

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, February 2016

Black History Month Events

We celebrate Black History Month, not only with our own event at Umpqua Bank (see insert), but with several other events throughout the Bay Area. Below is a small sampling of art-related events associated with Black History Month.

Kenneth Leary Photo Exhibit

Local member, Council member and world traveler **Kenneth Leary**, will have his photography on display at Umpqua Bank during the month of February. For more, see the insert or download the [flyer](#). Thanks to **Nathell Buford** and others for making this happen.

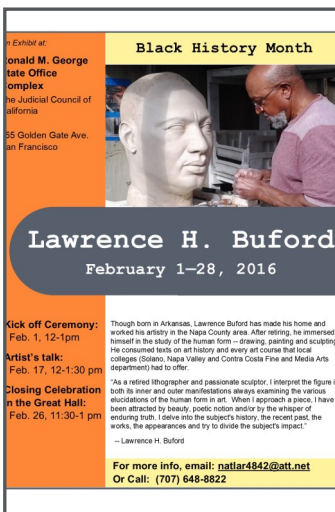
The Art of Living Black—20th Anniversary

On display at the Richmond Art Center, now through March 3. At least two of our members, **Lawrence Buford** and **Jennifer Lockette**, will have their works on display. The

reception is Saturday, February 6, from 2-6 p.m. Click [here](#) for more.

Black Artists on Art: The Legacy Exhibit At the [Oakstop](#) in Oakland; now through March 28.

The Grand opening is also this February 6th. A group exhibition celebrating multiple generations of artists featured in the *Black Artists on Art* book series, originally published in 1969 by Dr. Samella Lewis.



Black History Month

Exhibit at: Ronald M. George State Office Complex, the Judicial Council of California, 85 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco

Lawrence H. Buford
February 1–28, 2016

Kick off Ceremony: Feb. 1, 12-1pm
Artist's talk: Feb. 17, 12-1:30 pm
Closing Celebration in the Great Hall: Feb. 26, 11:30-1 pm

"Though born in Arkansas, Lawrence Buford has made his home and worked his artistry in the Napa County area. After retiring, he immersed himself in the study of the human form—drawing, painting and sculpting. He consumed texts on art history and every art course that local colleges (Soleis, Napa Valley and Contra Costa Fine and Media Arts department) had to offer.

"As a retired lithographer and passionate sculptor, I interpreted the figure in both its inner and outer manifestations always examining the various allusions of the human form in art. (When I approach a piece, I have been attracted by beauty, poetic notions and/or by the whisper of enduring truth. I delve into the subject's history, the recent past, the works, the experiences and try to divide the subject's impact."

—Lawrence H. Buford

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Lawrence Buford at the State Building in SF Lawrence will have his works on display throughout February at the Ronald M. George State Office Complex in SF. Download the [Flyer](#).

Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco It is black history month everyday at [MoAD](#) in San Francisco, a museum that showcases the richness of the African Diaspora.



Kenneth Leary Photo Exhibit Feb. 5–Mar. 4

ACAF is recognizing Black History Month with a Photography exhibit by member Kenneth Leary. A reception will be held for him on **Thursday, February 11, from 6-8:30 p.m.** The Exhibit and Reception will be at the **Umpqua Bank** in the Canyon Plaza, 3417 Broadway, #J-2. Kenneth has traveled all over the world, with a particular fondness for National Parks. The public is invited to this free event and to listen to his presentation.

Annual Dinner January 10

It's amazing what a difference an exciting guest speaker can do for our annual Membership Dinner Meeting.

This year we held our annual meeting at Mi Zacatecas Restaurant and **Gordon Huether**, the Napa artist who designed both Napa City's and our own 9/11 Memorials, was our guest speaker. *The turnout was double from last year—over 40 people participated!*

There were a lot of last minute RSVP's which was a "good" problem, and we were able to take care of business in short order—we elected our Board of Directors for the year and approved term limits in our By-Laws.



Photo Credit: Roberta Labaw

Valley Fire Reception

We followed up a successful Annual Dinner Meeting with an even bigger event on January 22, our reception for the Valley Fire Photography Exhibit.

Held at Umpqua Bank in the Canyon Plaza, we had over 60 people attend, with Photographer **Katherine Griffin** busy making sales and giving a presentation on her experiences with the 3 devastating fires in Lake County.

The Foundation also made \$350 in raffle sales, which will go towards helping the "four-legged victims."

Pictured is Katherine and John Wankum, former ACAF Treasurer. He just purchased a signed copy of "Hidden Valley Lake Reflections."



