

The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, August 2017

Pygmalion Art Contest & Reception

We intrigued the local [newspaper](#) with our unusual Pygmalion Art Contest. Truth is, there's nothing clever about the name. Pygmalion is the name of the company we bought the oil paint from.

The contest is simple but challenging. You can paint anything you want, as long as you only use the three colors included (two shades of red and a yellow). Think sunsets and African Sahara.



The art will be judged at our upcoming Artists' Reception at the [Welcome Center](#) on Friday, August 18, from 5-7:30pm.

Relying on votes from the people attending, the winner will receive a \$40 gift certificate to **LaStrada's Restaurant** and a bottle of wine from **Jamieson Ranch Vineyards**.

We only have a limited number of the oils, so hurry and contact us, if you want to enter (see contact info below). Click [here](#) to download the flyer, with rules and other information.

The other half of our August 18 event is the Artists' Reception. The **Welcome Center** has been a tremendous sponsor of local artists. Each month we highlight a different artist, thanks to the efforts of Board member, **Gloria Fouts**, who coordinates the program.



Since the shows rotate monthly, the Board felt we should host a reception at the Welcome Center to acknowledge all the artists and to let the public know about this incredible opportunity here at home.

We plan on serving wine and appetizers. The public is invited to this free event. *For more, go online: www.amcanart.org; email us: info@amcanart.org; or leave us a message at (707) 645-8840.*



AmCan Rocks! August 5

The Arts Foundation will be at the Senior Center this Saturday, August 5, from 10-11:30 am. Working with the City, we will help children who want to be part of this new craze—painting rocks and then hiding them in plain sight for others to find! This event is free and open to the public.

A special thanks to our sponsors:



ACAF's Schedule for August & September

We have plenty of activities planned for the next two months. Here's a quick recap.

August 5, 10-11:30am—AmCan Rocks! We'll be at the Senior Center helping kids paint rocks to hide. This is one of the programs we sponsor in partnership with the City of American Canyon.

August 5, 9am-1pm—Farmer's Market. We'll have a booth to give away the rocks that were painted, along with Cherol Ockrassa, artist. You can join the ACAF or sign up for our Pygmalion Art Contest! We'll be at the Farmer's Market periodically throughout August & September; just come on down!

August 18, 5:30-8:00pm—Pygmalion Art Contest

and Artist Reception. See above for details.

September 10, 9-1pm—Visions of the Wild Event
Located at the Farmer's Market/Donaldson Way parking lot. Chalk Art artists will decorate the parking lot with this year's theme.

September 24—Latino Heritage Celebration Part of our Arts & Culture Program, we will host this event at the Farmer's Market. Music, food, and dance! Date is tentative.

September @ Welcome Center—Cherol Ockrassa.
Cherol will be our featured artist at the Chamber's Welcome Center, 3860 Broadway (Hwy. 29).



Last Year's Flyer

Art Shows in the Bay Area



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Mapping Your Terrain: This show focuses on the many ways artists use or create maps for personal expression. Show runs from July 29 through August 27. At the Arts Benicia Gallery, 991 Tyler St #114.

The Hub/Midsummer's Dreams This Exhibit runs through August 6. **The Hub** is located in the heart of Downtown Vallejo (350 Georgia St.), with gallery space, a stage for live music and poetry—even a coffee bar!

NV Writer's Club: Wednesday, August 9, from 7-9pm. Guest speaker is international best selling author, Anne Perry, speaking on "Put Your Heart on Your Page." Meetings are held at 1625 Salvador Avenue, Napa.

60th Annual Art in The Park: Petaluma Art Association. The show is September 9-10, from 10am-5pm, at Walnut Park in Petaluma.

Solano Town Center Gallery Show:



"Cityscapes/Rural Walks?" The Big City, a dirt road in the country, where are you going? August 2-September 10. Artist Reception is Saturday, August 26, 5-7:30 pm.

