



# The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, May 2017

## Arts in April Roundup!

We finished our 25th annual Art Extravaganza, part of the Napa Valley Arts in April program, hosted by our premiere sponsor, **Jamieson Ranch Vineyards**. This year's show had 52 entries from 31 artists.

Our Artist Reception was held Friday, April 21 and was very well attended with approximately 75 artists and patrons. JRV outdid themselves with incredible appetizers and everyone enjoyed the art.



HF 1, by Vincent Connors

Best of Show went to **Vincent Connors** with his contemporary oil, "HF 1," pictured here. **Misuk Goltz** took both first

place in Watercolors and People's Choice award with her work, "Paige."

The Extravaganza is also our major fund raiser. This year we made over \$3000 from all sources. Proceeds from the event goes towards student



Courtesy of Rolando Barrero

scholarships, public art and community grants.

We also participated in Arts in April with **David Tomb's** art piece, "King Tide" and hosted a children's art project. Both events were held at the City's Wetlands Edge Park area. We teamed up with the City and the Arts Council Napa Valley to increase turnout and awareness. The event was held on Earth Day, April 22.

Last but not least, our Director's Show was held at the **Welcome Center**, with 15 entries from 14 artists.

For more info, go to our website at [www.amcanart.org](http://www.amcanart.org), or our [Facebook Page](#).



## 2017 People's Choice

Each year our patrons choose the one piece of art that stands out. This year the winner was **Misuk Goltz** with her watercolor, "Paige."

Runner up was **Roque Cotejo (Gioro's)** contemporary oil, "Be Still."

A special thanks to our sponsors:



## Art at the Welcome Center

This month we're showcasing the artwork of **David Tomb**, who was commissioned to produce "King Tide," a three dimensional project depicting the shore birds of the North Bay.

First shown during AmCan by the Bay, it will now be on display during May at the American Canyon Chamber's Welcome Center, 3860 Broadway/Hwy. 29.



"King tide" by David Tomb

Griffin, will have an exhibit of photos of birds from the American Canyon Wetlands. The two projects perfectly complement each other.

We encourage you to stop by the Welcome Center and check out both exhibits.

Each month we offer our member artists a chance to exhibit their art at the Welcome Center.

If you want to be included in this program or have questions, email us at [info@amcanart.org](mailto:info@amcanart.org); or leave us a message at (707) 645-8840.



Courtesy of Katherine Griffin

# 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.



**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. Runs through May 20.

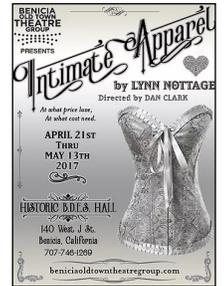
**Abstract—You Call It!** At the Solano Town Center Gallery, through June 4. Reception is Saturday, May 13, from 5-7:30pm.



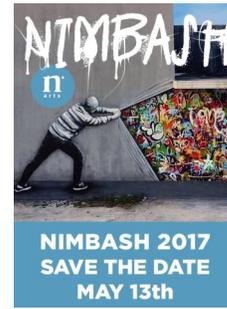
**Arts Benicia's 30th Anniversary:** May 18, 6:30-9pm, an evening of wine, appetizers and art. Price is only \$30—naturally—and includes a glass of wine.

**Lawler House Gallery:** Their new show is called "untitled." In Suisun City until July 30. Hours: Friday-Sunday, Noon-4pm.

**Intimate Apparel:** At the Benicia Old Town Theater, 140 West J St. in Benicia. Tickets are \$22, or \$20 for Seniors 62+, and Students with ID. Tickets can be purchased online. This show ends May 13.



**Nimbash** The annual fund raiser for Nimbus Arts in St. Helena; May 13, starts at 5:30. Interactive art activities, live music and performances art, farm-to-table food and superlative wines, and a recycled art fashion show!



**The Hub/Midsummer's Dreams** Call For Art deadline is June 9; Exhibit is June 14-August 6. **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!

**NV Writer's Club:** This month is Lynda McDaniel on screen writing tips, May 10.

## Membership News

After the big rush of members in March, things settled down in April. We had one member renew:

- Kenneth Leary**

Membership is only \$35/member, or \$65 for a Family membership. Students under 23 are only \$10. *Any student who is a member of the American Canyon High School's Art Club can join for free. Your membership helps us support the Arts.*

You can join or renew [online](#) (and pay through PayPal) or mail a check to ACAF (see our mailing address in the gray box)

## Coming Attractions

We have a number of events and activities lined up for the next several months. Here is a quick preview.

- Reception at SpringHill Suites:** *The Hotel is hosting us again!* In addition to the art, food and wine, the reception will also be an opportunity to show off the hotel's newly renovated lobby. The reception will be late June.
- Middle East Arts & Culture:** Part of our Arts & Culture program, we will host a talk in June on the meaning of Ramadan, part of the Muslim faith. After dusk, dinner will be served.

- Other Arts & Culture Events:** In September, we will work with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to host a Latino Heritage Celebration. In October, we will partner with the Fil Am Club of American Canyon to celebrate the Filipino Culture.

Our new Arts & Culture program is made possible by grants from the **City of American Canyon** and the **Arts Council Napa Valley**. We are grateful for their support.

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## Picture Gallery: Arts in April

You can check out the Art Extravaganza entries online at [www.amcanart.org](http://www.amcanart.org).

Below is a sampling of photos from the reception and the Earth Day event, the following day.



Best of Show artist, **Vincent Connors**, receiving his award from ACAF President, **Mark Joseph**.

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Fascinating events and people at the AmCan by the Bay, April 22. We were there with an art activity for the kids. Thanks, **Roberta Labaw** and **Lynn Dykstra (Focused Images)** for the photos. *And thanks to everyone who helped us this year—we couldn't have done it without you!*



**ACAF Board of Directors Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 9 @ 7pm, at the AmCan Public Library Meeting Room.

Members are invited to attend. The Board oversees ACAF programs and events.