

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, September 2014

Classic Cars, Art, Food & Fun!

We're kicking off our fall season of art classes and we want to do it in style! There will be a classic car show, courtesy of **Boyz Under the Hood**; a BBQ featuring hot dogs, hot links and brats; a blowout Art Sale; Raffle Prizes; and Oktoberfest Tickets on sale.

Ozcat Radio of Vallejo will be MC'ing the event, with interviews, music and special announcements.

The Special Event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Admission to the event is free; the BBQ is \$10 for the meal (or half off if you sign up for a class!). Raffle tickets will be on sale for prizes, ranging from Wine Tastings to Artwork.

Oktoberfest tickets will be on sale as well, and information about the upcoming **Fall Festival in American Canyon**, a new tradition combining a health fair, environmental awareness, a home-based business expo and more.

Even though the event will be a lot of fun, the whole point is to sign up for our fall art classes. The insert below lists the classes being offered; we are still working on developing additional classes, particularly poetry and painting with acrylics.

Art Classes Offered

Portraits
Silk Painting
Watercolors
Tile & China Painting
Porcelain Doll Making
Jewelry Making
Illustrations with Humor
Collage
Bionic Reading/Writing
The Artist's Way
Raku Ceramic Art
Youth Fine Arts
Memoir Writing
Interior Design
Photography

In the past, we have had a limited number of classes. But earlier this year, as a result of our business plan, we realized that classes could help us cover the costs of our Gallery, and would be more useful to the community as well. At the same time, we were able to expand our Gallery to include a classroom, and we are now ready to grow our class programs.

For more information, call the Gallery at (707) 557-2176, or go online at www.amcanart.org.

You can get more detail on each class, including dates and times, fees and locations. You can also sign up online or at the Gallery.



CLASS REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 13

Join us on Saturday, September 13, from 11—3 at the Gallery. Sign up for Fall Art Classes, see Classic Cars, courtesy of Boyz Under the Hood, enjoy a BBQ and buy some art on sale. Anyone who signs up for a class gets half off the BBQ and a free raffle ticket.

Good Turnout for the 12th Annual Open Studios

It was one of our best turnouts ever, with 24 artists showing in five different locations in American Canyon and Vallejo.

The 12th Annual Open Studios was held on Saturday and Sunday, August 23-24. The traditional reception was held at the Gallery the night before. We had well over 50 artists and guests at the reception, and a steady turnout of visitors over the weekend.

Refreshments were available at all the sites, but only the main Gallery had dog treats! That was because of **Lynn Bogert Dykstra's** "Pedigree Portraits" display.

And, although Umpqua Bank was closed on the weekend, **Jennifer Lockette** had her



Scene from the Open Studios Reception

"Meet the Artist" reception Friday afternoon, right before the main reception at the Gallery. Her show will be on display

at the bank until September 8.

Bonnie Waxman had a big crowd of artists, family and friends at her home studio on James Street. And **Rosalind Johnson** combined Open Studios with the opening of her new Art Gallery, Ethnic Notions, in the Canyon Plaza, Suite A-1.

And last, but not least, **Luchi Marte** and **Chris deAsis** combined art with dance and music at Luchi's Dance Studio in Vallejo.

Of course, this was also the first year we had an earthquake occur during the event! Fortunately, no serious damage occurred (Please see the related story on page two).

More Changes at the Gallery—Some Good, Some Not So Good?

Last month we talked about some simple “facelifts” to the Gallery. We will finish putting in some drought tolerant plants in front of the white picket fence, and a few other finishing touches before the Fall Class Registration Event on September 13.

Meanwhile, the “For Sale” sign may be going away, but not because the owners don’t want to sell. Just the opposite. Nothing is finalized, but there may be a potential buyer of the property. The current owners don’t believe there will be



The latest addition to our space—thanks to Jonette, Joey and Roberta!

any major changes for the next several months (it does take time for the City to process and approve any new development). But it reinforces the idea that we shouldn’t invest a lot of money in improvements—at least not until things settle down.

For example, we were talking about installing some mobile art on the iron frames above the iron fencing—now the fencing and frames have been removed!

We’ll keep you posted.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The memberships are still trickling in! **Alice Dotti** joined us last month. Alice is active in the Friends of the Library, and she was a big patron at our 2014 Art Extravaganza. We’re glad you joined!

If you want to join, or know people who do, have them go online at www.amcanart.org, or they can call/stop by the Gallery, (707) 557-2176.

City Suffers a 6.0 Earthquake, August 24

It was 3:20 in the morning when the ground shook for some 20+ seconds. If you were in American Canyon, you knew it! The epicenter was just north of us, and in fact, for the first few hours, it was known as the American Canyon Earthquake.

Although we were pretty shook up and there were plenty of messes to be cleaned up, we quickly realized that the City of Napa had it far worse than we did.

American Canyon had a number of broken chimneys and quite a bit of inventory losses, but no injuries and no “red-tagged” buildings (no one allowed in). Napa had almost 200 injuries (none serious) and dozens of older buildings “red-tagged.”

At the Gallery, we had very little loss—perhaps a half dozen porcelain items broke, and a few glass frames leaning against the wall. None of the artwork hung in the Gallery fell. Amazing!

Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9, starting at 7:00pm. All members are free to attend. Below is a summary of some of the main topics to be discussed:

Fourth of July Poster Contest: This year we started the “Art Wall” and now the Fourth of July Committee would like to propose another new event: a poster contest, in which the winning poster would be the basis for promoting next year’s Fourth of July Event. Committee members will be present to discuss the details.

Volunteer Incentive Program: We are working on developing job descriptions and an incentive plan to encourage more volunteer help at the Gallery and for our Special Events. There will be an update on that work at the meeting.

Fall Class Registration and Classic Car Show: With the event only days away, the Board will go over the latest updates and make final preparations. **The last planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10 at 2:30, at the Gallery,** and everyone who wants to help is encouraged to attend—or check with the Gallery for an update.

Membership Dues Increase?? The \$25 per year dues haven’t been changed since the Foundation began over 20 years ago, and it may be time to consider an increase. Although the Board has the authority to set membership dues, we want to hear from our members, too.

The full Board Agenda Report will be available online at www.amcanart.org. Just look under Member Services and then Governance.

Fall Class Event Jobs

September 13 is not that far away, and we need a lot of help to make sure we have a successful Fall Class Registration Event.

Here’s a quick rundown of the help we need:

- 2 Helpers in the Cook Tent
- 1 Person at the BBQ
- 2-3 Helpers with Art Class Sign-ups
- 1-2 Directing Traffic/Help with Parking
- 1-2 members for the Art Sale
- 1-2 Volunteers at the Cash Register
- We also need 2-3 people before the event to get the site cleaned up and ready to go; and
- 2-3 members to help clean up afterwards.

All help is appreciated. Call the Gallery at (707) 557-2176 or email amcanarts@gmail.com for more.