

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, April, 2015

Our 23rd Art Extravaganza

Come for the Art—Stay for the View... and the Wine!

After all the work and worry, the 23rd annual **Art Extravaganza** Show and Sale is here! Or more specifically, at the [Jamieson Ranch Vineyards](#). The show is ongoing from April 1-9, during winery hours. It is free and open to the public.

We received almost 120 entries from over 40 artists from the North Bay area. Over the weekend our judges reviewed and thinned that list to 44 entries from 25 artists. You can get the listing online at www.amcanart.org, which will also include first, second and third place winners in each category.

Best in Show went to **Hilda C. Robinson**, with her work entitled “Rapid Transit.”



We have transformed the winery into an Art

Museum. In addition to the juried art, there are several exhibition pieces for sale, and Guest Artist, **Mario Chiodo**, has brought in dozens of his working models and sculptures, including some of his most recent works.

Mario will be speaking on April 8 at the winery. His talk is “From Monsters to Monuments.” And yes, there is an entire hallway full of his monster creations!

April 8 will also be our **Silent Auction and Reception** for our winning artists. JRV will host that reception.

And on Saturday, April 11, from 1-4 p.m. there will be tours of the

proposed **Napa Valley Ruins & Gardens**,

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TOUR THE RUINS!

On Saturday, April 11, from 1-4 in the afternoon, there will be docent-led tours of the proposed Napa Valley Ruins & Gardens (aka, the Town Center).

It's free to the public, but you need to sign up. Go online to www.amcanart.org

Enjoy the artwork and learn about the future plans.

NOTE: *This is an abandoned industrial site; so there will be some restrictions for your own safety.*

Napa Valley's Arts in April

For obvious reasons, most of our focus is on art-related events in the southern end of Napa Valley.

But there is plenty of great art from here to Calistoga. Below is a brief summary of some of the events being planned County wide:

- **Napa Valley Collects Opening Party & Exhibit** Scheduled for Thursday, April 2, this is the kick-off event for the program. Art, wine and refreshments. Held at the Napa Valley Museum in Yountville. For more, go to their website: napavalleymuseum.org

- **It Takes A City** April 4 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Napa City. Local Napa artists producing and selling art on site. From 11-4pm. For more, see facebook.com/slackcollective.

- **Art, Sip & Stroll in Yountville** Enjoy an afternoon on April 10 & 11 of fine wines while strolling through the town's Art Walk. For more, see www.townofyountville.com/arts

- **Calistoga Arts and Antiques Showcase** Downtown Calistoga's art galleries and merchants will showcase their collections for the entire month.

Stores will be open until 8 pm on Friday April 24. visitcalistoga.com

- **ENGAGE Art Fair** Calistoga, April 25-26. This is the closing event for the program, combining food, wine and art of all types, from visual to performing. For more, go to: engageartfair.org

For more on **Arts in April**, go to visitnapavalley.com/artsinapril.

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Art Shows in Napa/Solano Counties

The more we improve our art shows, the more we're reminded we are not alone. There are other Art Organizations in the North Bay that we need to support, just as many of their artist members have supported us.

- **Fairfield Visual Arts Association Spring Show** They are hosting a reception on April 4 and a talk on April



18, all at the Lawler House in downtown Suisun City. The show itself is from

April 3-26. Their website is vaa-art.org

- **Benicia Open Studios**, May 2-3. The



deadline to enter has passed, but we can still stop by and enjoy the art! Over 60 artists are expected to participate. There will also be an Open Studios Preview exhibit at the Arts Benicia Gallery from April 8-May 3. The event is open to the public. Click [here](#) for more on Open Studios. Their website is artsbenicia.org.

- **Nimbash 2015** This is the annual fund raiser for Nimbus Arts, based in St. Helena. It will be held on May 16,

from 5:30 until 11:30 p.m., at "the Barn" (880 College Ave. St. Helena). Tickets start at \$150. For more information, go to www.nimbusarts.org/nimbash.



- **La Strada dell'Arte** This is the fund raiser for New Tech High School, scheduled for May 2, 10-4 p.m. at the school (920 Yount Street, Napa). For more, go to their website: www.newtechhigh.org



Membership News

March is one of our biggest months for memberships, since many join as part of our annual Art Extravaganza. This year we added 22 to bring our current membership total to 66. Of those 22, over half were new members (and a couple that weren't listed as new hadn't been a member for several years).

You can still join online at www.amcanart.org.

- Rolando Barrero
- Carolyn Abi Bass (**NEW**)
- Charlotte Chiolero
- Jean Cherie (**NEW**)
- Alice Dotti
- Rhoda Draws (**NEW**)
- Leon & Eva Garcia
- Ronald Hamilton
- Renee Marie Jordan (**NEW**)
- Belinda Lang (**NEW**)
- Fran Lemos
- Ray Marcus
- Cheryl Mitchell (**NEW**)
- Francisco Pestana (**NEW**)
- Stephen Pult
- Georgene Roberts (**NEW**)
- Hilda C. Robinson (**NEW**)
- Carolyn Patricia Scott
- Dennis Sheil (**NEW**)
- William Sievert (**NEW**)
- Chris & Michelle Tennyson
- Patrick Wagner (**NEW**)

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including a unique collection of urban art on site. You can sign up online for one of the 30-minute docent-led tours. We will also have sign ups at the Winery and at our Chalk Art Contest, April 4 (part of the City's Easter Festivities).

Last, but not least, there will be several pop up art displays in town. A brief listing is provided below.

- **Roberta Labaw** and **Joan Imlay** at the local Umpqua Bank in the Canyon Plaza (3417 Broadway, #J-2)
- **Ray Marcus** at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, on Highway 29 (3800 Broadway)
- **Jennifer Lockette** at the DoubleTree Hotel, also on Highway 29 (3600 Broadway).
- Various Artists at **Ethnic Notions** gallery, in the Canyon Plaza (3431 Broadway, #A-1)

For more info, you can go online (www.amcanart.org) or email us at amcanarts@gmail.com.

Board of Directors Report

The Board will meet on **Tuesday, April 14**, at the old Gallery location (3441 Broadway).

The agenda will consist of initial feedback on our Art Show and programs, including the



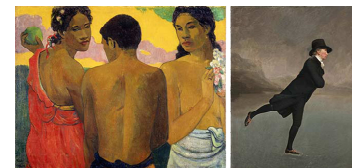
Easter/Chalk Art Contest; and status reports on the Student Scholarship program, Insurance policies and the marketing grant. Routine business items will also be acted upon.

We will also move forward on *incorporation* of the Foundation, in contrast to our current status as an *unincorporated association*.

Art Exhibit at de Young

See "**Botticelli to Braque: Masterpieces from the National Galleries of Scotland**" at the de Young museum in San Francisco. The Exhibit is through May 31.

Spanning more than 400 years of artistic production, this exhibition highlights works by many of the greatest painters from the



Renaissance to the early 20th century.

Tickets range from \$18-24. De Young members get in free. For more, go to: deyoung.famsf.org/scotland