

# The Pinole Artisans

## January 2008 Newsletter

### **General Meeting: Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**NOTE THE LOCATION** in the Alex Clark Room at 880 Tennent Ave.

Join us at the **ALEX CLARK ROOM** in the downstairs of the Pinole Public Safety Building located at 880 Tennent Ave. We have wrapped-up a very successful year of operating our classroom and gallery and welcome the New Year - 2008- as a year of many more art opportunities.

This month's meeting will feature the Paper Cut Artist Purburam "Turo" Sandagdorj. Come prepared to be delighted by the amazing detail and size of "Turo's" creations. Don't forget to **bring your checkbooks for membership dues.**

The February meeting will be led by a professional in the field of Copyright Laws for Artists. Bring your questions and a notepad.

**Pinole Art Center Gallery Events:** We have made it through the Holiday Season with flying colors. We held a Grand Opening and several sale days and had steady sales over the last month which brings the year to a close on a great note.

The end of the 2007 year marks a little over a year of having our Pinole Art Center Open. What began as a community experiment has become a welcome part of the community. While we spent the last year working through all the details of running a gallery and classroom, 2008 will be a year for us to grow and continue to make people aware of our presence in the community and of the importance of art.

The end of 2007 also reminds us to be thankful for all the hard work that has been put into our organization. Take a moment to thank Joan and Don Landis, Vickie and Michael Resso for bringing passion to our cause. Thanks to Alan Vaughn, Lorena Fink, and all the Members of the Board for their work on the website, newsletters, flyers and more. Thanks to all of you who come in to help install all the art for show change-overs. The list goes on and on, so thank you all for making 2007 a great year.

The New Year is here already and after more than a year of being open, and several show changeovers, the Gallery walls need a new coat of paint. **The Gallery will be closed**, starting on Saturday, January 5th, when all artwork will be removed from the Gallery. Jan. 7-12, Joan and several others will be there patching walls and re-painting the Gallery. Please let Joan know if you are interested in helping with this task. This will help prepare us for a fresh start in the new year and the next show.

**"Spring is Calling"** will have in-take **SUN.** Jan 13th with hanging on Monday, Jan. 14th and the Gallery re-opening Tuesday the 15th as usual. The **GRAND OPENING will be Saturday, January 19th from 1PM until 6PM.**

**Letter from the President:** We made it through the Holidays in Grand style! Congratulations to everyone who pitched in and put on a great Art Show. Soon we're going to have a sparkling new color scheme and our new show, "Spring Is Calling", will be well displayed. The forms for the new show will be available at our January 4th Meeting, and those not picked up will be mailed out the next day. We are looking forward to a very active year, with new shows every 6 to 8 weeks; lots of mural projects; and a growing presence as "downtown merchants". Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation.

Take-In for the "Spring Is Calling" show is **SUNDAY JANUARY 13.** ( Please pick up artwork from the "Happy Holidays" show from 4:30 to 5:30 on Saturday January 5 or from 1-3PM on Sunday January 6.) We will be repainting the Gallery from Monday January 7 to Saturday January 12. On **MONDAY JANUARY 14** we will hang the new show, and be ready to open the Gallery on Tuesday January 15. The **GRAND OPENING** for this show will be **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1-6PM.** All who participate in the show are requested to spend 1-2 hours during that time acting as docents to our guests. This show will last until March 6, so Valentines Day will be included. Think Spring and Love for themes!

I wish you all a **VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Your President  
-Joan Landis

### Heads Up – Art Opportunities

**Art Opportunity 1: The next Library Show** theme is "Critters and Creatures, Great and Small." So dust off all your cat paintings, dog photos, your carved fish and turtles and ducks, your ceramic bees and renderings of whales, goats, butterflies, glass monsters and all other creatures both real and imagined. This theme is sure to bring out some fun art from our members. I have also asked the Library to consider adding a display case of children's art of the same theme. Members, don't take the theme TOO literally. Jewelry and fiber art are welcomed. Be creative with titles. It could be depictions of habitats for instance.

#### Dates to note:

**Take In Dates:** January 20, 21, 22, or by special arrangement.

**Hanging date:** January 23. Volunteers needed.

**Pick up** your art from the current show at the Library, January 23, 2008, 9 - 11:00 AM. If you can't come during those hours, your art will be transported to Vickie's house and you can pick it up there later.

**Show Reception:** Wednesday, January 30, 2007, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Sign ups are being taken now. If you know you want to participate, please call me at 758-3558, or send an email to [Vic3@aol.com](mailto:Vic3@aol.com). Be sure to put Library Show in the subject line so that I will open the mail. There will also be a sign up sheet at the January monthly meeting.

**Art Opportunity 2: We have an Art Opportunity!** The Contra Costa County Administration Building in Martinez wants to feature Pinole Artisans in a two month long show in the Administration Building. They need 50-60 paintings/photographs (depending on size). Paintings/photographs must be between 11x14 to 16x20 ( a few larger pieces , but no smaller pieces will be OK). The theme for this show will be: " Art Expressions from Pinole". The works submitted will be juried for appropriateness to assure the highest quality. Submit your best work. Please call me if you wish to participate ( 520-758-2935 or my cell phone 510-851-4765). I need to hear from you before January 8, and have a list of participants with statistics on submissions before January 28. When I know who can participate I will tell you how many paintings/photographs you can submit. You can tell me if you have a limited number. All works submitted must be appropriately framed, backed with acid free material, have a horizontal wire attached for hanging, and be permanently labeled with artist's name, title of piece, medium size of piece and price. The show will hang the second week in February. If you would like to be there and help with placement and hanging let me know. A presentation to the County Board of Supervisors will take place on the Tuesday morning following the hanging. You are welcome to be there for this event. Don't hesitate---CALL ME. - Joan (510) 758-2935

### Artisans Bulletin Board

**Thanks from Judy:** Felice Farber ( Judy's neice) wanted to convey Judy's thanks and appreciation for all the cards and calls from Pinole Artisans. She said it gave her encouragement and inspiration to keep pushing toward recovery. Judy has moved to Herrick Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Center, Room 5103, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley Ca. 94703. The phone number to her room is 510-204-5852. Keep the cards, calls and visits, when possible, coming ! She will be there for two to three more weeks.

