



The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, March 2016

Big Donations from ACAF!

We are a charitable nonprofit organization, so it makes sense we should be making donations to the community. *In the last two months, we donated over \$2500!*

9/11 Memorial Statue: As many of our readers know, we have been raising money for this first public art piece in American Canyon. It was a focal point of our annual Membership Dinner Meeting. At the February Board meeting, we reported that we raised over \$500, and the Board agreed to match that so we can donate \$1000 towards this important project! And there may be more news on this front!

Four-Legged Victims of the Lake County Fires: In January, we held a reception for ACAF member, **Katherine Griffin**, who is working on a project relating to the devastating fires last summer in Lake County. We held a raffle, with the proceeds going to help the animals. We raised \$350!

ACHS Music Department: Then, new Board member, **Arvind Nischal**, offered a \$500 donation if the Board matched it, in order to give our High School's Music Department a \$1000 grant. The Board happily agreed!

Kenneth Leary Photography Scholarship: In February, as part of Black History Month, we worked with photographer and world traveler, **Kenneth Leary** (and Council member!) with his photography exhibit of the National Parks. We also held a raffle and raised over \$200. At Kenneth's request, we will give this to the High School as

a one-time scholarship to a student interested in photography.

We will make arrangements to get as many "photo ops" as we can to get the word out: we raise money *in order to give back to the community!* Also a good reason to **join** the Foundation!

Our "Big Check" will get a lot of action this month!



Chalk Art Contest

March 26—9:30am

ACAF will host its 10th annual Chalk Art Contest, part of the City's "Spring is in the Air" event, **Saturday, March 26**. The chalk-coloring contest will start at 9:30 a.m. this year.

The event is FREE and the public is invited. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category, except 3 & under.

Click [here](#) for the flyer.

Kenneth Leary Reception

We had another great turnout for Kenneth Leary's photography reception, with over 60 people in attendance.

Photographer Leary talked about his love of both photography and the National Parks. As a Parks and Recreation professional, he quickly learned that not all youth are great at sports. Photography can be just as rewarding, and an avenue to success in life. Inspired by one of his elementary school teachers, he fell in love with our national parks early, and now is a great advocate.

Note: The Foundation supports our member-artists by organizing and promoting shows in our community. **Umpqua Bank** and the Chamber's new **Welcome Center** are two sites that work with us.



Field Trips Offered

Part of our mission is to provide services and support for our member artists. One way to do this is offer field trips to art shows and galleries around the Bay Area.

New member, **LaDonna Christoffersen**, has set up three field trips for this Spring. The first is at the Falkirk Mansion in San Rafael, on Saturday, March 12. We'll meet at the City's Senior Center (2185 Elliott Drive) at 10 a.m. and carpool to the site. This event is free for members; and \$5 for nonmembers.

On April 30th, we'll go to the Petaluma Art Center; and on June 25th, we're off to the Marin Italian Street Painting festival in San Rafael.

For more, download the [Flyer](#) or email us at amcanarts@gmail.com.



Art Shows in the Bay Area

Next Generation:

Arts Benicia is proud to present the creative talents of the *Next*

Generation of artists with this exhibition created specifically for Benicia students. March 12-April 10. Opening Reception on March 13.



exhibit put on by the Fairfield Suisun Visual Art Association. Some 25 artists will display their work (including our own *Jennifer Lockette* and *Cherol Ockrassa*). Now through



March 20 at their Solano Mall Gallery.

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.



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! *St. Paddy's Day*

at the Hub: March 19, starts at 4 pm.



Embrace Local artists embrace their personal passions through art in a group

discussion produced by the *Napa Valley Writers Club*, March 9, from 7-9pm. The discussion will be held at the NV Universalists Church, 1625 Salvador, Napa.

UC Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA), "Architecture of Life"

Celebrate the opening of their new building with various shows and talks relating to design and architecture. Now through May 29 at 2155 Center St. Berkeley.

"Two Views: Steve Emery & Kathleen Lipinski"

Falkirk Mansion in San Rafael through April 30. These two artists are the 2015 recipients of the Marin Cultural Treasure Award. This is also the first of our Field Trip series—[sign up](#) to carpool to this event **March 12**. Leaves at 10 am at the AmCan Senior Center. Free for members!

"Pathways to Publishing" A panel

Membership News

Another good month for membership renewals. You can still sign up by going to our [website](#). And we have membership applications at all of our events, too.

With our Art Extravaganza show fast approaching, now is an excellent time to renew your membership. Entry fees are only \$10 for members, but \$20 for nonmembers. We also offer a variety of programs and services that are discounted for members, such as our new Field Trip series.

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

- *Harriet Lloyd*
- *Ada Dempsey*
- *Gloria Fouts*
- *Janet Brock-Hughes*
- *Joe & Nancy Nabrynski*
- *Patti Krueger*
- *Dennis Ariza*
- *Juan Sirotko*
- *Ronald Hamilton*

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

Two Year Plan

It's not official yet, but the Executive Committee met to talk about what our plans should be over the next two years. Here's some of what we may be doing.

- Membership development and keeping them engaged.
- Expand our Field Trips and Shows.
- Explore a new Community Art Show linked to the Fourth of July.
- Explore offering Art Classes.
- Board Recruitment and Training.

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New Officers

The Board met February 9 and amongst other actions, selected our new officers for 2016.



Mark Joseph and *Lynn Dykstra* will stay on as President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. But we have a new Vice-President, *Laura Keiser*! Laura has been on the Board in the past and ran the Gallery.



Laura Keiser

We also appointed *Jonette McNaughton* as our Community Support Chairperson.

Welcome Aboard!

2016 Arts in April Update

Here's the latest on our participation in the 2016 *Napa Valley Arts in April* program. Click [here](#) for more.

- **ART Extravaganza.** The deadline for entering is Friday, March 18. We're getting a good response, but keep 'em coming! *The entry fee is half off if you're a member*, so this is a good time to join/renew. Click [here](#).
- **Guest Artist—Lynn Dykstra.** "The ART of Politics—a Photographers Perspective." Maybe she has stories about the two front runners: Hillary and the Donald! Saturday, April 9, starts at 4pm at *Jamieson Ranch Vineyards*.

- **Birds, ART and the Great Outdoors.** Saturday, April 23 at the City's Wetlands Trail Head, starts at 10am.
- **Graffiti ART at the Napa Valley Ruins.** Tentatively, the TDK Crew from Oakland and SF Artist, Aplexer, will be there to talk about their experiences and insights. Sunday, April 10, starts at 10am.
- **ART around the Canyon.** If you want to show your art, let us know! Members only, but that's easy to fix—[join](#)! We have space available at the Chamber's *Welcome Center*, *Umpqua Bank*, the *Double Tree by Hilton*, and *Ethnic Notions Gallery*.