

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, September, 2015

Upcoming Community Events

We usually talk about the events that the Foundation is working on, rather than other community events that are planned. So this month, we thought we'd let everyone know about two local activities that you should check out, and take a quick break from art!

American Canyon Chili Cookoff—September 12

This is a new event to support the American Canyon Food Pantry. Spearheaded by Brian Famer, and hosted by the local Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, the Cook-off is under the "big tent" across from Wal-Mart. It will be Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m.

It's only \$5 to attend, and there will be beer and



wine to go with the Chili! There will also be day care for the kids and the chance to vote for the best chili. For more, download the [Flyer](#).

Seventh Annual Oktoberfest—September 26

The Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 26, from noon to 5pm, at the Napa Smith Brewery at the corner of Highways 12 & 29.



There will be German Food, Beer, Wine and great fun for the whole family! Strange and exciting contests, too, including Wiener Dog Race, Yodeling Contest, and Bratwurst Eating! There will be a Kinder Section for the kids.

Oktoberfest is a great fund raiser for the Chamber of Commerce. Despite its name, Oktoberfest actually starts in September and ends in October.

For more info, go to their [website](#).



**911 Memorial
 Fund Raising Project**
 Our American Canyon Firefighters are holding an effort to raise the last \$15,000 towards the construction of a 911 Memorial, to be constructed at our Public Safety Building (Police and Fire Station). The goal is to complete fund raising by the September 12, and hold the unveiling of the 911 Memorial on that date. (In September 12, 2004 - 15 years from the day we lost over 1000 Americans, including 500 Firefighters and over 40 Police officers, the American Canyon Arts Foundation Board set a target of \$10,000, and we are asking our members to donate whatever they can towards the goal. The Board will then supply the balance with cash reserves we set aside for public art. This is a great way to honor our public safety officers and to start a tradition of public art in our community.
 There are two ways to make your donation:
 • Write a check to the Foundation, or
 • Go online at www.amcanart.org and pay via PayPal.
 Checks should be made payable to the American Canyon Arts Foundation, and mailed to 101 W. American Canyon Rd. 94928-1411, American Canyon CA 94928. Note the donation is for the 911 Memorial.
 For more information, or to help with the effort, email us at info@amcanart.org.

911 MEMORIAL FUND RAISER

Our goal is to raise \$1000 towards the new 911 Memorial, to be installed by the Fire/Public Safety Building in town. Thank You, **Bonnie Waxman**: you are our first donor! You can go online at www.amcanart.org for more info and to make a donation, or mail a check to ACAF (see our mailing address on page 2).

Cleary Reception

The reception for Taylor Cleary, our 2015 Student Scholarship Recipient was held on August 21. The event was at Umpqua Bank in the Canyon Plaza. Several Board members were present, along with friends of Taylor.

Taylor's art will also be on display at the Bank until Friday, September 18. Ms. Cleary plans on attending Napa Valley College and her interests are focused on music and digital arts.



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Starting with the first graduating class of 2013, the Foundation awards a scholarship to a graduating Senior from our new High School. Starting this year, we will include a reception for the honoree as well as the cash award.

Welcome Center Opens

Thursday, August 27 saw the grand opening of the Welcome Center in American Canyon. Dozens of local residents and dignitaries were on hand to celebrate.

And the Foundation was there, too! We're pleased to have several member artists showing their artwork. They will have it on display and for sale at the new Center. Artists include **Jonette McNaughton, Jennifer Lockette, Janice Peterson, Brent Beck** and **Joan Imlay**, amongst others.

We hope to have a rotating display. If you are a current member, and want to be considered, let us know.

The new Center will be a resource for visitors and residents alike.



Art Shows in the Bay Area

September 19-20, 26-27 (two Weekends)

Napa Valley Open Studios. Napa Valley's annual event will be the last two weekends in September. One of our member artists, **Janice Peterson**, will be there.

September 11-November 4 Latino

Heritage Month Presented by Napa Valley Latino Heritage Committee. Enjoy art and photography exhibits, family activities, storytelling, music, and dance, celebrating Mexican Independence and culture.



October 3 Make-a-Wish Fund Raiser in

Pittsburgh, CA. Member artist Belinda Lang is part of this annual fund raiser hosted by the Pittsburgh Yacht Club. For \$25 you get admission to a day full of fun and food; for \$45, you can add a cruise on the Delta! There is also a Call For Artists for this event. Contact **Belinda** for more info.

November 7-8 Vallejo Open Studios. A month long exhibit at the Vallejo Navel & Historical Museum, October 24-November 21 is included in this annual event. Many of our own member artists will be present, including **Lee Bufalini, Marvin Cummings, JeanCherie, Belinda Lang, Jennifer Lockette, Fred Morse, Khaleddeh Mohammed, and William Sievert.**

Many of our members will be part of a collective with **Jeanette Goudeau** at 502 Virginia St. in Vallejo (corner of Virginia and Solano St.).



In addition, our 2015 People's Choice award winner, **Penelope Moore**, will be hosted by the Foundation in recognition of her accomplishment. Her artwork will be on display at **Zoey June Gift & Garden** in Vallejo.

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Membership News

Our membership drive starts in the Fall, and we want you to know about a new benefit of membership: **The Membership Directory.**

All members are listed on our website. From there, we will either link your website to our page, or provide you with your own page, with up to 5 digital works of art, a brief bio and contact information.

We promote our website and that increases traffic to your site as well—or your own page on our site!

You can join online at www.amcanart.org. Membership is only \$35 for individuals, \$65 for Families and \$10 for Students (K-12).

American Canyon Day—October 10

A multi-cultural event is planned for **Saturday, October 10, from 4—8 p.m. at the Community Gym.**

The event is being produced by Helping Hands Indo-American, the nonprofit established by local businessman, **Arvind Nischal**. The Arts Foundation is co-sponsoring the event.

There will be performances by various ethnic groups that represent the diverse culture that is American Canyon. Ethnic cuisine will also be available for purchase.

The show is free and open to the public.

We are looking for sponsors. A sponsorship is only \$200 and for that amount you will

be able to put a banner inside the Gym during the event. You will also be recognized during the performance.

The goal is to produce this show on an annual basis and to grow the size and diversity. It could become one of the signature Special Events the City is looking to develop.

Put it on your Calendar!



New Website

Finally, the new website is complete and live. The name hasn't changed (www.amcanart.org), but the look is very different.

It is based on the format recommended by our Marketing Consultant, Piazza Marketing Concepts.

The Home Page includes upcoming ACAF events/projects, as well as a preview of other news and activities. Important links are included, along with a chance to donate to the Foundation.

Over the next several editions, we'll talk about the many new features. Meanwhile, check us [out!](http://www.amcanart.org)

A New Events Calendar for ACAF?

The Executive Committee met last month and discussed a revised Calendar of Events for the Foundation. Their recommendations will be considered by the full Board in September.



Starting in **January**, we'll hold our annual Membership Dinner Meeting and Board Retreat (two separate events). **February** is Black History Month.

Arts in April is our big fund raiser, including our Art Extravaganza. The annual Chalk Art Contest will also be produced.

We'll hold our Membership Reception in **May**, and our Student Scholarship Reception in **June**.

July could be a large Community Arts & Crafts Show, tentatively held during the Fourth of July festivities, starting in 2017.

October would be our partnership with Helping Hands to produce the Multi-Cultural Event.

Wrapping up the year would be a Crafts Sale and Sponsorship Reception in late **November or Early December**.

We'll need plenty of volunteers to pull this off, so let us know how you want to help!