**Farmers' Market:** Joan and Don are taking a well deserved break from coordinating of and Saturday morning set-up for the Farmer's Market. Dianne Lake has kindly offered to take charge and manage for the months of January, February, and March as there are still a number of Artisans who want to continue to maintain our presence throughout the year. If you are interested in signing up or have any questions about new procedures for borrowing tents, please contact Dianne Lake.

**Kids Classes:** There's not enough art in the schools. No one can deny this fact. As the bureaucracy that makes decision for our kids' education turns further away from the advantages of kids who have art, the children will suffer more.

But what can we do? The beautiful thing about at last having an art center is that we can now make a difference in our own community. It may feel like just a drop in the bucket because of our limitations. But if we are successful

in providing just one or two children a place to fall in love with art for a lifetime, then I think it's worth it. What if it's three or four or fifteen kids that we reach? Now we're talking!

Please consider teaching a class for children. The needs are great. I am asked over and over about additional programs, and the best I can do right now is offer the Saturday morning classes and refer people to Richmond Art Center. But the parents don't want to go to Richmond. They want their kids to experience art right here in Pinole.

Nothing will give our group more respect and credibility than addressing this need. When I am in the community, being asked what our group is all about, and why should the city sponsor us, I can talk all day about artists networking, and a gallery to show our art, and library exhibits, and public art installations. But when I mention sharing art with kids, a light comes on and there is suddenly an air of excitement about our purpose as an organization.

The classroom is idle most afternoons. An after-school program is needed. I'm not able to teach every Saturday. Artists could utilize the classrooms when I'm not there to offer classes to kids. Parents often ask about private lessons for kids.

If you are considering teaching, let's talk. I would love to hear your ideas and discuss what it takes to get a class going. Call me at 758-3558. Vickie Resso

**Showing Opportunity:** The Californian Bar & Grill in the Nob Hill district of SF is looking for art work (11x14 and up) with a California theme. Sherwin is arranging this opportunity, so if you have any questions, call him at (510) 301-3072. You can also go by the restaurant at 1177 California St. and check it out.

**Kaiser Public Art Project:** Chandra is going to be the coordinator for Kaiser to purchase art for the inside of the new facility on Pinole Valley Road. Joan has the information from Chandra about what information she needs to add each artist to her files. Joan has the forms and can make copies for anyone interested in being considered. Give her a call if you are interested (510) 758-2935

#### **December Peer Awards:**

##### **First Place:**

Kim Williams for "Nude"

Vergie Blackmon for "Working Women"

Lorena Fink for "Poinsettias"

Vickie Resso for "Tiger"

##### **Second Place:**

Deborah Mc Caskey for "Bracelet"

##### **Third Place:**

Anita Allison for "Apple"

Joan Landis for "Beach Day"

### **Important Dates to Remember**

**Please Note that the Gallery will be CLOSED from Jan. 5th through Jan. 14th**

**and will Re-Open Tuesday, Jan. 15th.**

Saturday, January 5th, 2008: All artwork to be taken down and out of the Gallery

Monday, January 7th through Saturday, January 12th: Gallery closed for patching and painting

Sunday, January 13th, 2008: Take-In for the first 2008 show "Spring is Calling"

Monday, January 14th, 2008: New Show hanging day in the Gallery

Tuesday, January 15th, 2008: Gallery Re-Opens for business

Saturday, January 19th, 2008: "Spring is Calling" Grand Opening from 1-6PM

**Pinole Art Center Classes:** As we enter the new year, think of all the new opportunities there are for taking or teaching classes. If you are considering teaching a class, NOW is the time to get things going. If you are nervous, talk to some of the other class instructors about their experiences and get in touch with Lorena to talk about scheduling. The classes have been fun and fulfilling.

**Madden Watercolor:** This beginning-to-intermediate class is presented by Penny Bledsoe, a Madden certified teacher. Come prepared with supplies and lunch for 8 hours of painting to create your own “Large Iris.”

**Art with Vickie:** This 2 week session, appropriate for kids aged 7-12 with varying levels of experience, will take a look at famous painters who recorded events in history by painting life with Native Americans in the 1800’s. The kids will then complete their own Native American paintings using acrylic paints.

**For More Class Info...** visit our website, where you can link to a calendar with all the dates, times, costs, and registration information. For further info, contact the Class Coordinator, Lorena Fink, at (510) 222-2425.

**Who We Are:** We believe that art enhances the quality of life of both individually and as a community. We are a group of artisans whose purpose in forming an organization is to:

- 1) Form a network for mutual learning and support
- 2) Provide art education, open to all levels of ability
- 3) Provide opportunities for artisans to show their works locally

The Pinole Artisans Foundation is a non-profit community organization whose purpose is to promote the arts, provide a forum for Pinole-area artists and artisans and to sponsor lectures, classes, and other artistic learning events and activities.

### **Contact Information: Board of Directors**

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Gallery Hours Are Tuesday—Saturday from 10:30—4:30