



The Informer

American Canyon Arts Foundation Newsletter, October, 2015

2016 Membership Drive

It's that time of the year, when we gear up for our annual membership drive.

Membership renewal letters will go out in November. This year we will include a survey in which members can give the Board feedback on what they think we're doing well and suggestions moving forward.

When thinking about joining or renewing, the biggest advantage is that you are supporting the arts in American Canyon and the North Bay in general. We also offer member discounts for our shows, particularly the Art Extravaganza. Money we raise goes towards arts in our public schools or towards public art, such as the 9/11 Memorial.

We are also planning to offer a Community Art Show similar to what we produced in prior

years, and possibly linking it to the City's Fourth of July festivities. We will be contacting other Arts Associations next year to see where we can work together for the mutual benefit of all members.



"Old World Charm", Penelope Moore, People's Choice Winner for 2015;

from State and local Arts Organizations. It is a one-stop clearinghouse.

With our new website, membership gives you access to our Membership Directory. Each member can either link his/her website to ours, or we will provide a separate page for them. There will be space for 3-5 photographs and room for a brief bio and contact information.

The website is also a great source of information on art shows organized by other Arts Associations in the Bay Area, as well as newsletters

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American Canyon Arts Foundation

Janice Peterson Art Show and Reception

Where: Umpqua Bank, Canyon Plaza
3417 Broadway #1-2
American Canyon CA 94920

Show: October 16—November 21, 2015
Reception: October 16, 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the American Canyon Arts Foundation and Umpqua Bank. Free and open to the public.

Janice Peterson is an American Canyon artist and member of ACAP. Her latest series of paintings—*Ways Inhabited*—is an eclectic group pulled together by location and style.

Join us on October 16th to hear Mr. Peterson talk about her work and philosophy. Stop by Umpqua Bank between October 16—November 21 to see her artwork! Refreshments will be served.

The American Canyon Arts Foundation strives to maintain, enhance and support the role of the arts in our community. We focus on providing value for our members, while also supporting the arts in our community and public schools.

For more info—or to join—go to our website: www.amcanart.org or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AmCanyonArts

Janice Peterson Art Show & Reception

Working with Umpqua Bank, the Arts Foundation is hosting a reception for local artist, **Janice Peterson**, on Friday, October 30, from 6:30—8:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Her artwork will also be on display from October 16 - November 21.

Multi-Cultural Event

Local businessman, **Arvind Nischal**, is producing a Multi-Cultural event at our Community Gym, this **Saturday, October 10, from 4—7 p.m.** The show is free and there will be ethnic food samples as well. This could become an annual event, highlighting the cultural diversity in American Canyon.

There will be nine performances, including a puppet show and comedian. The following cultures are highlighted this year: Filipino, African American, Latino, Tahitian, Indian, and Middle Eastern.

Sponsorships are still available.

Helping Hand—Indo American
organized by Arvind Nischal

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY
A Multi-Cultural Event

Where: Saturday, October 10, 2015, 4—7 p.m.
Where: American Canyon Community Gym, 1000 Benton Way
How Much: FREE! (includes performances and ethnic food samples)

Celebrate the diversity that is American Canyon!
Enjoy performances by the following cultures:
• Filipino • Latino
• African American • Indian
• Tahitian • Middle Eastern

Programs:
4:00 p.m. Doors Open
4:30 p.m. Rag Salute & Performance
(American Canyon Middle School)
5:00 p.m. Cultural Performances

MARK JOSEPH
American Canyon Arts Foundation

Sponsorships for this event are still available. For more info, contact Arvind Nischal at arvindnischal@gmail.com or go online: www.amcanart.org

Carolyn Patricia Scott

Here's a chance to see one of our own Artist Members perform! **Carolyn Patricia Scott** will perform "Oops! My Americanaess is Showing" an original work. If you didn't see it in town or in Vallejo, you still have two more chances at the **Marsh Theatre, 1062 Valencia, San Francisco.**

The first performance is Monday, October 5, starting at 7:30 p.m. The second show is Monday, October 19, also at 7:30 p.m. The tickets are only \$8 per person.

