

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, July 2017

ACAF Schedule for Summer/Fall

We have a number of activities planned for the next few months. Here's a brief recap:

July 4th, Noon-4pm—Fourth of July

We will host a booth and promote ACAF memberships, our Pygmalion Art Contest, and the new AC Rocks program.

July 9 & 16, 9am-1pm—Farmer's Market

Enjoy our crafters, the AC Rocks program, as well as ACAF Memberships, and the Art Contest.

August 5, 10-11:30am—AC Rocks presentation

We will be the guest speakers at the City's Senior Center, talking about the AC Rocks program and ACAF in general.

August 18, 5-7:30pm—Pygmalion Art Contest

Paint anything you like, provided it's only these three colors! Then join us for the **Artist Reception at the Welcome Center** and vote for your favorite artist! Click the link above for more!



September 10, 9-1pm—Visions of the Wild Chalk Art event. Located at the Farmer's Market/Donaldson Way parking lot.

Sept. 8-Oct. 13—Friday Night JAM.



Brenda Knight is once again organizing this successful music series. Free to the Public, every Friday evening at the Napa Junction Shopping Center/courtyard (by Hawaiian Hilo and Round Table Pizza).

September 24 (tentative)—Latino Heritage Celebration

(Farmer's Market) Part of our Arts & Culture Program. Music, food, and dance!

Of course, we have our regular events, too, such as the monthly **Artists Show at the Chamber's Welcome Center**—and soon to be at the local Public Library!

For more, go online: www.amcanart.org; email us: info@amcanart.org; or leave us a message at (707) 645-8840.



Fourth of July Events!

The Arts Foundation will be at the **American Canyon Fourth of July Festival**, from noon to 4pm. Check out our booth! Rather than another ArtWall (popular as it was!), we will have rocks to paint (as a sponsor of the **AC Rocks** program). Stop by and paint, or join ACAF, or sign up for our **Pygmalion Art Contest!!**

A special thanks to our sponsors:



Middle Eastern Cultural Event

We held our first Arts & Culture event, focused on the Middle Eastern Culture and the Islamic faith in particular.

We had almost 100 people attend, when we originally planned for only 75! Dr. Hatem Bazian of UC Berkeley, spoke about Arabic Culture and Ramadan; there were art activities for the kids and several participants wore



Dr. Hatem Bazian

traditional dress. We finished the program with a traditional Arabic dinner for all!

This program is funded in part by grants from the **City of**



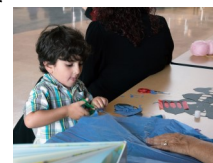
American Canyon and the **Arts Council Napa Valley**.

Council member Mariam

Aboudamous and her family also sponsored this particular event (and her especially to her mother, who prepared the meal!)



Our twin goals are to **Celebrate** our diversity and **Educate** us about that diversity. We host programs during the year, either with community groups (such as the FilAm Club of AC) or by ourselves, relying on community members to ensure an authentic event.



For more, go to our [website](http://www.amcanart.org).

Art Shows in the Bay Area



artsbenicia

Mapping Your Terrain: This show focuses on the many ways artists use or create maps for personal expression. Show runs from July 29 through August 27. Opening Reception is Saturday, July 29, 6-8pm. At the Arts Benicia Gallery, 991 Tyler St #114.

The Hub/Midsummer's Dreams This Exhibit runs through August 6. **The Hub** is located in the heart of Downtown Vallejo (350 Georgia St.), with gallery space, a stage for live music and poetry—even a coffee bar!

NV Writer's Club: July 12, from 7-9pm; the topic is "Finding Compassion and Forgiveness through Writing." Melissa Cistaro will be the guest speaker. Meetings are at 1625 Salvador Avenue, Napa.



Lawler House Gallery: Their latest show is simply called **untitled**. In Suisun City until July 30. Hours: Friday-Sunday, Noon-4pm. Located in Suisun's Waterfront District, 718 Main St.



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: **The Sky's the Limit!** FSVAA members show. Ends July 31. Gallery Hours: Wed-Sun, 11-6pm. Featured artists are Dennis Ariza and Donna Harris.



Coming up: "Cityscapes/Rural Walks?" August 2-September 10.

Based on a True Story—Extended! This event has been extended until October 15. Enjoy highlights from the di Rosa Collection. The Preserve is located at 5200 Sonoma/Carneros Hwy., Napa.



Sonoma Blues Festival—Call For Art: The Sonoma County Blues Festival is pleased to invite Visual Artists, to apply to the Festival's **Juried Art Show**. Deadline to enter is July 17; the Festival is August 19.

Yountville's Art Walk: It's summer time and what could be better than wine tasting and art strolling? There are over 40 outdoor art works in town, including works by **Gordon Huether**. Strolling is free, but the wine tasting will cost you!

Membership News

Memberships continue to trickle in, with one new membership: **Janelle Sellick and family!** We also want to clarify that last month's new member is also known as **Mandy Le**, our Chamber CEO!

But we are going on a mid-year Membership Drive! We'll be at the Fourth of July, and at the Farmer's Market, looking for new members and talking about the benefits and programs of the Arts Foundation.

Meanwhile, click [here](#) to sign up/renew online. Still only \$35/yr. for individuals; or \$65 for Families.

SpringHill Suites Reception

Thank you, SpringHill Suites! This is the fourth year they hosted the Arts Foundation, last Thursday, June 22. Thanks to them, we were able to honor our two top winners from our 2017 Art Extravaganza: Best of Show **Vincent Connors**, and People's Choice, **Misuk Goltz**.

We had wonderful appetizers and wine poured by Jamieson Ranch Vineyards (JRV). And this year's event was timely, too—SpringHill



Artwork by Misuk Goltz

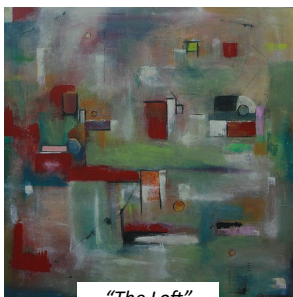
just finished a makeover of their lobby!

SpringHill and **JRV** have been ACAF sponsors for many years, so we are particularly grateful for their support.

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Cherol Okrassa

July's featured artist is member, **Cherol Okrassa**. Cherol's work can be seen in various locations in Napa and Solano Counties, and now through the first half of August, at the Chamber's **Welcome Center**, 3860



"The Loft"

Broadway/Hwy. 29.

Check out her work during the Welcome Center's hours, Mon -Sat., 10-5pm.

Festival Napa Valley: July 14-23

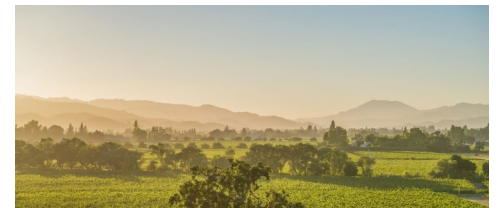
The tagline for Festival Napa Valley says it all:

*10 Days. 100 Wineries. Over 60 Events.
Stars of Music, Dance and Theater.
Napa Valley's Fine Wine and Cuisine.
Enriching Arts and Community Programs.*

This festival, scheduled from July 14-23, is a major fund raiser for the arts in Napa Valley. It helped pay for the study that led to Napa Valley Unified School District's expanded Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program.

The festival includes great food, wine, music and performances throughout the 10 day event.

In typical Napa Valley fund raising style, the



single day or multi-day passes are not cheap (from \$850-\$10,000 for the Festival Passport). However, there are a number of free musical events. The Festival also accepts [volunteers](#), which lets you be part of the event.

For more about the program, including the calendar of events and donation opportunities, go to their [website](#).