Lawler House—Force of Nature: This new show opens Friday, August 18; reception is Saturday, August 19, 5-7pm. The gallery is located at 718 Main St. Suite 101, Suisun City.

FORCE OF NATURE



Sonoma Blues Festival: The Sonoma County Blues Festival will host their annual Festival on August 19. There will be an art exhibit associated with this musical event.

Based on a True Story—Extended! This event has been extended until October 15. Enjoy highlights from the di Rosa Collection. The Preserve is located at 5200 Sonoma/Carneros Hwy., Napa.



Yountville's Art Walk: It's summer time and what could be better than wine tasting and art strolling? There are over 40 outdoor art works in town, including works by **Gordon Huether**. Strolling is free, but the wine tasting costs! World class dining opportunities will complete your stay.

Membership News

We had two new members sign up last month:

- **Clarence Mamaril** and Family
- **Teresa Abeyta**

Membership has its advantages! Discounts for entering our annual Art Extravaganza and other programs, such as our Pygmalion Art Contest (\$5 off the entry fee of \$25).

Click [here](#) to sign up/renew online. Still only \$35/yr. for individuals; or \$65 for Families. Students under 23 can join for only \$10; and any member of the ACHS Art Club is automatically a member!

Lynn Dykstra @ Welcome Center

A little bit of a mix-up! We reported in July that Cherol Okrasa was our July Artist at the Welcome Center. In fact, it was our own Vice-President and photographer, **Lynn Dykstra**, who is our featured artist. Her exhibit will be on display until the Artist Reception, August 18.

Lynn's show is entitled "Dog Days," and for good reason! Lynn is owner of **Focused Images**, and one of her programs is called **Pedigree Portraits**. This program gives your dog a



thirty minute sitting, with amazing results!

Lynn's work will be on display at the Chamber's **Welcome Center** until August 18.

This also highlights another benefit of ACAF membership: we include a link to your website or business on our website, or even build a webpage for you. Contact us at info@amcanart.org for details.

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Arts and Culture Program Update

Over the next three months we plan on three events celebrating our diversity. This is part of a program we started, thanks in part to grants from the City of American Canyon and the Arts Council Napa Valley.

The first is in September, the **Latino Heritage Celebration**. It is tentatively planned for September 24, as part of the regular Farmer's Market in the Community Gym parking lot. We are working with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to make this happen. As with all of our events, it is free and open to the public.

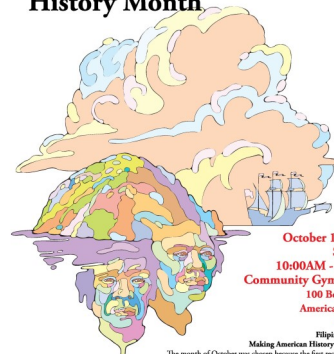
We will have music, food and dance. We will have more to announce in our September newsletter.

The next event is the **Filipino-American History Month**, October 14, from 10am-3pm. It will be held in the Community Gym, 100 Benton Way. We are partnering with the FilAm Club of American Canyon, in which we provide a lot of the funding needed to put on the event. There will be food and cultural activities, along with several exhibits.

The event is free and open to the public.

Fil-Am of American Canyon and AmCan Arts Foundation celebrate

FIL-AM
Filipino-American History Month



October 14, 2017
Saturday
10:00AM - 3:00PM
Community Gymnasium
100 Benton Way
American Canyon
CA 94503

Making American History for 429 years.
The month of October was chosen because the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the United States occurred in October 18, 1587, when some "Luzones Indians" came ashore from Spanish galleons at what is now Marin Bay, California.

For more information, contact Event Coordinator, Luchi Marie-Carey at (510) 334-3534.
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The last program will be the following week, October 21, also in the Community Gym. This is the annual **Multi-Cultural Event**, produced by Board member **Arvind Nischal's** Helping Hands Indo American. This event is growing in popularity, with many groups represented.

We will be a major sponsor, using our grant funds. More will be provided next month.