

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, August 2014

12th Annual Open Studios!

This year's Open Studios will feature five different locations, with featured artists in most of them. The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 23-24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Starting at the Gallery, photographer/member **Lynn Bogert Dykstra** will present "Pedigree Portraits." Other member artists will have their works on display as well.

At the Canyon Plaza, **Rosalind Johnson** will not only participate in our event, but will be opening her new Art Studio, Ethnic Notions, at 3431 Broadway, Suite A-1. Artwork by **Fred Morse** and **Marvin E. Cummings** will also be exhibited.

At Umpqua Bank (3417 Broadway, Suite J-2), **Jennifer Lockette** will have her landscapes on display, from August 8 through September 4. In addition, there will be a "Meet the Artist" at the bank, from 2-6 p.m. on the 22nd.

Bonnie Waxman will host local artists at her home/studio, at 158 James Road.

And last, but not least, **Luchi Marte** will be hosting artwork at My Friday Project Dance Studio, at 5201 Sonoma Blvd. Suite 5, in Vallejo.



Lynn Bogert Dykstra



Jennifer Lockette

Open Studios is a great opportunity for our local artists/members to show their work, as well as to network with other artists in the area, and to just have a relaxing weekend of fun and art.

We will also hold a reception the night before, on Friday, August 22, at the Canyon Gallery & Art Center, 3441 Broadway/Hwy. 29, in American Canyon. The reception is from 7 to 9 p.m. and the public is invited.

For more information, go online at www.amcanart.org, or call the Gallery at (707) 557-2176.



OPEN STUDIOS

AUGUST 23-24

The Arts Foundation will be holding its 12th Annual Open Studios Tour on August 23-24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To date, there are five locations. See the related article for more details.

We will also hold our annual Artist Reception the night before, Friday, August 22, from 7-9 pm. The public is invited.

Fall Class Registration Faire: Car Show, BBQ and more!

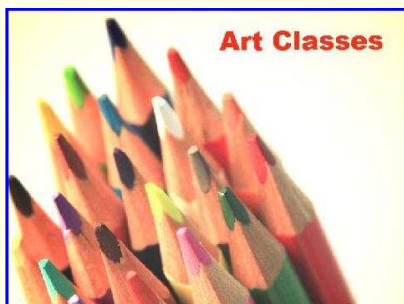
We're kicking off our Fall Season of Art Classes, and we want to do it in style! **You can sign up online or at the Gallery, starting August 20**, and we will be holding our first ever Class Registration Faire on Saturday, September 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Gallery. Classes start the following week.

In addition to signing up for classes, we will be holding a Car Show, courtesy of Boyz Under the Hood, and a BBQ. Tickets for Oktoberfest will be available for purchase.

All of this will be held at the Canyon

Gallery, 3441 Broadway/Hwy. 29, in American Canyon.

The BBQ will be \$10/person, or \$5/kid's plate. Everyone who signs up for a class gets half-off for the meal.



Art Classes

In addition, the first ten students that sign up will receive a free membership to the Arts Foundation. This entitles the member to discounts at Foundation events and access to members-only activities.

We have offered a limited number of classes in the past, but now we are expanding our offerings and better promoting the program.

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Facelift at the Gallery!

Slowly, we are working on improving the look and feel of the Gallery. First, thanks to the hard work of Board Member, Jonette McNaughton, the Gallery floors have been repainted, and they look much better (let's try to keep them clean and paint-free!)

We're also starting to work on the front. The first step is to clean up the area by the white picket fence. We'll be putting in some ground cover and bark—a low cost project that will give it some color and make it look more finished. We'll also clean



November 2010, before we opened.

up some of the poles and signage, and replace it with professionally made A-frame signs.

We're still working on what the front of the building should look like—suggestions are still welcomed.

We appreciate the generosity of member **Jennifer Lockette**, who donated \$1000 towards improving the appearance of the Gallery & Art Center. We haven't used any of the money yet, and we want to make sure we get as much "bang" for Jennifer's "bucks."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The memberships are still trickling in! This is the second month of a singular member: **Phyllis Johnson**.

We expect more as we kick off our Fall Registration event in September, and then we'll be ready for our annual membership renewal in November.

If you want to join, or know people who do, have them go online at www.amcanart.org, or they can call/stop by the Gallery, (707) 557-2176.

City considering a Public Arts Ordinance

After hearing a presentation by Olivia Everett, CEO of the Arts Council Napa Valley, the City Council supported in concept an ordinance encouraging public art in American Canyon, similar to regulations adopted by Napa City and the Town of Yountville.

The City has now convened a committee to work out the details. The Arts Foundation will be represented by Board President, Mark Joseph.

The basic concept is to encourage public

art to be integrated into all new public and/or private development. The builder will be able to either install the public art as part of the project or contribute to a fund that will be administered by the City to provide the art somewhere in the City.

The details need to be worked out, of course, but this is an exciting opportunity for the Arts Community, not only in American Canyon but throughout the North Bay Area. Perhaps this idea will catch on and expand!

The Art Wall was a Big Success!

It was a brand new idea, but it turned out to be a big hit!

The Art Wall was a project suggested to the Foundation by the Fourth of July Committee, as an activity that could encourage the creativity of our young artists.

Thanks to the artistic skills of member **Tom Contreras**, and the hard work of members **Roberta Labaw**, **Jonette** and **Joey McNaughton**, **Francoise Bowlby** and others,

we were able to provide two 4'x8' panels for kids to paint. Tom penciled the drawing and the kids did the rest (with some help from our members!).

This could become a new Fourth of July tradition for the Foundation.

We're working on ways to display and promote the program—feel free to give us your suggestions!



Our first "Art Wall" project! Thanks to Tom Contreras and others.

Art Classes (continued)

Some of the new classes include:

- ◆ **Watercolors** by Bob Harris;
- ◆ **Portraits** by Tom Contreras;
- ◆ **Tile & China Painting, Doll Making** and **Ceramics** classes by Pam Jones;
- ◆ **Art, Bionic Reading/Writing and Magazine Production** and **Memoir Writing** by Carolyn Patricia Scott;
- ◆ **Illustrations w/Humor** by Clevon Goudeau;
- ◆ **Jewelry making** classes by Gloria Prince or Khaleedah Muhammad;
- ◆ **Collage** and **Interior Design** help by Gloria Fouts;
- ◆ **Silk Painting** by Francoise Bowlby;
- ◆ **Raku Ceramic Art** by Bill Bloom; and
- ◆ **Youth Fine Arts** by Ms. Debbie.

For more information, or to sign up, call the Gallery at (707) 557-2176, or register online at www.amcanart.org.