Amador County Artists Association, whose purpose is to promote and encourage the production, cultivation, and appreciation of art.

President’s Message

We had our board meeting with other members at Feist Wine’s patio on June 10 with 9 in attendance. Lots to catch up on as we have not met since March 11.

Mary Sue Palmquist reported she had sent out thank you notes to the Men’s Club of St. Katharine Drexel for its $250 donation for the scholarship fund and to Em Rojas for her many years volunteering for ACAA. A sympathy card to Paul Bourgeois’s family was sent; he passed away in March. Paul had paid his membership dues at our March meeting; after some discussion we decided to move his dues to the scholarship fund in his name and send a note to his wife.

Marie Martz-Mort reported that Deja Douglas from Argonaut High School and Victoria Bordwell from Amador High School are this year’s scholarship winners. It was also noted that one of our scholarship recipients had not yet requested the funds. There are usually two years in which the funds can be used but we decided because of Covid-19 to waive the two-year deadline for the time being.

A big thank you to Alyssa Vargas for adding ACAA to Amador Arts Council’s Directory for us. Some of our members’ artwork is posted with more to be added later. And if you haven’t registered to be on the directory you should. Let’s get this area recognized for being a great arts community.

The Art in Amador show is moving forward with some changes due to Covid-19. First there will be no food booth, but we will have the kitchen for our use only to make coffee, tea and so forth. The food booth did not make a profit anyway. We will have Covid-19 rules to work with which are still to be determined. We need 16 booths to break even. We have extended our sign-up time to the end of June, and it was noted that if we do not have the show, all artist fees will be refunded. This is our big fund raiser for the scholarship program, so we need to have this if we are going to have scholarships for next year. Sandy Wagner volunteered to head the raffle; donations will be needed.

Our General Meeting for July is still up in the air at this time so watch for important messages on that and a possible meeting for the Art in Amador show. I feel like we are stranded on an island waiting to be rescued; all of this can’t end soon enough.

Meet the Members: Sandra Morgan

How it All Started:

One Saturday afternoon I stopped by the Kennedy Mine which was hosting the Amador County Gem and Mineral Society’s craft fair. I was impressed by the finished jewelry created by their members and thought I want to do that, too. Well, the next month I became a member and my instruction on how to make jewelry began. I was mentored by Betty Egger in the technique of wire wrapping and later metal smithing by Linda Ricci. I attended CFMS Camp Paradise, a 6-day camp with instructors from all over the US teaching courses in lapidary to silversmithing. I came home from that experience looking to purchase a lapidary grinding machine. I now had the skill to make my own cabochons. The following spring I enrolled in two semesters of metal smithing at Folsom CC. At those classes I developed an appreciation of working with copper; its rich warm color lends itself to many nature-inspired pieces. I also discovered working with recycled items as an alternative to sterling silver. I now make pieces from recycled silver plate trays, bowls and silverware. It is very rewarding to give these tossed aside items a new life.

www.amadorartists.org
Facebook.com/amadorartists
Art In Public Places: The schedule to follow your favorite artist for July and August 2020

Castle Oaks Caddy’s Restaurant, Ione: Marleen Olive
American River Bank, Jackson: Mary Sue Palmquist/John Peck
Rosebud’s Café, Jackson: Claudia Schwalm/Sandra Campbell
Amador Senior Center, Jackson: Rob Ramey
Sierra Eye Care, Jackson: Leslie and David Schupp
Jackson Paint Spot, Jackson: Howard Lawrence/Donna Bohlin
Jackson Main Library: Sandra Wagner/Bob Clevenger
Amador College Connect: Judy Day
Mother Lode Deli, Jackson: JoAnn Ogburn/Jeannne Vodden
Mountain Grille, Pioneer: Ree McLaughlan Brown/Julie Trail

THE POTLUCK IS COMING! Instead of a regular meeting August 12, we will be holding our annual Potluck in Ione. Details to come later.

Local Gallery News

Sutter Creek Gallery, Sutter Creek
We are still looking for a new home. Give us a call at 209-267-0228, 296-1779 or 223-1347 if you know of a place we can call home.
IN THE MEANIME . . .

WE STILL DO FRAMING! Call Judy Day at 209-223-1347 about your matting and framing needs.

Gallery 10, Sutter Creek
Jeannie Vodden

We are delighted at Gallery 10 to be offering a show of Jeannie Vodden’s beautiful watercolors for the month of July. There will be no reception, but the gallery is open Thursday-Monday 11-5.
Jeannie’s interest in the variety of textures and patterns found in both natural and man-made objects is the starting point for most of her artwork. She adds natural light, sometimes a figure, often a dash of fantasy, and pulls it all together with a limited palette. This show includes new paintings done during the Covid shutdown.
Jeannie has broadened her repertoire with some charming pencil drawing and fanciful watercolors in a series called The Unseen Folk. Some of these will be shown along with a new self published book called “The Unseen Folk.”
Announcements, Artist Opportunities and News

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Send your announcements and pictures to Sandra Campbell at skcampbell@volcano.net by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month’s newsletter.

Looking to enhance your skills? Want to take your art in a whole new direction? Here are some workshop resources you might check out:

Sacramento Fine Arts Center—sacfinearts.org
Stockton Art League—stocktonartleague.org
Lodi Art Center—lodiartrcenter.org
Elk Grove Fine Arts Center—elkgrovefineartscenter.org
Crocker Art Museum—crockerart.org
University Art Store—universityart.com

The first four also hold exhibitions, some open to non-members.

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Amador Gourd & Fine Arts Festival
September 4, 5 & 6, 2020
Amador Flower Farm
POSTPONED due to Covid orders until next year.
SAVE THE DATE:
September 3, 4 & 5, 2021
Amador Flower Farm
Fine Arts Vendors...come join us!
www.AmadorGourdArtists.com

2020 Scholarship Winners

The Scholarship Committee chose Deja Douglas of Argonaut High School and Victoria Bordwell of Amador High to each be awarded a $1,200 art scholarship. Both had impressive applications and art work.

Upcoming Shows to Enter—Check listed websites for information

Sacramento Fine Arts Center (sacfinearts.org):
• Go with the Flow 2020 (watercolors); deadline July 10.
• Bold Expressions; deadline August 8.
• Magnum Opus; deadline December 22

2020 Haggin National Art Exhibition in September (stocktonartleague.org); deadline July 11.

Annual National Mother Lode Art Exhibition (placervillearts.com); deadline September 23.

News from the Arts Council


Arts Council Moves to Senior Center
Effective July 1, the Arts Council will operate from inside the Amador Senior Center in Jackson. The new location has ample room for its many activities for all ages. Although state and county directives regarding Covid-19 will dictate activities allowed, the new space will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Executive Director Meghan O’Keefe can be reached at 209-418-8769.

Other resources are available for artists who have lost income as a result of this disaster. In addition we have a number of opportunities available. For visual artists specifically, we are offering a free filming space and live streaming for any artist who wants to film a demo or art class. Artists can sign up with Meghan O’Keefe at meghan.amadorarts@gmail.com.

Call to Artists

Heart of Hope: An art show open to all artists celebrating the hope, perseverance, and awareness of mental health and wellness. All skill levels, all media, and all ages may submit works of visual, performing, music, multimedia, and literary arts. Deadline 9/8/2020, delivered to the Arts Council at 617 South CA-49, Jackson. Contact Alyssa Vargas with questions at alyssa.amadorarts@gmail.com.

Catherine Woodruff