



The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, December 2017

Holiday Boutique Is Open!

Our annual Holiday Boutique is open now until **Saturday, December 23. Hours are 11am to 8pm daily.**

This year we're at the Napa Junction Shopping Center (Walmart), **near Round Table Pizza**. The space is thanks to the generosity of **Napa Junction Retailers**.

We have over a dozen artists with fine art, jewelry, wearable art, cards and other gift items. And, of course, we also have **See's Candy** for sale!

We opened on Friday, December 1 and held our Open House that Saturday, December 2. Many people stopped by, including Mayor **Leon Garcia** and his wife; Council member **Mariam Aboudamous**; and our new Police Chief, Oscar Ortiz. We sold a lot of gift items as well as candy. And there was plenty to eat and drink



(everyone raved about the Kahlua Cake!)

In fact, we already made a second run to stock up for the rest of the month. You can order one pound boxes of Nuts & Chews, Milk or Assorted Chocolates (already sold out of Dark Chocolate!). We have peanut brittle and toffee.

Besides meeting all your holiday gift needs and helping our local artists, the net proceeds go towards our charitable purposes: student scholarships, grants to our local schools, and public art. For more, go to our [website](#), or just stop by!



Santa at the Welcome Center

Actually, Santa won't be at the American Canyon Welcome Center, but there will be plenty of pictures of Santa!!

Pam Jones is the featured artist for December, and as you might suspect, she chose Santa Claus as her theme!

Her work will be on display, along with cards for sale, during December, at the **American Canyon Welcome Center**, in Palby's Junction, 3860 Broadway/Hwy 29.

A special thanks to our sponsors:



ACAF Supports Donaldson Mural!

This week, ACAF and Helping Hands teamed up again to donate a total of \$1000 to one of our local schools. This year, **Donaldson Way Elementary School** was the lucky recipient.

We were impressed that the proceeds would go towards a mural in the multi-purpose room of the school. Local artist, **Jermaine Burse**, will do the work.

The mural will depict the educational goals for the school district, and is expected to be

completed by the end of this school year.

The hope is that students will also be able to help with the project.

Years ago, there was a mural painted on the wall, depicting children of the world. Some time back, that mural was painted over.

This mural will be painted onto six panels, so it can be relocated as needed (such as when the school site is upgraded).

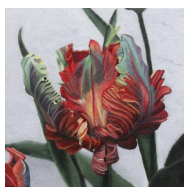


Representatives from ACAF & Helping Hands, as well as Ms. Abelson, Principal

Art Shows in the Bay Area

Gems IV—Arts Benicia presents **Gems IV – Intimate, Intricate, Exquisite Works of Art**, an exhibition with a focused approach on small-scale works.

Through December 22 at the gallery (991 Tyler Street, Ste. 114).



Napa Valley Writers Club—The monthly meeting will feature photojournalist, **Tim Carl**, December 13, 7-9pm at 1625 Salvador Ave. Napa.



FSVAA Juried Art Show—Through January 7, 2018, at the Solano Town Center Gallery, Fairfield.

Art in the Library—At the Napa Main Branch, 580 Coombs St., Napa. Each month is a new exhibit, with a reception on the second Friday, 6-7:30pm. December is mixed media from the **Vine Village Artists**.

Inaugural PAC Members Juried

Exhibition—Through January 6, 2018, this is a first-time foray into jurying the traditionally open members exhibition. The exhibit is at the Petaluma Art Center, 230 Lakeville Street, Petaluma, in the Historic Railroad Station.

The Nutcracker—

Presented by Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at the Lincoln Theater. This holiday classic will be held December 16, at 7pm.



Black White—Exhibit at the Lawler Gallery, through January 28. Located in the Suisun City Marina, 718 Main St.

The Hub—Vallejo's multi-media art center. Located in downtown Vallejo at 350 Georgia St. Entries for their latest show—**Fresh 18**—are due by December 27.

December Events at di Rosa—Relief printmaking, Community Open Studios and more. Click on the title above for a complete listing of events and activities for December.

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Membership News

Our annual Membership Renewal is underway. We already signed up a number of renewing members:

- Paul Hippauf
- Misuk Goltz
- Jean Cherie
- Bill Gardner

We continue to encourage our members to renew online, using our website:

www.amcanart.org. This approach saves both the Foundation and the member the cost of mailing in the application.

You can also renew by going to the **Holiday Boutique**. It is open from 11am to 8pm

until December 23. Several members have taken advantage of the Boutique renewal process, and we will announce their names next month.

Membership gives you discounts to our Art Extravaganza, the opportunity to showcase your art at our events and galleries, and to serve on our board. It's also a great way to support the arts in our community.

We will send out renewal notices after Christmas, as part of our annual dinner meeting announcement. **Dues are the same as 2017: \$35/individual; \$65/Family & \$10/Students (up to 23 years).** For more, go online at www.amcanart.org.

Upcoming Dates

Two upcoming events we hope you can attend.

- Our **Annual Membership Dinner Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2018 at LaStrada's Restaurant. We'll announce our Guest Speaker next month!
- The **Napa County State of the Arts**, Friday, January 12, 2018 from 1-5pm. Held at the Napa Valley College Performing Arts Center, there will be a report on the Arts Council Napa Valley and breakout sessions, followed by a reception. Early bird tickets (until 12/15) are \$20. Click [here](#) for more.

Arts Foundation: 2017 in Review

As we near the end of the year, let's look back at all we did in 2017:

- We started our 25th Anniversary with our **Annual Dinner**, in which we recognized our Charter Members.
- Our annual **Art Extravaganza** was another big hit, thanks to **Jamieson Ranch Vineyards**. Congrats to **Vincent Connors** and **Misuk Goltz** (Best of Show; People's Choice winners)
- We initiated our new **Arts & Culture program**, with our Middle Eastern Cultural Event and Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Unfortunately, the Valley Fires forced two of our events to be

canceled. We will finish up the year with Black History Month in February.

- We continued to feature local artists at our **Welcome Center Gallery** (hosted by the American Canyon Chamber of Commerce!) Board member, **Gloria Fouts**, manages this program. Please let us know if you would like to be included.
- We also provided several **member events** during the year, including our Valentine ARTwalk at Canyon Plaza, the annual SpringHill Suites Reception; our unique Pygmalion Art Contest (congrats to **Roberta Labaw**, People's

Choice winner), and our crafts booth at the Farmer's Market.

- We participated in the City's community events, such as our **Chalk Art Contest**, and our booth at the Fourth of July, featuring **American Canyon Rocks!**
- We gave back with two **student scholarships** to Chloe Buntos and Angela Domingo; and a **grant to Donaldson Elementary School**; and
- We finished out the year with our annual **Holiday Boutique**, complete with creative gift ideas and See's Candies (still opened until Dec. 23!!)