American Canyon Arts Foundation

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American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, November 2015

Public Art Workshop—11/12

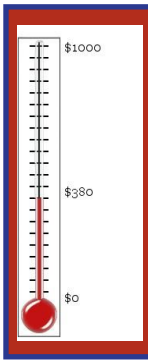
A public workshop will be hosted by the City on ***Thursday, November 12, from 6:30—8:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at our Public Safety Building (Fire Station) at 911 East Donaldson.***

The City is working on a public arts ordinance, that will provide the basic outline of an Arts Master Plan. A committee consisting of Council members and Arts Foundation members, has been working through this issue for over a year. Public input is now needed.

One item to consider is whether we purchase the art or just "lease" it on a temporary basis? Temporary installations are much less expensive, avoid long-term maintenance costs, and allows for more diversity of artwork. But, just like a car lease, at the end of the day, you don't have the value of the asset.

Locations for art need to be discussed as well—should we secure sites along the Highway 29 corridor, in the wetlands area, or at public facilities (library, City Hall, etc.)? Which sites are more important than others?

Funding is a third issue. Initially, the City was considering a "One Percent for the Arts" assessment on all new development, similar to Napa City and other jurisdictions. This was suspended for now, since the City is updating a number of its impact fees, and felt physical infrastructure was more important for now.



9/11 Fund Raiser, Member donations thru 10/31

Other funding sources could include grants, the City's General Fund, and possibly incorporating art into the design of new developments.

The workshop will also provide members of the public a chance to support the City's first major public art piece—the 9/11 Memorial Statue. This is a major project for the Arts Foundation as well.

For more on the 9/11 memorial, go to our website: www.amcanart.org

Vallejo Open Studios November 7-8

A month long exhibit at the Vallejo Navel & Historical Museum, until November 21 is included in this annual event. Many of our own member artists will be present, including ***Lee Bufalini, Marvin Cummings, JeanCherie, Belinda Lang, Jennifer Lockette, Fred Morse, Khaledeeh Mohammed,*** and ***William Sievert***.

For more, including a map of all the sites, go to their website: www.vallejoopenstudio.com

Multi-Cultural Event

American Canyon Arts Foundation worked with local businessman, **Arvind Nischal**, and several other sponsors, in producing a Multi-Cultural event at our Community Gym, on October 10. The show was free and included not only the performances but ethnic food samples as well.

Some 150 people enjoyed the event, which included Filipino, Tahitian, Latino and Indian cultural performances. Former Motown singer, Chris Clark, was there. There was also a belly dancer that turned out to be rather provocative!

We hope this will become an annual event, highlighting our cultural diversity. If you would like to sponsor the event next year, or help out, just send us an email.

Janice Peterson

On Friday, October 30, the Foundation hosted a reception for local artist, ***Janice Peterson***, at the ***Umpqua Bank*** in Canyon Plaza.

Ms. Peterson has been involved in Foundation events this year, including our Art Extravaganza and participated in the art show at the Chamber of Commerce's new ***Welcome Center***.

Her works will remain on display at the bank until November 21.

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One benefit of membership is the opportunity to show your art at various local businesses in town. For more info, send us an email.

Art Shows in the Bay Area

Gems III *Exquisite, Intricate, Intimate Small Works of Art*. This is a juried show. The deadline to enter is November 4. The show is December 2-20 at the Arts Benicia Gallery, 991 Tyler St. Suite 114, Benicia.

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Why Make Art? Twenty Five local Benicia artists respond. The show will continue through November 15 at the Gallery.

Crockett Open Studios The Crockett and Port Costa Artists Guild will hold its second annual Open Studios November 14-15, from 11—6 p.m. For more, go to their site: www.straitarts.com

Jewel City: Art from the 1915 SF International Exposition: Celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the San Francisco World's Fair with artwork from the period. The works will be on display until January 10, 2016, at the de Young Museum. Adult tickets are $20 on week days and $25 on weekends. Discounts available for Seniors and Students.

ACHS Fall Art Show Although for students only, this juried art show will open November 6th. Any Fall theme will work (Halloween, Fall, Day of the Dead, etc.).

40th Anniversary of the California Arts Council: Established in 1976 by then Governor Jerry Brown, the celebration will be held Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Crest Theater in Sacramento, starting at 5:30. Current Governor Jerry Brown will be honored, and there will be performances by various arts and cultural groups. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required , which starts in November.

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Membership News

We are gearing up for our annual Membership Renewal. There is no change in dues: $35 for individuals; $65 for families; and $10 for Students in High School or under.

We will be sending out renewal letters later this month, but you can sign up (and pay) online as well. Go to our website at www.amcanart.org

We know some members sign up to support the arts, and some sign up as part of our annual Art Extravaganza show. ***But we also need members who want to help us*** organize field trips to art shows and galleries; or to help us with our shows and receptions throughout the year.

Arts in April 2016

The Arts Council Napa Valley has just released the toolkit for the next ***Napa Valley Arts in April*** program.

The big change this year is the ability to set any date in April for your program. In years past, each area had a designated week.

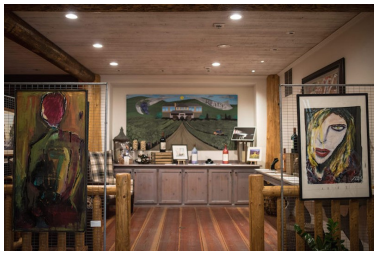

Photo: Jamieson Ranch Vineyards Arts in April 2015 event by Allison Reagan.

The goal is to support the Arts and Artists as well as to attract visitors to the Napa Valley during the "off season." Marketing is provided by Visit Napa Valley, and the actual programming is handled through ACNV.

Last year the Arts Foundation had a very successful event, based at Jamieson Ranch Vineyard (see photo insert), and our guest artist, ***Mario Chiodo.***

Nathell Buford curated the show, which attracted artists throughout the Bay Area.

We also held a tour of the future Town Center and various "pop up" art shows at local businesses. It was our largest fund raiser for the year.

Read more about our 2016 program next month, or go online for the latest news!

Wanted: Directors

The Executive Committee will begin recruiting for up to five new Directors, to fill expired terms.

Serving on the Board is a good opportunity to influence the direction of the Foundation and to help with the annual events and activities. You have a lot of flexibility in deciding which programs and events to invest your time.

If this sounds interesting to you, check out these two Board policies for more info:

- Board Roles & Responsibilities
- Board & Committees

To apply, email us at info@amcanart.org

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board met at the American Canyon Library for their regular monthly meeting on October 13. A number of regular business items were adopted, along with updates on shows and events.

Two major topics were discussed.

First, the Board is recommending to the membership a new policy of term limits for board members. At present, members may serve an unlimited number of three year, staggered terms. The new policy would limit members to two, two-year terms. A member could be considered for reappointment after a one year break.

The purpose is to avoid Director burnout and to encourage new members with new ideas.

Second, we discussed the upcoming Annual Membership Dinner Meeting. Two sites will be considered, depending upon availability and cost.

The annual dinner meeting is used to elect board members, consider any changes to the By-Laws and it is a good way to network with other members.

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