

ACAF Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, Nov. 14 @ 7pm, AmCan
 Public Library Meeting Room.

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, November 2017

Special Events Canceled Due to Fires

The devastation from the fires in Napa and the North Bay caused over a billion dollars of damage, and took the lives of 43 people. This was by far the most destructive fires in California's history and it will take years to recover.

As a result, two events scheduled for October—the **Filipino-American History Month** and **Helping Hands' Multi-Cultural Event**—were canceled. These were part of ACAF's Arts & Culture program.

We all know about FEMA and state/local resources to help families and businesses impacted by the fires, but there are also resources and programs available geared for artists. We wanted to share some of those resources to our members—thanks to the research efforts of the [Arts Council Napa Valley](#).

There are a number of agencies that can provide small grants and loans for artists and crafts people. First there is the Craft Artists Relief Fund ([CERF+](#)). This nonprofit provides research, training and tips to help prepare artists in case of

an emergency, as well as provide limited grants, loans and in-kind support.

Next, there is the [Joan Mitchell Foundation](#). This organization provides emergency support to US based visual artists working in the mediums of painting, sculpture, and/or drawing, who have suffered significant losses after natural or man-made disasters that have affected their community.

Other funding sources are listed below:

- [The Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant](#). For established artists with 10 or more years of experience.
- [Artists Fellowship Financial Assistance](#) For professional artists only (no part-time or hobbyists).
- [Alliance of Artists Communities](#) A program to assist painters or sculptors with short-term residency grants of up to \$1000.
- [PEN Writer's Emergency Fund](#) Designed to help writers during a crisis.

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Holiday Festivities!

The annual [Reindeer Run](#) is just part of the fun that starts December 1. First, the City's annual [Tree Lighting Ceremony](#) at Shenandoah Park on Friday, starting at 6:30pm; followed by the Run at 9am Saturday, and then [Snow Day](#) at noon! Finish it up with ACAF's [Open House & Holiday Boutique](#), Saturday, at 6pm.

A special thanks to our sponsors:



Holiday Boutique is Back!

Thanks to the Napa Junction Shopping Center, ACAF will host its annual **Holiday Boutique**, from **Friday, December 1 through Saturday, December 23**. The Boutique will be in the Walmart Shopping Center, by the



RoundTable Pizza Parlor.

To kick off the program, we will host an **Open House** on **Saturday, December 2nd, starts at 6:00pm**. Light refreshments will be served.

We are looking for crafters, jewelers and others who want to be part of this event. Artists will be charged a 30% commission for all sales while the Boutique is open.

If you are interested in participating, email us at info@amcanart.org, or leave us a message at (707) 645-8840.



In addition to custom hand made crafts and other gift items, we will also have See's Candy on sale.

The Holiday Boutique is a great way to support your local artists, purchase unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for the holidays, and allow the ACAF to further its charitable goals, such as student scholarships and public art.

Art Shows in the Bay Area



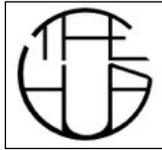
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Bay Area Clay: A Legacy of Social

Consciousness A legacy of hopefulness for our future. Through November 19 at Arts Benicia, 991 Tyler St. #114.

The Hub/Open Studios: November 11-12.

Enjoy a shopping experience of one-of-a-kind gifts. Located in the heart of Downtown Vallejo, 350 Georgia St.



NV Writer's Club: Wednesday, November

8, from 7-9pm. NVW will host its second annual "Writers' Support Group." Covers a wide variety of topics, including Advertising on Amazon & Kickstarter Campaigns. Meetings are held at 1625 Salvador Ave., Napa.



Lawler House—Black & White: This exhibit shows from now until January 28, 2018. The gallery is located at 718 Main St. Suite 101, Suisun City.

FSVAA's 54th Annual Juried Art Show

Each November, the Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association hosts a juried art show. The exhibit will open November 15 and close January 7, 2018.



Be Not Still: Living in Uncertain Times

The new exhibit at the di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art, it addresses concerns of the present social and political climate through a radical new model of experimentation and inquiry. Show runs through May 27, 2018.



Visit the de Young Museum: Founded in 1895 in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the de Young Museum has been an integral part of the cultural fabric of the city and a cherished destination for millions of residents and visitors to the region for over 100 years.

Bob Harris at the Welcome Center: Our own Lifetime Member, **Bob Harris**, is the featured artist for November at the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center. The Center is open 10am-5pm.



Membership News

It's **membership renewal time!** We will be sending out renewal notices in November and December, but you can get a head start by renewing [online](#).

Dues are still \$35 for individuals and \$65 for families; students under 23 years of age is only \$10 (free for ACHS Art Club members!)

Membership gives you discounts to the Art Extravaganza and other ACAF events and activities. Joining ACAF also supports our charitable programs, such as student scholarships, grants to local schools and public art.

Member Services Volunteers

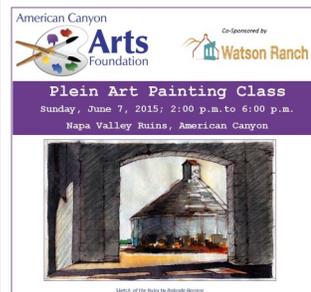
One important role the Foundation plays is providing services to our membership. We can offer field trips to local museums and wineries; and workshops on a variety of art-related topics.

For example, we were planning a trip to the Napa Valley Museum in Yountville to see the **Bittersweet**

Harvest Exhibit, followed by lunch and wine tasting in the Napa Valley. Unfortunately, the Valley Fires put that trip on hold.

In the past, we hosted field trips to the **Napa Valley Ruins & Gardens**, and discussed setting up "wine and art" sessions.

All of this requires individuals to help plan and organize the events. **If you would like to help, please give us a call at (707) 645-8840, or email us at info@amcanart.org.**



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Annual Dinner—January 21, 2018

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to think about the internal operations of the Foundation, the most important of which is the **Annual Membership Dinner Meeting**.

This year we will hold our meeting at **LaStrada's Restaurant** at 6240 Broadway (Hwy 29) St., on Sunday, **January 21, 2018**. Dinner will start at 6pm.



Scene from the 2017 25th Annual Membership Dinner, at Eagle Vines Golf Club.

on new Board Members, and receive a copy of the Annual Report.

We are also working on a guest speaker, who will be announced in next month's **Informer**.

If you want to have a greater say in the direction of the Foundation, serving on the Board is the way to go. Members elected would serve a

In addition to dinner, this is when we vote

two year term. If you are interested, email us at info@amcanart.org

Valley Fires

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- **MusiCares** For musicians.
- **NYFA Source** The nation's most comprehensive list of available emergency funds for artists and arts organizations.

There are also funds setup to address the North Bay Fires specifically, such as the **Napa Valley Community Foundation** or the **Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership—CVNL**, but we wanted to focus on just the artist community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those that suffered.