The show highlights the adventures (75% of which are claimed to be true!) of two people: an American reporter and an "ancient-Modern Egyptian man."

ONLY REPLY!
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Come to a Local Preview!
American Canyon Arts Foundation Member
Rozalind Simmon-Johnson's Gallery

Ethnic Notions
Saturday • Sept. 26, 4:30 pm
Also an ACAP member Carolyn will be doing a reading from "My Americanaess" and leading a discussion of all things Egyptian.

3417 Broadway Street Ste. A1, American Canyon, CA 94920, 707.336.3800
There will be refreshments and good conversations.

Art Shows in the Bay Area

November 7-8 Vallejo Open Studios. A month long exhibit at the Vallejo Naval & 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, Khaleddeeh 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.

Napa Valley Writer's Club Helen Sedwick will be the guest speaker on October 14, starting at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 for members; \$8 for the general public. The Club meets at the River Terrace Inn in Napa.

NVC—Some Enchanted Evening Napa Valley College is producing a compilation of Rodgers & Hammerstein Broadway Hits, from South Pacific to Oklahoma! Performances run from October 16-25 at

the Main Theater of their Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 and \$25.

ACHS Fall Art Show Although for students only, this juried art show will open November 6th. Any Fall theme will work (Halloween, Fall, Day of the Dead, etc.).



ArtsBenicia—Gems III *Exquisite, Intricate, Intimate Small Works of Art.* This is a juried show. The deadline to enter is November 4. The show is December 2-20 at the Arts Benicia Gallery, 991 Tyler St. Suite 114, Benicia.

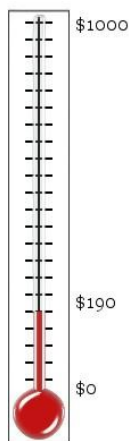
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9/11 Update

We are still asking for help towards our goal of \$1000 to help with the 9/11 Memorial Fund Raising project.

To date, we have \$190 raised, although some of that money may be matched by other members/donors. Thank You to **Bonnie Waxman and Jonette McNaughton.**

If you want to help, just log onto our website at www.amcanart.org.



Public Art Master Plan for AC

The City of American Canyon is currently developing a Public Art Master Plan.

Initially, it was intended to include a funding mechanism of charging new development a percentage of the value of their project. However, since the City was also increasing other building fees, the ad hoc committee established decided to skip the funding portion for now, and concentrate on developing the Master Plan.

The Plan will include potential sites for new public art as well as guidelines and standards for soliciting, selecting and maintaining public art.

Some potential sites could be along the Highway 29 Corridor, at public facilities, and along parks and trails, including the wetlands on the west side of town.

On October 6, the Council will hear a report on the general outline of the Plan and get reactions from the Council and the public at large. From there, a public workshop could be scheduled for public input, and then a final draft will be prepared.

We will notify our membership when the workshop is scheduled.

For a copy of the City's staff report, click [here](#), or go to the City's website at www.cityofamericancanyon.org

Membership, (cont.)

We plan on promoting our website and Facebook page this year more than we have in the past, so this is another way to enhance the value of your membership.

We will continue with our Student Scholarships and we hope to raise enough money to provide grants to our local schools.

There is no change in dues this year—\$35 for individual membership; \$65 for a Family; and \$10 for Students (up to High School). You can sign up online at www.amcanart.org, or you can wait for the renewal letter.

Board Members Needed

With the upcoming year approaching, we also need to recruit two new Directors to fill vacant seats on the Board.



A lot of people are intimidated by the idea of being on a Board of Directors, or concerned about the possible risks involved.

However, it is an excellent way to make an impact on the Arts and Culture in American Canyon and throughout the North Bay area. And the Foundation has insurance!

Directors serve a three year term. This is enough time to gain experience and help us lead the Foundation.

Directors are expected to attend the monthly Board meeting (about two hours on the second Tuesday of the month), and serve on one or more committees, such as Member Services or Community Support.

You can learn more about being a Board member by reading two related policies:

- [Board Roles & Responsibilities](#)
- [Board & Committees](#)

To apply, email us at info@amcanart.org.