

# The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, May 2016

## Arts in April Recap!

We put the 2016 "Napa Valley Arts in April" to bed, and here's the highlights.



People's Choice winner, Jonette McNaughton

**Art Extravaganza:** We had another successful show. We estimate some 200-300 people viewed the art, and we sold three times as much art as last year, in terms of dollar amount. Sales included Best of Show, **Marjorie Lutz'** "Peonies."

Congratulations goes to **Jonette McNaughton**, People's Choice winner, for her "Wine Country" painting.

We learned a lot this year, so look for a bigger and better 2017!

**Guest Artist & Reception:** **Lynn Bogert Dykstra** talked about her experiences as a photographer in Washington DC for the last 30 years. Her presentation was more about personal stories and perspectives than politicians and events. About 90 people attended, and a total of some 150 people showed up for the Artists' Reception, all on Saturday, April 9. Cash awards were given out to the first place winners and Best of Show; awards were given to second and third place winners. For a listing, go to our website:

[www.amcanart.org](http://www.amcanart.org)

**Graffiti ART at the Ruins:** Even though we were rained out initially, we still had over 125 people



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Join us for a hike in honor of

**KIDS TO PARKS DAY!**

Saturday, May 21st

8:30am to 1pm

Newell Open Space Preserve

Donaldson Way & Newell Drive

Hike & Scavenger Hunt

Care for Baby Oak Trees

Paint on the Art Wall for Kids

Nature Crafts & Projects

Lunch, Water & Snacks

For more details visit [www.ACParks.org](http://www.ACParks.org)

Family Hike & Nature Crafts for Kids

Join us **Saturday, May 21**, for **Kids to Park Day**, at the **Newell Open Space Preserve**.

The Arts Foundation has another "Art Wall" for the kids (thanks, Bonnie Waxman!) But we're also inviting all artists to come out and paint the foothills! Or go for a nice long hike into the Preserve. (You might even get a free lunch!)

## Arts in Education

A multi-year undertaking to establish a masterplan for arts in our local public schools is nearing completion.

A workshop will be held this **Thursday, May 5, starting at 6:15pm** in the Wappo Room, at NVUSD, 2425 Jefferson Street, Napa.

arts education master plan

which is to take advantage of the fact that the Arts helps achieve the Creativity in the 4 C's of Common Core—Communication, Collaboration, **Creativity** and Critical Thinking.

## News Briefs

**State of the Arts, May 31:** The second annual Napa County State of the Arts Conference will be held on Tuesday May 31, 2016. Hear discussions on the impact the arts have on the local community and beyond. [More Info](#)

**Place Making and Public Art Workshop, May 21:** Barbara Goldstein will be conducting a workshop at the Benicia Public Library, 150 East L Street, from 1-4pm. Barbara is a nationally recognized expert in creative placemaking and public art planning.

**Napa County Artist Call - \$10k to Design & Create Napa County's State Capitol Diorama :** Deadline to enter—May 27. The Napa County Library is seeking Napa County artists to design and create a new Napa County Diorama which will be on display at the State Capitol. [More Info](#)

**Farmer's Market, Sundays 10-2:** Could AmCan's new Farmer's Market become the home to a monthly Arts & Crafts show??

# Art Shows in the Bay Area

## FSVAA: Primary Colors:

Through May 15, Gallery at Solano Town Center. Artwork from over 30 artists, including many of our own members.



## Malcolm Times Four: A Set of Sculptural Images

nlbuford galleries presents recent sculptures by our own **Lawrence H. Buford** in a 2 month exhibition at the John F. Kennedy Library, 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California. The exhibition opens May 2 and runs through the end of the school year.

## The Hub/"School's Out, Summer is in"

Call For Art deadline is May 30; Exhibit is June 2-July 30.

**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!

**"Equilibrium: A Paul Kos Survey"**: April 16-October 2. Paul was among the first artists in Northern California to create performance-based film and video works as well as participatory installations.



**Nimbash** The annual fund raiser for Nimbus Arts in St. Helena; May 14. Art, food, wine, fashions and dancing!!

**Oscar de la Renta: The Retrospective** At the de Young until May 30. Including more than 130 ensembles, this world-premiere retrospective pays tribute to one of the most beloved and influential fashion icons

of our time.

**Opening Celebrations—SFMOMA** The actual opening day (May 14) is sold out, but tickets for May 15 throughout the Summer are available. Celebrate the grand opening of the SF Museum of Modern Art. Other galleries in the area are celebrating, too!

**Benicia Artists Open Studios**: Arts Benicia's most highly attended event with more than 4,000 visitors! This year's weekend-long celebration is Saturday & Sunday, May 7 & 8 from 10 am to 5 pm. Preview exhibition at their gallery from April 23 – May 8.



## Membership News

After the big rush of members in March, things settled down in April. Below are our new members:

- **Alice Dotti**
- **Robin Craig**
- **Robert Hoffman**
- **Diane MacFarlane**

Membership is only \$35/member, or \$65 for a Family membership. K-12 Student membership is only \$10. You can join or renew online (and pay through PayPal) or send a check to ACAF to our mailing address.

## Earth Day Festivities

The City celebrated its first Earth Day festivities at the wetlands on Saturday, April 23. The Arts Foundation helped with a majestic Oak Tree painting, in which children could post commitment leaves—how they will protect the Earth (Thank you, **Jonette McNaughton**)

In addition to plantings and crafts for the kids, ACAF members explored the area in our first Plein-Air event for 2016. **Diane MacFarlane, Roberta Labaw, Tibby Lerner, Jonette McNaughton, Robin Craig, Joey McNaughton**, and others were there, enjoying the day, painting, and helping others.

Can't wait until next year!!



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tour the Napa Valley Ruins & Gardens when it was rescheduled for April 24. Four tours were set up and we had people as far away as Redding! Thanks to McGrath Properties for hosting the event. For more pictures, go to our website.

**NEW! The Directors' Show:** Although this was a bit of an impromptu show, the Chamber reported that it generated a lot of foot traffic—just what the Chamber & the Foundation wanted! Now that the Director's Show is over, we will still supply the Welcome Center with art. If you're interested, send us an [email](#)!

**Ethnic Notions/Jermaine Burse Show:** Up and coming local artist, Jermaine Burse, was the highlight for Rozalind Sinnamon-Johnson's show at Ethnic Notions, April 16-23. Jermaine was also in our Extravaganza.

**Double Tree Reception:** Several member artists were on display for a wine and cheese reception on



Friday, April 22, at the Double Tree.

**Plein-Air Paint Out:** We finished up the month with several of our member artists spending the day at the wetlands, painting and enjoying the view.



**ACAF Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 10 @ 7pm, at the AmCan Public Library Meeting Room.**

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