



MARCH NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH, 7:00PM: NOTE THE LOCATION

Join us at the **Pinole United Methodist Church** at 2000 San Pablo Avenue, right past the bus stop mural. Bring your checkbooks to pay your dues if you have not already done so.

This month's meeting will feature the Paper Cut Artist Purburam "Turo" Sandagdorj, rescheduled from our rained out January meeting. Come prepared to be delighted by the amazing detail and size of "Turo's" creations.

At the April meeting, we will be joined by Andrew K. Jacobson of Bay Oak Law. He is a member of the California Lawyers for the Arts in San Francisco, and will speak to common legal issues that plague artists. Bring questions and a notebook.

FOUNDATION EVENTS AND INFORMATION

We are going into the third month of 2008 and awaiting the arrival of Spring, just around the corner. The first couple of months have been slow at the Gallery given the weather and economic slow down after the Holidays- however, we are already looking forward to events coming up in the next few months. While art may not be flying off the walls, we are still growing in many positive ways as a group. Each month, we have new members interested in being a part of the positive impact we have on the community, and we are always bringing art awareness to more people.

We still have a number of opportunities for showing, and our classroom has been a bustling place these days.

With the closure of the local scrapbook store, and the local craft store eliminating most of its classes, the Pinole Art Center has become a great place to host an art related activity. The classroom is available for "rent" provided that it is an art related meeting, and a member of the Pinole Artisans is present to make sure that things are cleaned up and locked up properly. The space can also be used for classes, in which case there is no \$25 room fee. The teacher would instead pay 10% of their collected class fees to the Artisans. So far, there has been a good response to this idea and it is nice to see people in the space more frequently. If you are interested, please check with Lorena for classroom availability, and with Joan for more details.

This first week of March is the last week of the current Gallery show "Spring is Calling," so stop by if you haven't had a chance to check everything out yet. That also means the next show is quickly approaching and you'll want to put the finishing touches on your pieces for the "Winds of Change" show. Check out the last page for important dates for the Gallery and Library shows, and other events.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are looking forward to "Winds of Change," which will open on March 6th. January and February have been difficult months for those of us working the Gallery because we were few in number and all had to work extra shifts. We will be in better shape for the March show, but we have many new people to introduce to how the Gallery works, so I will be asking all of you to orient any new person you are working with carefully and kindly. You have my sincere thanks for sharing the work of running the Gallery on a day-to-day basis!

Take-In for "Winds of Change" will be Tuesday, March 4th from 10:30 to 4:30. If that time frame gives you problems, call me and we can arrange a time before that which works for you. We will

hang the new show on March 6th, and the **Grand Opening** event will be Saturday, March 8th from 1-6PM. Remember to bring food to share in the early afternoon, and at Take-In, sign up to docent for one hour.

We have a lovely show now hanging in the Pinole Library called “Critters and Creatures Great and Small.” It is truly a fun exhibit, and I recommend that all of you take the time to see it. The Library staff tell us that having our art in the Library is one of the best things that has ever happened to the Library! High Praise!

We also have a new show hanging in the Contra Costa County Administration Building in Martinez. It will be there for 6 weeks so try to get out there and see it. We did a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on February 26th (pictured above), and I thank all the members who came out early in the morning to be there for that event.

We have begun work with an organization called Pro Arts, who will be featuring our Gallery in their Open Studios event in June. More about this later, but reserve June 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th. This will be a big event in Pinole!

Remember that our meeting on the 7th, at the Pinole United Methodist Church, will feature the scissor artist Turo Sandagdorj, who because of weather, was cancelled in January.

We are glad for the beginning of warmer weather and it’s advantages of ease in getting out and about!

Happy Spring

Joan Landis, President

LOGO WEAR

We have not placed an order for logo-wear lately because we have found a new person and were waiting to bring you the details. Her name is Susan Toler, she runs her own small business called “It’s Sew You” and she has a great opportunity for us. You can take her your personal items to have them embroidered with the Pinole Artisans logo. That means if you like a particular style of shirt, or favor a certain material, or if you have a unique item such as a scarf, that you would like to have the Pinole Artisans Logo on, you can take it to her. This lowers the cost to just her service of embroidery since you are not also paying for the item itself.

