



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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### **GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 7:00PM: NOTE THE LOCATION ...**

Join us for our first 2008 meeting at the **Pinole United Methodist Church** at 2000 San Pablo Avenue, right past the bus stop mural. Bring your checkbooks to pay your membership dues and your attentive minds for our guest speaker.

Rob Reiter will be talking to us about photographing different kinds of art work, as well as options for printing those photos. His company, The Light Room, offers many of these services and it will be great to have his expertise so bring your questions.

### **FOUNDATION EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

We are into 2008 and so far it has proven to be a very wet year. Despite the rain and cold winds we have been experiencing, the shows must go on. Rain and widespread power outages kept us from meeting last month but it did not prevent the gallery from receiving a refreshing new coat of paint. Nor did it keep people from coming out to the Grand Opening of the "Spring is Calling" show on January 19th.

The next show, entitled "**Winds of Change**," will open on FRIDAY, March 7th. Take In will be TUESDAY, March 4th, from 10:30-4:30. We will be hanging the new show on THURSDAY, March 6th and the **Grand Opening will be SATURDAY, March 8th, from 1-6 PM**. The Show will run until Thursday, April 24th.

Don't forget that we have moved our organization over to the Calendar Year and **Dues are to be paid ASAP** for your membership to be renewed and good until January of 2009. When you are renewing, make sure that you submit a new form if any of your contact information has changed.

Penny would also like to remind you all to cash any reimbursement checks you may have received from the Pinole Artisans Foundation. Penny is trying to reconcile our financial books and having so many checks yet to be cashed makes it more difficult. Take those checks to that bank as soon as possible so that you can make some Valentine purchases at the Gallery : )

I would also like to remind you all to add a new e-mail address to your online address books. I will be sending future correspondence from [PinoleArtisans@yahoo.com](mailto:PinoleArtisans@yahoo.com). For the next couple of months, you may continue to get duplicate e-mails, one from yahoo and one from comcast, while I make sure that everyone is able to receive and view e-mails from the new address and I get no messages bouncing back.

### **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Pinole Art Center walls have been newly painted and the carpets cleaned. We all owe tremendous thanks to those who worked like beavers during the second week of January to bring about this transformation. We are especially thankful to Richard Mahnken whose professional skills allowed us to complete this project in record time. The painters included Joyce Yamada, Rose Cowperthwaite, Gorden Stone, Semion Mirkin, Ira Nelken, Vickie Resso, and myself. The new

color seems to show off the artwork very well, and now the whole Gallery is the same color, so we can make minor repairs following each new hanging and patch the holes as needed.

Eighteen members have brought paintings and other works of art to produce a stunning show: "Spring is Calling." It is a beautiful display and a good representation of the variety of art in the Pinole Artisans. We welcome Martha Neville to her first show (though she has been a member since our beginning), and Fanta Nabay, a new member who is also new to our Gallery.

Five of our members are, sadly, ailing. Judy Drogin is slowly rehabilitating following brain surgery. She is now home with her niece caring for her. Ira Nelken has a broken wrist (the result of a "too close for comfort" run in with a moving vehicle). He is casted and recovering, but hampered by the loss of use of his right hand. Bev Payne had a severe stroke and is hospitalized at Stanford. Cards can be sent to her daughter Bonnie at 555 Rincon Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803. One of our new members, Carol Greer, had a kidney transplant on December 5th. Amanda Bruun is recovering from a broken ankle and is still unable to drive. We wish you all a speedy recovery!

Special thanks to Bill Lake who volunteered to work Judy's shifts in the Gallery for January! If any of you who are not in this show would like to volunteer some time to work these empty shifts, it would be greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder, February 14th is Valentines Day. We have a lovely display of Valentine cards and jewelry. If there is someone you want to please for Valentines Day, come to the Gallery and find the perfect gift!

On February 15th, the "Expressions from Pinole" show will be hung in the Contra Costa County Administration Building in Martinez. Sixteen Pinole Artisans are participating in this event. The show will hang for six weeks. It will be officially presented to the Board of Supervisors on February 26th at 9:30 AM. All Pinole Artisans are invited to be at this meeting for the presentation.

It is too bad that bad weather aced us out of our January meting, but February 1, we will have our regular meeting at the Pinole United Methodist Church at 7:00. A Berkeley photographer, Rob Reiter, who runs The Light Room, will be our speaker. He will be talking about photographing different kinds of artwork, making giclee prints and other services his company supplies.

Please don't forget that dues are to be paid ASAP!

Sincerely,

Joan Landis

President, Pinole Artisans

### **"CRITTERS AND CREATURES" LIBRARY SHOW**

**The next Library Show:** You should have received an e-mail from PinoleArtisans@yahoo.com with an attachment forwarded from Vickie Resso. It is the invitation for the Library Show so please forward it or print it out. Vickie continues to coordinate the Library Shows and would like to ask all of you Artisans not only to attend the show reception, but also to invite friends and family to attend, even if you are not participating in the show.

