fran Fanelli, Marianne Fanelli, Jeanne Smith, Cleo Stone, and Gwen Sweezey, making it a 12 member Board and the first item of business was to name the group The American Canyon Arts Foundation. Our official Logo was designed at that time by Paulette Griffin. The two day show was again held at the park but the crafts were outside and the paintings were in the Donaldson way auditorium.

1995

Robert DaSilva President, Jeanne Smith Vice President, Lorraine LaVoie Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secretary-Historian. Board members: Charlotte Benson, Helen Fitzsimonds, Fran Lemos Cleo Stone and Gwen Sweezey. Again the two day show was held in the park. We filed for our tax exemption and began the Informer newsletter to the membership, and had the charter membership drive with about 28 members.

1996

Jeanne Smith President, Robert DaSilva Vice President, Lorraine LaVoie Treasurer, Candy Mahanay Secretary, (Bonnie Stepped off the Board but remained as Historian). Board: Fran Lemos, Cleo Stone and Charlotte Benson. This was the year they voted to split the Art and Craft show. They voted to have the Art show in June at the Chardonnay Golf Course and the Craft show at the parking lot at the Golden State Lumber yard on Highway 29 at S. Napa Junction Rd.

1997

Candy Mahanay President, Anita Reynolds Vice President, Robert DaSilva Treasurer. Jeanne Smith Secty from Jan-Feb, Anita Reynolds Secty from Mar- June, Bonnie Waxman Secty July-Dec. (Also Historian). Board members: Lorraine LaVoie, Fran Lemos and Cleo Stone. Art Show in June again at the Chardonnay Golf Club. The Craft show was cancelled for lack of interest.

1998

Anita Reynolds President, Candy Mahanay Vice President, Robert DaSilva Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secty-Historian. Board members: Lorraine LaVoie, Fran Lemos, Jeanne Smith, and Cleo Stone. The Art show in June at Chardonnay and craft show in October. This was the first year to give 2 scholarships to the Napa College.

1999

Fran Lemos President, Lorraine Lavoie Vice President, Robert DaSilva Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secty-Historian. Board members: Iris Daigne, Candy Mahanay, Jeanne Smith, Roberta Stanton and Cleo Stone. Art Show in June at Chardonnay and Craft show in November at the Boys and Girls Club House. Two more Scholarships for the College. (Mark Joseph joined the membership)

2000

Fran Lemos President, Lorraine LaVoie Vice President, Robert DaSilva Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secty-Historian. Board members: Cheryl Joseph, Mark Joseph, Jeanne Smith, Roberta Stanton, Cleo Stone, and Barbara Wankum. The June art show was at the Kirkland Ranch Winery and the Craft show changed to the Christmas Boutique was held in November. This year we started giving to the 5 high schools along with the Napa College.

2001

President Mark Joseph, Lorraine LaVoie Vice President, John Wankum Treasurer, Jeanne Smith Secty from Jan to Feb. Mark acted as Pres and Secty from Mar-Dec. Board members: Cheryl Joseph, Fran Lemos, Roberta Stanton, Cleo Stone, and Barbara Wankum. (Bonnie dropped off the Board but remained as Historian). (Bob Harris and Marilyn Singletary joined the board) June Art show at the Community Center and Craft in Oct at the Recreation Room on Elliott Dr. We got a grant from the City to help with the Scholarship program with the condition that the recipient must be an American Canyon resident.

2002

Lorraine LaVoie President, Bob Harris Vice President, Mark Joseph Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secty-Historian. Members Donna Johnson, Marilyn Singletary, Jeanne Smith, Roberta Stanton, Cleo Stone, & Marilyn Templeton. Art show was in June and the Craft show in October both at the Community Center.

2003

Bob Harris President, Lorraine LaVoie Vice President, Mark Joseph Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Sectry-Historian. Board members, Donna Fish, Leon Garcia, Cor and Marie Greive, Donna Johnson, Katherine Moore, Marilyn Singletary, Jeanne Smith, Roberta Stanton, Cleo Stone, & Marilyn Templeton. (Our first year to have max 15 Board members, but by Feb 2004 we were back to 11.) The Art show was in June, we began the Open Studio, to be held last week end in August. And the craft show was in November.

2004

Bob Harris President, Lorraine LaVoie Vice President, Mark Joseph Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secty-Historian, Board members, Donna Fish, Leon Garcia, Donna Johnson, Roberta LaBaw, Gillian McMains, Marilyn Singletary, Jeanne Smith, Roberta Stanton, Cleo Stone, & Marilyn Templeton. We had the Art show in June, Little Mr. and Miss American Canyon, in June/July, Open Studio last weekend in August and Craft show in October.

2005

Marilyn Singletary President, Bob Harris Vice President, Mark Joseph Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secty-Historian. Board members, Cindy Coffey, Leon Garcia, Roberta LaBaw, Diane MacFarlane, Gillian McMains, George Popa, Jeanne Smith, Roberta Stanton, Cleo Stone, Marilyn Templeton. (the second year to max 15 members) Art Extravaganza in June, Little Mr. & Miss in June/July, Open Studio end of Aug. and Craft in November. (Our first and only election for President, between Marilyn and George)

2006

George Popa President, Marilyn Singletary Vice President, Mark Joseph Treasurer, Lisa Katerndahl Secretary from Jan to Feb. No Secty the remainder of the year. Board members, Leon Garcia, Roberta LaBaw, Lorraine LaVoie, Diane MacFarlane, Gillian McMains, Adriana Popa (Historian) Jeanne Smith, Roberta Stanton, Cleo Stone, Marilyn Templeton. (Margaret Olivieri and Jonette McNaughton joined the Board) (Bob and Bonnie dropped off the Board for the year) (Lorraine and Roberta Stanton passed away). Art Extravaganza in June, Open Studio first of Aug, Craft show in October.

2007

George Popa President, Bob Harris Vice President, Mark Joseph Treasurer Bonnie Waxman Secty. Board members Leon Garcia, Roberta LaBaw, Joe McNaughton, Jonette McNaughton, Adriana Popa (Historian), Margaret Olivieri and Marilyn Singletary. (Jeanne Smith and Cleo Stone passed away). The art show was in June, Open Studio last of Aug, Bazaar in Nov.

2008

Bob Harris President, Jonette McNaughton Vice President, Mark Joseph Treasurer, Bonnie Waxman Secretary, Board Members, Leon Garcia, Roberta LaBaw (Historian), Joe McNaughton, Margaret Olivieri, Adriana and George Popa, Marilyn Singletery.

Among other events the Foundation was involved with starting social lunches and paint outs (1995) when weather permitted, the scholarship awards starting in 1998, several years with the Friday Night Live sponsored by the City starting in 2004, Chalk drawings on the sidewalk for the children in 2007.

By Bonnie Waxman, Historian/Secretary, 2008.