If, on the other hand, you want to sport our logo, but don’t already have something you want it on, you can also purchase items from her. She has a few common items on hand, and can order a wide variety from a catalog.

If you are interested, contact Vickie Resso (510) 758-3558, for more information and pricing details.

LIBRARY SHOW

“One of the best things that has ever happened to this library is Pinole Artisans. The people stop. They look at the art. It really gives this place some class.” This statement was made when I was in the Pinole Library making plans for the next show to be installed in April. I thanked the librarian and told her how much I appreciated hearing these words. And I promised to pass it on to our members.

The current show, "Creatures and Critters Great and Small," is a wonderful exhibit. If you haven't seen it, please do stop by. It's worth it. Besides, the library is full of books!

Coming up in April is "The Fiber of Our Beings," which will feature (but will not be limited to) fiber art. Quilts, needlework, crochet, knitting, fiber sculpture, scarves, etc. I want all of you wonderful creative artists who work with soft materials to be recognized. I will get to work on publicity material soon so that you will have time to mail invitations to your friends and family. What I need now is some idea of how many of you plan to participate. Here are the dates:

Sign-Up deadline: April 10th, 2008

Take In Dates: April 12, 13, 14 (or by special arrangement)

Hanging Date: April 16th at 9AM (Come and help if you can)

Opening Reception: April 23rd, 7:00-8:30 (invite everybody with personal invitations!)

Show Ends—Pick up your art at the Library June 25th, 2008

2D artists, think: strong emotion, home, hearth, memories and experiences that make us who we are. With this information, please call me and let me know what you have and approximate size. Hanging these creations will be a real challenge, so we want to start planning early. I think this will be a great show.

-Vickie Resso (510) 758-3558

ARTISANS BULLETIN BOARD

Farmers' Market: Dianne Lake is still graciously coordinating our continued presence at the Farmer's market through the month of March. Each week, there are 4 to 5 artists present despite the wind and cold. People are always happy to see us there and we have gained a few new members as a result. We look forward to seeing their work on our freshly painted Gallery walls in the upcoming months. If you are interested in signing up for the farmers market or have any questions about new procedures for borrowing tents, please contact Dianne Lake.

Kids Classes: The following message has appeared in the newsletter for a couple months, and I retain it because there is still a need for kids classes. Vickie has the best voice to express this because she is so passionate in her belief about the impact art can make in a child's life. So, I urge you to read this once again and consider if you would love to share your passion, talent, or hobby with a child—or if you know someone who might be interested.

"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"

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

PINOLE ART CENTER CLASSES

Art with Vickie: This 3 week session, appropriate for kids aged 7-12 with varying levels of experience, will take a look at famous landscapes a give students an opportunity to paint their own in acrylics.

Madden Watercolor with Lorena: In this beginning-to-intermediate class, you will work with Lorena to complete "Lavender House."

Madden Watercolor with Penny: Bring your supplies and lunch for this 8 hour beginning-intermediate class where you will complete "Tulips."

Bob Ross Landscapes with Lorena: This month's project, "Misty Morn," is taught by certified instructor Lorena, and is geared toward beginning-intermediate students.

Beginning Jewelry Finishing: Jill will show you tips and techniques to finish your jewelry pieces. Leave with a booklet and completed jewelry.

Introduction to Gemology: Learn how to make informed gem purchases by knowing stone properties, treatments, etc... Angela encourages you to bring your favorite jewelry to chat about.

Domed Earring Class: Lis will show you how to use PMC+ to texture and mold dome shaped earrings to hang on your own hand-made earring wires.

Scrapbooking with Melinda:

- 1) Iris Paper Folding
- 2) Disney Pages (Four 8x8 inch pages)
- 3) Crop Night
- 4) Cricut 101-bring your machine
- 5) Disney (12x12 inch page)

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

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Save the dates for Pro Arts Open Studios: Saturday and Sunday, June 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th

Wednesday, June 25th, 2008: Library Show ends—pick up your art work

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.

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Tuesday—Saturday

10:30—4:30