The theme is "Critters and Creatures, Great and Small," so come by to see what the theme

inspired. The **Show Reception will be held Wednesday, January 30th from 7:00—8:30 PM.** Artists, don't forget to also pick up your art from the previous show, which is currently residing at the Resso residence.

## **ARTISANS BULLETIN BOARD**

**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 Joan a call if you are interested (510) 758-2935.

**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.

Please note that there will be a few changes while Dianne is coordinating our presence at the Farmer's Market. The following is a letter from Dianne.

If anyone is interested in signing up for a booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market in January, February or March, please contact me, Dianne Lake, at 510-741-8066 or [diannelake@yahoo.com](mailto:diannelake@yahoo.com). I will be managing our participation in the Market for these three months so that Joan and Don can have a well-deserved break.

There will, however, be a few changes for these three months, as follows:

**Tents:** Each artisan will need to provide their own tent and be responsible for putting it up and taking it down. You will also need to bring weights for your tent since it can be windy at this time of year. We will still bungee the tents together, but weights will still be necessary in windier weather. If you do not have your own tent, there will be two Pinole Artisan tents available each week but you will have to pick it up yourself at the gallery on Friday between 10:30 and 4:30, and return it to the gallery on Saturday before 4:30. If you do use one of the Pinole Artisan tents and it rains and the tent gets wet, you will be responsible for drying out the tent before returning it to the gallery later in the week. The Pinole Artisan tents have been showing some wear and tear lately from so much usage. Thus, there will be a \$5 rental fee in February and March for these tents to help defray costs when they eventually need to be replaced. You can still use the tents for free in January. If you prefer, you can also have a booth without a tent if the weather is agreeable.

**Panels:** If you want to use Pinole Artisan panels to display your work, you will have to pick up and transport them yourself from the gallery to the market, and back to the gallery when the market is over. The panels must be picked up on Friday between 10:30 and 4:30 at the gallery and returned there before 4:30 on Saturday. Also remember that there is a \$5 rental fee per panel if you use Pinole Artisan panels. You may, of course, use your own panels if you have them, or use other methods of display.

**Rain Policy:** Rain is likely to be an issue at least a few times during these three months. In general, we will only cancel if there are fairly heavy rains, since some of us (such as the jewelry people) can still display in light rain. Many of us, however, have weather-sensitive items or may not be able to (or want to) deal with drying out wet tents. Each artisan can make their own determination about the rain, but please let me know by Friday night, if possible, if you need to cancel because of rain. (If you have to cancel for other reasons, please let me know by Wednesday as requested in the cancellation section below.) Also remember that, if you are using one of the Pinole Artisan tents, you must dry it out before

you return it to the gallery.

I'll keep an eye on the weather reports each week and will try to make a determination by Friday night if we have to cancel because of heavy rains, and will call you that night if we do. However, there may be times that the weather is "iffy" and I won't be able to make a determination until Saturday morning and I may have to make some 7am Saturday morning phone calls. Hopefully, those will be kept to a minimum.

**Cancellations:** I will be making reminder calls each week to those who have signed up for the upcoming Saturday, just as Joan has been doing. If you find that you have to cancel, please let me know by the Wednesday before. I will need to let the Farmers Market people know by Thursday morning how many booths we will have that Saturday. If you find out later in the week that you have to cancel, please let me know as soon as you possibly can. If you need to cancel because of rain, please let me know by Friday night if you can, as requested above in the section on rain policy.

I hope we can have at least a few artists each week over these winter months so we can keep a Pinole Artisans presence at the Farmers Market. It's a good way to make a few sales and also get the word out about the gallery and about our presence in the community. There are always new faces at the market, as well as the regulars, and the more people who know about us the better. Hope to see some of you there over the next few months.

--- Dianne Lake

**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.

## **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 with Penny Bledsoe, a Madden certified teacher. Come prepared with supplies and lunch for 8 hours of painting for this month's painting "Joe Heron."

**Gemology:** General Observation & Introduction to Gem Identification. This two day class, offered by Angela Grigsby, is designed to assist you in making more informed Gem purchases via observation, knowledge of treatments, and testing equipment.

**Jewelry Finishing:** Jill Niles brings you tips, techniques and a booklet for finishing off your own jewelry creations.

**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.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday, January 30th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM Library Show Reception

Thursday, January 31st at 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting at the Art Center

Friday, February 1st at 7:00 PM General Meeting and the Pinole United Methodist Church

Friday, February 15th, “Expressions from Pinole” to be hung in Martinez

Tuesday, February 26th, 9:30 AM Martinez Show Presented to the Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, March 4th, 10:30-4:30 Take In for the “Winds of Change” Gallery Show

Thursday, March 6th, Installation of the new Gallery Show

Saturday, March 8th, from 1:00-6:00 PM “Winds of Change” Gallery Show Grand Opening

Thursday, April 24th “Winds of Change” Gallery Show closes

## **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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Tuesday—Saturday

10:30—4:30