

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, April 2016

It's Arts in April Time!

The annual "Napa Valley Arts in April" program is now underway. Here's the latest on our events.

Art Extravaganza: Our premiere event starts Friday, April 8-16 at Jamieson Ranch Vineyards. The Guest Artist and Reception will be Saturday, April 9, starting at 4 pm. We had over 150 entries from 47 artists. The judges narrowed the field to 53, and they will be on display. Please stop by and tell your friends!

Conversation with the

Artist: This year, we have invited **Lynn Bogert Dykstra** to talk about her experiences as a photographer in Washington DC. Set for Saturday, April 9 at 4pm—also at the winery. Will we learn something new about the candidates?? Our reception starts after her talk.

Graffiti Art at the Ruins: Back by popular demand! But this time, not only do you get a tour and update on the project, but there will be

artists at the site, commissioned to add to the collection! Tours are Sunday, April 10, at 10, noon and 2pm. Sign up online at www.amcanart.org

Birds, ART and the Great Outdoors!

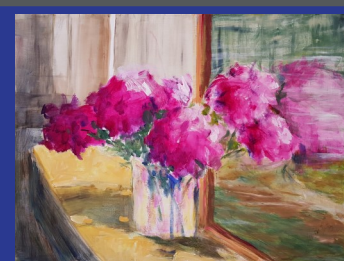
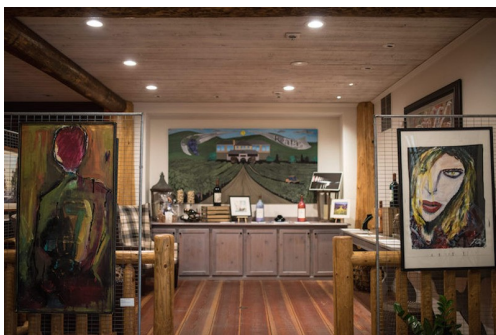
Relax and paint the wetlands, Saturday, April 23, from 10 to 4. It's free—just show up. There will be Earth Day festivities and a birding event at the same time. Plenty of fun for you and the family!

NEW! The Directors'

Show: What do you do when you still have a lot of

good art left over from the Extravaganza and you need to put art in the new Welcome Center? Take the art the judges missed and call it a new show!! We'll have the artwork ready by April 8, and on through the end of the month.

Other Sites: There will be art on exhibit at Ethnic Notions Gallery, Umpqua Bank and the Doubletree.



Extravaganza Reception April 9, 4-7pm

Come celebrate our 24th Annual Art Extravaganza at Jamieson Ranch Vineyards winery, April 8-16. See Best of Show, "Peonies" by Napa artist **Marjorie Lutz**.

The Guest Artist & Reception will be Saturday, **April 9, starting at 4pm**. **Lynn Bogert Dykstra** will talk on "The ART of Politics: A Photographer's Perspective." The Reception will follow her talk.

Big Chalk Art Success

This was our tenth annual Chalk Art contest, and we saw a fifty percent increase in participation this year. As part of the City's "Spring is in the Air" program, we benefited from the enhanced programming and promotion by the City.

We had over 80 participants this year, compared to a little over 50 last year. We had three age groups: 4-6; 7-9 and 10-11 (Children 3 and under drew for fun and candy!). First, second and third place winners received Walmart gift cards in the amount of \$25, \$15 and \$10, respectively. See our [Facebook](#) page for a full list of winners.

Next year we are going to try something different, since our cement "canvas" is really the main walkway for the event!



Some of this year's winners, with the Mayor and several ACAF Board Members.

Other "A in A" Offerings

It's only logical we promote our own Arts in April events, but there are other excellent opportunities to enjoy art in the Napa Valley in April. Here's just a few!

Opening Event at the Napa Valley Museum, April 7: Located inside the Veterans Home complex in Yountville, the event is from 5-7. Music, Art, Wine, Fun—all the things you expect from Arts in April! Click [here](#) for more.

