

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, September 2016

August was a busy month!

We said we'd be busy in August, and we weren't kidding!

First, we held our third annual reception at **SpringHill Suites Napa Valley** on Thursday, August 18. We had a good turnout and the food and wine were terrific! Thank you to SpringHill Suites, to **Lee Coates** the new General Manager, and **Megan Blankenheim**, for their generosity!



From there we held our first **ARTwalk at the Plaza**, Friday and Saturday, August 19-20. This



was a pilot project, but we had over a dozen artists participate. The concept is to combine local artists and local

businesses, so the Chamber was there to promote the Buy American Canyon program, and their "3/50 Challenge."

There was a consensus that the ARTwalk has a lot of potential, and we may consider working with the Canyon Plaza businesses this winter (think of a Winterfest at the Plaza!) and next summer—especially if we can combine it

with music, crafts and kids' activities. Stay tuned!

We wrapped up the month with the **Chamber's One Year Birthday for their Welcome Center**, on Friday, August 26. A good crowd showed up for a lot of food and wine, as well as the traditional birthday cake!



Photo Credit: Vincent Lin

VISIONS OF THE WILD

Art Show—September 9-17, 2016



What: Art show part of Visions of the Wild festival
Where: American Canyon Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Center 3850 Broadway (Hwy. 29)
When: September 9-17, 2016
12-6pm (Closed Sundays)
Reception: Friday, September 9, 5-8pm
Cost: Free and Open to the Public

What is Visions of the Wild?
It is a partnership with the US Forest Service and community groups in and around Volcano.
The theme for the 2016 festival is **Wild in the City**. We'll be celebrating the nature - animals and plants - that live in our urban and suburban setting. The festival brings the whole community together, including artists, conservationists, students and teachers.

For More Information:

Go to our website: www.amcanart.org
Email us at info@amcanart.org leave us a message at (707) 645-8840
Check out the "Visions" website: www.visionsofthewild.org

"Visions of the Wild" Show

The theme is **"wild in the city!"** Deadline to submit entries is Friday, Sept. 2. The show is Sept. 9-17 at the **Welcome Center** in American Canyon. We will have a reception on Friday, Sept. 9 from 5-8pm. For more, go to: www.amcanart.org

A special thanks to our sponsors:



Membership Drive Starts in September

The annual membership drive is planned to begin in late September.

Although we love to accept first time or renewing members any time during the year, our goal is to sign everyone up in the Fall for the upcoming year.

Membership dues are the same as last year: \$35 for individuals; \$65 for family memberships; and \$10 for students (high school only). You can also contribute more towards our two charitable

purposes: Student Scholarships and Public Art.

This year we want to let our artist members know about two benefits of membership.

First, we will link your website to ours, or we can set you up for a unique page of your own. This can include bio/contact info and up to five digital images of your art.

Second, we work with local businesses, such as the Chamber's Welcome Center, to showcase our members' art.

You can sign up to be included in that rotation.

Your membership will continue to give you discounts for our art shows and programs, especially the annual Art Extravaganza; and membership entitles you to be involved in the direction of the Foundation: be an active member, even join the Board!

You'll be getting an email in late September. It will also include a Member Survey—we use your feedback to make the Foundation better for all of us!

Art Shows in the Bay Area

"Order + Chaos" At the Arts Benicia Studio, through September 11. Chaos is the unformed void.



Order is its antithesis. Chaos has no meaning without order.

Annual Art Auction & Gala Considered "the best party in town," Arts Benicia's biggest fund raiser will be on September 24 at the Benicia Clock Tower. Tickets are \$45 in advance; \$55 at the door.



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Napa Valley Writers: John Bryne Barry

"How to Navigate the World of Self-Publishing and Promotion" August 10, 7-9pm, at the Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists Church, 1625 Salvador Ave.

The Hub The Hub is 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! There's still time to enjoy *Lughnasa*, an original art experience, through September 25.



"Equilibrium: A Paul Kos Survey": Through October 2. Paul was among the first artists in Northern California to create performance-based film and video works as well as participatory installations.



Visions of the Wild Films, Art Exhibits, Speakers, Field Trips, Coastal Cleanup Day, and more! Most festival events are FREE. A

number of Art Shows will be held in Vallejo and **American Canyon**, starting Sept. 9.



60th Annual Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival September 17-18. Experience this annual event at the foot of Mt. Tamalpais, in historic Old Mill Park. Tickets are only \$10.



Vicki Byrum Dennis at Gallerie Renee

Marie Member artist **Vicki Byrum Dennis** will have a show entitled "The Birth of the Blues" from September 2- October 4. Artist Reception on September 10, from 4-7pm. All at **Gallerie Renee Marie**, 1038 First Street, Benicia.

Fall Fund Raiser

We reported in prior issues on a joint fund raiser with the Friends of the Library. More details are now available.

First, it will be a costume/cocktail party! Mainly because we've scheduled it for Saturday, October 29, right before Halloween. Here's a chance for a grown up costume party—a ghoulish gala, right?

Tickets are \$40/person or \$75/couple, and the event will be at the American Canyon Library, public meeting room & patio.

Contact us if you want to help organize or decorate the room! info@amcanart.org

New Business Plan Underway

In 2014, with the help of a grant from Napa County, we prepared a business plan to develop our gallery. Then we had to close the gallery. Since then, we embarked on a new direction, but we really need to update the plan.

This time we're preparing it in-house. We've already done research regarding the North Bay market we operate in, and are preparing a member survey. This survey will help us identify our strengths and weaknesses, and what programs we should

focus on, based on what our members feel are important.

Once completed, we will have a new work plan of events and activities; updated governance policies; a detailed financial model (so we will be economically self-sufficient for years to come); and new marketing strategies.

We encourage our members to help us help you! Look for that survey as part of our membership renewal efforts later this month.



Artist Opportunities

Thank you, Arts Council Napa Valley for these artist opportunities!

Call for Art: Marin Museum of Contemporary Art

Filing deadline is September 9. Up to 5 digital images may be submitted. Exhibition Dates: Oct. 29-Dec.

September 11th Memorial Dedication Ceremony

The Memorial is ready and we're all invited to the dedication ceremony!

Sunday, September 11, 2016. The ceremony begins at 1:30, at our Public Safety Building, 911 Donaldson Way East, American Canyon.

24. This is a juried event. For more, click on the heading.

2016 City of Trees Art and Ink Expo This is a 3-day festival at the Sacramento Convention Center, October 14-16. Deadline to submit up to 2 entries is Sept. 10. The art show is juried. Exhibitor booths are also available.

Creative Capacity Fund's NextGen Arts Professional Development Grants (monthly deadline) Grants up to \$1000 may be awarded to emerging artists ages 18-35 with less than 10 years experience in the field. Other restrictions apply.

Pollock-Krasner Foundation Accepting

Applications From Artists With Financial Need

The intent of this grant is to aid those individuals who have worked as artists over a significant period of time. The foundation's dual criteria for grants are recognizable artistic merit and financial need, whether professional, personal, or both. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but only for visual artists.

Seeking Photographer to Photograph Art

Local artist is seeking photographer to take pictures of artwork. Contact Colette@artscouncilnv.org for more info.

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