

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, January 2017

Art Extravaganza—Call For Art in January

The Foundation's signature event—our annual Art Extravaganza—is ready to start its 25th year! The Call For Art (CFA) is being finalized and we expect to send it to our membership and prior year entrants in January. Be on the lookout!

There are a number of changes in this year's event. First, you can enter for the **Extravaganza** and also be considered for our new **Director's Show**. We experimented with this concept last year and liked it. The Extravaganza is a juried show with three outside judges screening the artwork. The Director's Show is based on a consensus of our Board of Directors (hence the name!). As in prior years, the Extravaganza will be at the beautiful **Jamieson Ranch Vineyards**; the Director's Show will be at the American Canyon **Chamber's Welcome Center**.

A second change is that artwork will be

submitted electronically for the screening. This makes it much easier for artists, who would otherwise bring in their art and many who would then take their artwork back. Now, only the artwork included in the show(s) will need to be transported.



Digital entries is also easier for the judges, who can review the work on their schedule, rather than when all three are free. *In person judging will still go on to determine awards and rankings within the categories.*

And a digital approach is better for the Foundation. We can use the photos for marketing and promotional purposes, particularly to promote the two shows.

We realize not all artists have photographed their work, so we have made arrangements with local artists to assist you in that effort. Email us at amcanarts@gmail.com for more info and related fees.



Annual Membership Dinner/Meeting

Celebrate our 25th Annual Membership Dinner Meeting! **Sunday, January 22 at the Eagle Vines Golf Club** (580 South Kelly Rd). Networking starts at 5:30pm. Dinner is at 6pm with a short business meeting to follow. We're inviting all ACAF *Charter Members* to attend as our guests.

The price is \$40 for members; \$50 for nonmembers. You can join ACAF at the door. RSVP to info@amcanart.org

A special thanks to our sponsors:



Art Extravaganza Call For Art—Continued

The shows will be later in April this year, but it is still part of the Napa Valley Arts in April program. Both shows will open **Friday, April 21 and close Sunday, April 30** (The Director's Show may be extended into May).

The **Artist Reception will be at the winery on Saturday, April 22, from 5:00-7:30pm.**

Jamieson Ranch Vineyards is graciously hosting the reception again this year! Come early and take advantage of our Silent Auction.

Entry fees are the same as last year: \$10 per entry for members; \$20 for nonmembers. The Call For Art and Entry Form will be available online soon (go to www.amcanart.org for updates) and we will be distributing copies by mail and at art events throughout the Bay Area.

One last change in the format will be to encourage more art sales near the end of the show. During the final weekend of April 29-30 we'll invite the participating artists to be on hand to meet with you and maybe the Foundation will have a special offer or two! If nothing else, we'll be finishing up our Silent Auction, and Sunday is when we'll announce the **People's Choice**.



Art Shows in the Bay Area

Art of a Community showcases the multifaceted talents of Arts Benicia's artist members! The exhibition opens January 21, 2017, and closes February 19, 2017.



Ablaze with Color at Lawler House Gallery

Located at 718 Main St. in Suisun City, this exhibit will run until January 29.



53rd Annual Nor-Cal Regional Juried Art Show—Fairfield Suisun City Visual Arts Association At the **Galleria at the Solano Town Center**. The Show ends January 8. A chance to talk with the Jurors will be held on the 8th, from 1-3pm.

Based on a True Story: Highlights from the di Rosa Collection Get a special insight into the di Rosa Collection, with works that have not been collectively viewed in the past. Thru May 28, 2017.

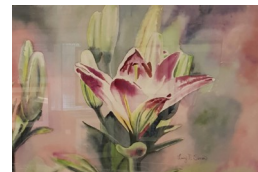


Photography and Video Retrospective of the Recology Artist in Residence Program

At the **SF Camerawork Gallery** (1011 Market St., SF) until January 28, 2017. Featuring the work of 22 artists, the exhibition highlights the Recology San Francisco Artist in Residence Program's (Recology SF AIR).



Art at the Welcome Center! In our monthly rotating art program, January's artist is ACAF member, **Lucy Simon!** Free and open to the public.



The Hub: Located at 350 Georgia St. in Vallejo (corner of Georgia and Marin), the Hub is a community art center, with gallery space, a small stage and coffee bar. Their New Year art show is on exhibit until January 29.



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Membership News

Memberships are coming in (as of 12/31/16), and we thank everyone who renewed their membership—and welcome those that joined for the first time! For more, go online at www.amcanart.org

- Cherol Ockrassa
- Paul Hippauf
- Rolando Barrero
- Maggie Ford
- Min Puno (NEW)
- Fayza Hamid (NEW)
- Terry Birkholz
- Dana Shigley & Family
- Misuk Goltz
- Laura Keiser
- Robert Johnson
- Lee Bufalini
- Mark Joseph & Family
- Tibby Lerner
- Laurine Fuqua
- Mariann Humphrey

Holiday Boutique Success

We hosted our first Holiday Boutique during the first three weeks of December. The Boutique was at the Safeway Shopping Center, next to the Starbucks. A great location, thanks to **Self Help Federal Credit Union** for offering us a deal on the rent!

We had almost a dozen artist/crafters selling jewelry, wearable art, cards, woodworking and other gift ideas. And of course, the big hit was our See's Candy—we sold out not only once, but twice during the event!!



Looking forward, we definitely want to add this to our annual program. From what we learned this year, we believe the Boutique could become our second largest fund raiser, behind the Art Extravaganza.

The key is finding an available location, and with more time, we can better promote the store. We also need more crafts people, so we will have a larger inventory of gift ideas. We may even take early orders for See's Candy!

If you're interested—or know crafters who might be—email us at info@amcanart.org.

Napa Valley Arts in April 2017 Update

The Napa Valley Arts in April program is undergoing some new changes in 2017, and American Canyon may be the better for it!

Historically, the Visit Napa Valley tourism organization was the primary financial backer for the event, so the focus was on attracting visitors to the Napa Valley. This year, Arts Council Napa Valley will be the lead agency promoting the program, and the



The iconic dinosaur from last year's Graffiti Art Tour at the Ruins, part of Arts in April.

emphasis will be on the artist, with the target customer being both visitor and local resident. For the Foundation, we will still produce our signature event, the Art Extravaganza, as part of the program, but we will also partner with the City and other stakeholders to promote the arts throughout the Valley—and highlight some of the many natural assets of

American Canyon as well!

For example, we will be talking about art installations at the Wetlands as part of both Arts in April and Earth Day. This could also become part of the City's overall Master Plan for the Clarke Ranch area, adjacent to the Wetlands.

There will be a public meeting on Monday, January 16 starting at 7pm, at the Fairfield Marriott Hotel in American Canyon (3800 Broadway/Hwy. 29). The purpose is to encourage the public—artists and non-artists alike—to start the planning process and to work towards the best Arts in April ever!! Please plan on attending!