

ACAF Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 12 @ 7pm, AmCan
Public Library Meeting Room.

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, September 2017

Reception at the Welcome Center

We had a much larger than expected turnout on Friday, August 18, when we held our first ever Pygmalion Art Contest & Artist Reception at the Chamber's Welcome Center.

Over 50 people attended the reception, enjoyed the wine and appetizers, and voted on their People's Choice. The winner was long-time ACAF board member, **Roberta Labaw**, with her entry entitled, "Wait for me!"

The basic concept was to paint a picture using only the three colors—two shades of red and a yellow—or any combination of those colors. We were impressed with the variety of themes and approaches to this challenge, as you can see by the entries pictured.



We had a lot of fun with this contest, and we may do it again next year.

The event was also intended to

recognize the various artists whose works have been shown at the Chamber's Welcome Center. Many of the artists were there, along with friends and family members.



Several Council members, including the Mayor, was present, and the Chamber's CEO, Mandy Le, presented the Foundation with their Chamber Membership Plaque.

As the winner of our inaugural Art Contest, Roberta received a \$40 gift certificate to **LaStrada's Restaurant** and a bottle of wine from **Jamieson Ranch Vineyards**.

This is just a sample of the activities and events the Foundation hosts throughout the year. It is something to consider when deciding to join the Foundation. Go online and sign up at www.amcanart.org



Sept. 10 @ the Farmer's Mkt.

Wildlife demonstrations, exhibits and even Chalk Art painting will be at the Farmer's Market on **Sunday, September 10, from 9am-1pm**. This is part of the **Visions of the Wild** program, bringing together artists, conservationists, teachers and students. ACAF will have a booth at the Market. Click [here](#) for more.

A special thanks to our sponsors:



Hispanic Celebration Month

As part of our Arts & Culture Program, ACAF will host our **Hispanic Celebration** at the Farmer's Market, Sunday, September 24. The program starts at 11 am.

There will be a car show by the **Chelu Car Club** of Vallejo, from 9am to 1pm. We will also have cultural dancers and other entertainment. Craft activities for the kids. Traditional Mexican food from our local restaurants will be served.

Our Mayor, **Leon Garcia**, and Fifth District Supervisor, **Belia Ramos**, have been invited to speak.

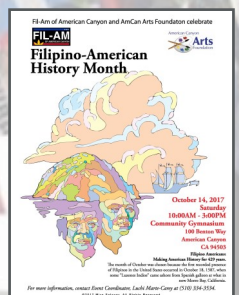
This is a free event and open to the public. Please tell your friends and family to attend and learn/enjoy the arts and cultures of our diverse community.

We are also working with our local library to host events and activities relating to Day of the Dead celebrations in October.

This is all part of our Arts & Culture program, funded in part by grants from the City of American Canyon and the Arts Council Napa Valley.

We are also working with the FilAm Club of American Canyon on their second annual **Filipino-American History Month** Celebration on Saturday, October 14 at the Community Gym, 100 Benton Way, American Canyon.

For more information, email us at info@amcanart.org



Art Shows in the Bay Area

Arts Benicia: The annual **Art Auction & Gala** will be held at the Arts Benicia Gallery, 991 Tyler St. #114, Sept. 23, 6:30-10:30pm. Preview the art on Sept. 7, 6-7:30pm.



Bay Area Clay: A Legacy of Social Consciousness A legacy of hopefulness for our future. October 14-November 19 at Arts Benicia.

The Hub/Wonder-Fall: This is their Fall Art Show. Call For Art deadline/delivery is Oct. 11-13; the exhibit is Oct. 18-Dec. 10. Located in the heart of Downtown Vallejo, 350 Georgia St.



NV Writer's Club: Wednesday, September 13, from 7-9pm. Guest speaker is Kevin Thaddeus Fisher-Paulson, talking on "Every Writer Has One Column in Them." Meetings are held at 1625 Salvador Ave., Napa.

60th Annual Art in The Park: Petaluma Art Association. The show is September 9-10, from 10am-5pm, at Walnut Park in Petaluma.

Solano Town Center Gallery Show:



"Cityscapes/Rural Walks?" Through Sept. 10. Located at the Solano Town Center, Fairfield.

Love Letter Art Walk: Along Sonoma Highway in Sonoma. A fun and unusual art-making event! Free to the public. September 9, 10am to 1pm.

Lawler House—Force of Nature:

The gallery is located at 718 Main St. Suite 101, Suisun City.

Includes our own **Cherol Ockrassa!**

Call For Art: Landscape, Seascape, and Cityscape, Produced by the Pacific Art League, Palo Alto. Deadline to enter is September 14.

Student Art Contest: Dia De Los Muertos

Design artwork for the official 7th Annual "Día de los Muertos en el Valle de Napa" event. Deadline to enter is September 29. Open to all Napa County students, grades 6-12.



Membership News

New members are still joining the Foundation! This month we added two more:

- **Aubrey Daniels**
- **Michele Castagnola-Wegner**

Membership gives you a chance to develop the artistic community in American Canyon as well as expand your own artistry. The Foundation works with other art organizations in Napa and Solano Counties; we advocate public art in American Canyon, and sponsor programs that celebrate our diversity of Art and Culture.

Click [here](#) to sign up online!

Cherol Ockrassa @ Welcome Center

This may sound a little like déjà vu all over again, but **Cherol Ockrassa** will have her artwork and craft items on display at the Chamber's **Welcome Center** during the month of September.

We reported this same event in our July edition, but in fact, Lynn Dykstra was our featured artist in July and the first



"The Loft"
by Cherol Ockrassa

part of August. Then we left our Pygmalion Art Contest entries for the public to enjoy for the rest of August.

Now it really *is* Cherol's turn, and she will have not only art on display, but also painted bags (very handy for shopping) and other craft items for sale.

The Welcome Center is opened 10am-5pm, Monday through Friday. The Foundation hosts a new show each month. If you want to be in a future show, just contact the **Foundation**.

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NV Writer's Club

We have posted monthly meeting notices about this organization, and thought it might be nice to provide more information about the Club and encourage any American Canyon writers to join.

The Napa Valley Writer's Club is a chapter of the California Writer's Club, and was formed in May 2012. Its mission is to promote professionalism in the writing field, through networking, mentoring and literary support. The Club supports all genres and writing styles, including related fields such



as editing, publishing and photo journalism.

Annual membership dues range from \$20 to \$45, depending upon your status. There is a \$20 initiation fee.

The Club hosts monthly meetings with guest speakers, as well as writing conferences. Meetings are generally held the second Wednesday of each month, from 7-9pm, at the Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists Church, 1625 Salvador Avenue, Napa.

For more information or to join, click [here](#).

Grant Opportunity

The Arts Council Napa Valley is offering grants up to **\$5000 for artists or nonprofit organizations**. The deadline to apply is Thursday, September 28 by 6pm.

The ACNV Community Fund is open to all artistic and cultural disciplines, including but not limited to performing arts, visual arts, emerging fields, and literary arts.

The process is relatively easy to follow and the goal is to provide financial resources to strengthen the artistic community in Napa Valley. The Foundation was fortunate enough to receive funding from ACNV for its Arts & Culture program.

For more, click [here](#).