Art Shows in the Bay Area



artsbenicia

Art of a Community: Arts Benicia is showcasing its member artists. There will be an open house on February 20. The show ends February 21.

"Art in the Library" This is an exhibit by member artist Janice Peterson, at the **Napa Main Library**, until February 26. She will hold a reception on the 19th at the Library, from 6-7:30p.m. For more, click on her [website](#).



The Hub in Vallejo: Located in the heart of Downtown Vallejo (350 Georgia St.), it has gallery space, a stage for live music and poetry, and even a coffee bar!

First Thursdays Community Art Party

From 6-8 p.m. it's an all art party—artists, musicians, poets, all are welcomed.

Second Fridays Art Walk After Party



Vallejo has an Art Walk on the second Friday of each month. Starting at 10 p.m., the Hub has an after party: music, dancing and a full bar.

SJS Theatrical Productions: Scapino's

Revenge February 19-20, from 8-10 p.m. Enjoy live theater in Vallejo.

Poetry by the Bay Second and Fourth Thursdays. Hear poetry from amateurs to professionals.

Trashed and Treasured Since 1990, over 150 professional artists and twenty student artists have completed residencies at the

Recology Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling Center.

Trashed and

Treasured will feature work from Recology's significant collection of alumni artists. **At the Napa Valley Museum, through March 27.**

Radical Landscapes at the di Rosa The natural environment serves as both medium and muse for the seven artists in *Radical Landscapes*. Through April 3.



Membership News

We're still getting new members and renewals. You can sign up by going to our [website](#). And we have membership applications at all of our events, too.

Below is a listing of new or returning members, in the order received:

- **Roberta & Steve Labaw**
- **Fred Morse**
- **Elizabeth & Andrew Goff**
- **Terry Birkholz**
- **Cheryl Mitchell**
- **Arvind Nischal**
- **Lawrence & Nathell Buford**
- **Carolyn Patricia Scott**
- **Chris Tennyson & Family**

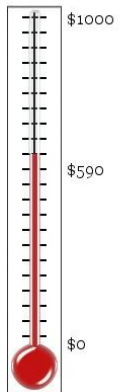
- **Jonette McNaughton & Family**
- **Angel Holsten**
- **Ari Hood**
- **Ben Anderson**
- **Charlotte Chiolero**
- **Laurine Fuqua**
- **Rolando S Barrero**
- **Joan Imlay**
- **Anne Garner & Matt Plate**
- **LaDonna Christoffersen**
- **Brent Beck**

Membership is still only \$35/member, or \$65 for a Family membership. K-12 Student membership is only \$10. You can pay online or by sending a check to ACAF.

Good News!

Part of the intent for this year's Annual Membership Dinner meeting was to draw attention to the City's 9/11 Memorial Statue, and the need to raise the last \$15,000. Thanks to our members, we now have over \$500! And the Board decided to match that and donate \$1000 to the project.

Thank You, Everyone!!



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Board Retreat

The Board held their annual retreat at Fairfield Inn & Suites on January 31.



The main focus was on building up our membership and keeping them engaged. A lot of good ideas were identified, and we hope you will see the results over the next year.

We also added three new Directors: **Laura Keiser, Ada Dempsey** and **Arvind Nishcal**.

The Board decided to select officers and complete their Two Year Work Plan at the February 9 regular Board Meeting.

2016 Arts in April Line-up

For this year's Arts in April program, we have a full plate! Here's a brief overview.

- **Art Extravaganza.** This is our 24th annual and it will be held at Jamieson Ranch Vineyards (JRV)—same as last year. The show is from April 8-16, with the Artist Reception on Saturday, April 9, from 4-7 p.m.
- **Guest Artist—Lynn Dysktra.** She will speak on "The Art of Politics—a Photographers Perspective." This will be at JRV on April 9, with the Artist Reception following her talk.
- **Birds, ART and the Great Outdoors.** In

conjunction with the Audubon Society and the City of American Canyon, we will hold a Plein Air painting event at the Wetlands on Saturday, April 23.

- **Graffiti Art at the Napa Valley Ruins.** We are making arrangements with the Developers to host a tour of the site with Graffiti Artists talking about their style of art and the artistic potential of the future Town Center.
- **Art around the Canyon.** Our member artists will have their work on display at **Ethnic Notions, DoubleTree Hotel**, the Chamber's **Welcome Center** and **Umpqua Bank** in Canyon Plaza.