Artisan Crafts Faire & Tea Tasting, April 16: Hosted by ACAF member **Maggie Ford**! There will be a puppet workshop in the morning and a painting workshop in the afternoon. For more, call Creative-a-Tea at (707) 266-1564.



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Art Shows in the Bay Area

FSVAA: Primary Colors:

Through May 15, Gallery at Solano Town Center. Artwork from over 30 artists, including many of our own members.



Richmond Art Center:

Celebrating its 80th Anniversary, the Center will have two art shows, as well as offer enlightening public programs including performance, video, music, and a series of talks. Located at 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond.

The Hub 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! April 8 is the next Vallejo Art Walk (every other Friday).



Napa Valley Writers Club: On April 13, LeeAnne Krusemark will talk about "Establishing Credibility with Publishers."

"Equilibrium: A Paul Kos Survey": April 16-October 2. Paul was among the first artists in Northern California to create performance-based film and video works as well as participatory installations. Opening Reception is April 23.



Petaluma Art Center: "Cast, Forged & Welded: Metalworks" through May 1, 2016. The gallery is located at 230 Lakeville St., in Petaluma. ACAF is also organizing a carpool to see the exhibit on Saturday, April 29. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

"Festival of Disciplines" NVC, Upper Valley Campus: Artists and audiences will co-mingle from 2 - 4 p.m. in St. Helena for a dynamic curated collection of never before seen projects, including live performances, open-mic sessions, installations, and more. This is part of the [Arts in April](#) program.

Benicia Artists Open Studios: Arts Benicia's most highly attended event with more than 4,000 visitors! This year's weekend-long celebration is Saturday & Sunday, May 7 & 8 from 10 am to 5 pm. Preview exhibition at their gallery from April 23 - May 8. Deadline to enter is April 6.



Membership News

We really added a lot of new members this month! We offered a membership special this year: if you join, you get your first entry into the Art Extravaganza for free! Additional entries are only \$10 vs. \$20.

Below is March's list of new or returning members, in the order received:

- **Francoise Bowlby**
- **Annie Johnson**
- **Marlene Haas**
- **Tom Sorensen**
- **Letha Moore**
- **Jennifer Lockette**

- **Janet Pecorella**
- **Jay Brome**
- **Yu Ding**
- **Tibby Lerner**
- **Robert Harrison**
- **Kenneth Leary**
- **Lucy Simon**
- **Mariama Hadiah**
- **Deborah Darrin**
- **Tom Contreras**
- **Lynn Dykstra**
- **Misuk Goltz**
- **Mariann Humphrey**
- **Janet Barnes**

- **Stephanie Gelman**
- **T. Louis Giles**

Membership is only \$35/member, or \$65 for a Family membership. K-12 Student membership is only \$10. You can join or renew online (and pay through PayPal) or send a check to ACAF at the address below.

And for those of you waiting on your pin for joining the membership, we're running low on inventory, but we'll get more!

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Arts in April (cont.)

4th Annual Art, Sip & Stroll: In Yountville, April 16, from 11 to 5pm. \$20 Wine Tasting fee.

Engage! April 30-May 1: ENGAGE Art Fair will return for its second year as Napa Valley Arts in April's culminating showcase of the arts. The event provides an interactive, sensory experience for guests and an alternative to the traditional booth-style art fair setting. This event is held at the Fairgrounds in Calistoga.

There are over 80 events this year. For all the details, go to the main website: http://www.visitnapavalley.com/things_to_do_arts_in_april.htm

Donations are Flowing!

Last issue we told you the Board decided to start donating some of our "earnings" from last year, to show our commitment to the arts.

Since then, we made three donations: \$1000 to the ACHS Music Department (actually, \$500 from ACAF and a match from Board Member **Arvind Nischal's** Helping

Hand); \$150 to Jamieson Ranch Vineyard's Light Horse Foundation (Molly and friends) and



\$1000 to ACHS Music Dept*

\$350 to Barks & Bubbles, to help with animal relief from the Lake



\$350 to Barks & Bubbles, Lake County

County Fires. Here are some pictures from those donations. We'll have more next month!

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\$150 to Lighthouse Foundation*