

# The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, June 2017

## Special Events in June!

In June we have two events, and everyone is invited!

### Middle Eastern Cultural Event



Friday, June 16, from 7-9:30pm, we are hosting a **Middle Eastern Cultural Event**. It will be held at the AC High School Cafeteria, and is part of the Foundation's "Arts & Culture" program.

The purpose of this event is to highlight the Arab American community in American Canyon. Because it is scheduled during Ramadan, we will talk about the Islamic faith and Ramadan in particular. Following the talk, which will include time for questions, we will host a free *iftar* dinner featuring traditional Arabic dishes.

Sign up for the free program and dinner by going to our website: [www.amcanart.org](http://www.amcanart.org), or through

**Eventbrite**. There is plenty of parking at the High School, and we will have activities for the kids.

The Arts & Culture program is funded in part by grants from the [City of American Canyon](#) and the [Arts Council Napa Valley](#). This particular event is also sponsored by Council member **Mariam Aboudamous** and her family.

### SpringHill Suites Reception for ACAF

We are also excited to announce our third annual reception hosted by [SpringHill Suites](#) at the Napa



Scene from last year's SpringHill Suite Reception

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### Francois Bowlby at the Welcome Center

This month's featured artist is long-time member and Board of Director, **Francois Bowlby**. Based in Napa, Francois offers classes in a wide array of media.

The American Canyon Chamber's **Welcome Center** is located at 3860 Broadway/Hwy. 29. It is open 10am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday.

A special thanks to our sponsors:



## Pygmalion Art Contest!

We are announcing a new **Art Contest** and the rules are a little unconventional. works at the Center, at that same reception.

First, the entry fee is \$20 for ACAF members; \$25 for non-members. For this fee, you get a set of three oils, pictured here. **The contest is to paint any theme or subject, provided you only use the three colors (or any mixture of the three)!**

Our contestants will show their work at a reception at the Chamber's Welcome Center, tentatively scheduled for late July or August.

We'll also recognize artists that have shown their

Two other rules. First, judging will be "People's Choice" style by those attending the reception. Second, we are limiting the contest to the first 30 artists! **Let us know if you're interested by sending an email to [info@amcanart.org](mailto:info@amcanart.org).**

The winner will receive dinner at LaStrada's (\$40 value) and a bottle of Jamieson Ranch Vineyards wine.

We will have more details on our website and Facebook page. Keep on the lookout—although we'll notify you **if** you sign up!



A contest in which you can only use three colors: Red Rhino, Saffron, or Cat's Tail.

# Art Shows in the Bay Area

## Magical Realism: Allegory, Dreams, and Myth

Magical realism, used in both art and literature, expresses a seemingly realistic view of the world while also adding fantastic or magical elements. At Arts Benicia Gallery, 991 Tyler St #114. Shows runs from June 3–July 9.



## The Hub/Midsummer's Dreams

This Exhibit runs June 14-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:** Two events this month! First, **Didi Balle**, on creating, writing and

directing symphonic plays for symphonic orchestras; June 14, 7-9pm. Second, a one day workshop with **Iris Jamahl Dunkle**, Sonoma County's Poet Laureate, June 17, 9am-Noon.

**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.



**Art in the Gardens 2017:** Fine Art, Music, Beer, Food. Saturday, August 5, from 11am-5pm. All at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Fort Bragg.

**60th Annual Art in The Park:** Petaluma Art Association. Call For Art deadline is July 1. 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. June 14 -July 31, Artist Reception is Saturday, June 24, 5-7:30pm.



**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.

## Membership News

Summer is a slow month for membership renewals, but we did have one new member: **Amanda Lefevre**. Welcome to ACAF!

### In other news...

Our artist member, **Ding Yu**, was selected as the Artist of the Month by the **Napa Valley Photographic Society**. A realtor by day, artist by night, she started in photojournalism, but eventually focused full time on photography. Ding Yu was also included in our 2017 Art Extravaganza, at beautiful **Jamieson Ranch Vineyards!** Congratulations, Ding!

## Student Scholarships

This year the Board decided to offer two, \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who want to pursue a career in the arts.

Our first scholarship student (in alphabetical order only!) is **Chloe Buntas**. Chloe wants a degree in Digital Design & Drafting, and become an architect. She will start that path by attending Napa Valley College.

**Angela Domingo** is our other student scholar. Angela has shown a strong interest in the arts, including membership in the ACHS Art Club. She also included her art in several ACHS Art shows. She wants to major in Studio Arts and Art History, and ultimately become an



View of the 2017 ACHS Scholarship recipients; courtesy of Lynn Dykstra, Focused Images.

Illustrator.

**Good luck to both of our winners for 2017!**

## June Events (cont'd.)

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County Airport. This year it will be held on Thursday, June 22, from 5-7pm.

We will use this opportunity to showcase the artwork of **Vincent Connors**, our Art Extravaganza Best of Show winner, and **Misuk Goltz**, People's Choice winner.

In addition, SpringHill Suites has just finished remodeling their lobby area, so be prepared for something amazing!

This event is free and we encourage all to attend.

For more, email [AmCanArts@gmail.com](mailto:AmCanArts@gmail.com) or leave a message at (707) 645-8840.

## Art in the News: NV Register

Thanks to **Arts Council Napa Valley's Art Crush newsletter**, here's some artistic tidbits, from the Napa Valley Register newspaper.

### Acumen opens downtown gallery

*Napa Valley Register*, 5/25/17: "Unlike most downtown tasting room, Acumen's incorporates a high-end art gallery that will feature a rotating collection of art. The present collection features work by Vincent Xeus, many of local vineyard workers."

### 'Opposites Attract' at Jessel Gallery

*Napa Valley Register*, 5/31/17: "'Opposites Attract' is the theme of the summer show opening at the Jessel Gallery in Napa on

Friday, June 2, and running through June and July. The show features work by four artists: H.M. Saffer, Lisa Marie Kidley, Patrick O'Rourke and Cynthia Schiff."

### NV Film Festival calls for student entries

*Napa Valley Register*, 5/31/17: "The student competition was launched in January as a collaborative effort with the Napa Valley Film Festival, NapaLearns and the Napa County Office of Education. Selected film projects will be showcased at the Napa Valley Film Festival, Nov. 8-12."

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