



APRIL NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH, 7:00PM

NOTE THE LOCATION: Join us at the **Pinole United Methodist Church** at 2000 San Pablo Avenue, right past the bus stop mural. This month we welcome Andrew K. Jacobson as our guest speaker. He is from Bay Oak Law, 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. Also bring your checkbooks to pay your dues if you have not already done so.

FOUNDATION EVENTS & INFORMATION

The "Winds of Change" show is up until April 23rd so if you have not stopped by to check everything out, or if there was something you were eyeing, you only have a few more weeks.

As we get further into Spring and further from the cold of the Winter months, we will welcome an aptly named show: "Spirit of Aloha." If you're still cold, perhaps working on inspiration from this show's title will bring you some warmth and visions of paradise.

Take in for the "**Spirit of Aloha**" will be Tuesday, April 22 from 10:30 to 4:30. The change-over and installation of new pieces will take place on Thursday, April 24th, and the **Grand Opening will be April 26th from 1-6 PM.** The show will close on June 19th. Joan has a list of people interested in participating, but if you are interested and have not already spoken with her, call her right away! She would like to prepare all the paperwork so that she can deliver them to us at the monthly meeting, Friday, April 4th.

Don't forget that the classroom space is available for rent for art related events. If you are interested, please check with Lorena for classroom availability, and with Joan for more details.

The next Library Show is coming up and Pro Arts Open Studios will be taking place in a couple of months so make sure you check out the last page for important dates for the Gallery and Library shows, and other events.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our new show "Winds of Change" is charming! It is so nice to have new sculpture, quilts, and wearable art, as well as new paintings, photography, and unique styles of jewelry. Our many new artists in this show are becoming experts at running the Gallery. Good job everyone!

Farmers' Market is making a strong artistic statement. Don and I will be supervising again for at least a few months. We would very much like to have another volunteer to take on this responsibility for July thru September. Thanks to Dianne Lake for being in charge from January thru March. Call me if you are willing to be this person.

I hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity of hearing Andrew Jacobson at our Pinole Artisans meeting this month. He is very knowledgeable about copyright laws in regards to art and this is a meeting you will be sad if you miss.

In June, we can look forward to Tesia Blackburn (the Golden Paint representative) coming to our meeting to let us know what is new.

Hope you are all enjoying the Spring weather. When my roses start to bloom, anyone who likes is welcome to come and paint or photograph, or just smell and look.

Your President, Joan Landis

ARTISANS BULLETIN BOARD

Pinole Artisans at the Hercules Public Library: Andrew Walters would love to see some of our art up in the recently complete Hercules Library. He tells us the Hercules Public Library has a lot of wall space available for exhibits, but there has been a mysterious dearth of applications. He wants all you members to know that they very much want to see local artists on the walls. It does not have to be organized by the Pinole Artisans Group as a whole, but can be an individual painter or photographer submitting an application to show a few pieces on their own. If you are interested, stop by the library or e-mail Andrew Walters at candrewwalters@sbcglobal.net.

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

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.

THE 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. Participation is not limited to fiber arts so Painters, Photographers, Sculptors, Carvers, Jewelers...all are welcome. 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. 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 in the Library Community Room (invite everybody with personal invitations!)

Show Ends—Pick up your art at the Library June 25th, 2008...plan for a long stay

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. We will have two display cases for this show: a large one and our regular small one. We are trying to figure out ways to hang large pieces from the ceiling. So if anyone has access to a very tall portable lift, or ladders, please help!

Please spread the word to your quilting and knitting friends. There are many in this community, and if they are not members, this would be a good way to get them involved in our splendid group.

I would love to have personal invitation cards printed for each participant. So please send a photo of your work to me via e-mail at Vic3@aol.com. If you are not able to do that, call me and request a picture. I would be happy to come and take a photo for you so that you can mail some nice invitations to your family and friends. Remember that your friends love to support “artist friends.” Even those who don’t buy your work may love to come to parties, see what you’ve accomplished, and congratulate you on being a real artist in a real community show. How special is THAT?

I think this will be a great show.

-Vickie Resso (510) 758-3558

PEER AWARDS

FEBRUARY

1st Place: Janie Chambers for “Magnolias in Bloom”

2nd Place: Barbara George for her Pastel Life Study

3rd Place: Stanley Satchell for his sculpture “Stickball”

MARCH

1st Place: Lisa Steiner for her landscape quilt

2nd Place: Joan Landis for “Provencal Market”

3rd Place: A tie between

Semion Mirkin for his watercolor and

Joe Shaw for his “Giraffes”

PINOLE ART CENTER CLASSES

Art with Vickie: This 3 week session, “Fun with Polymer Clay,” is appropriate for kids aged 6-10 with varying levels of experience. This time kids will learn about shapes, form, mixing colors, and composition in order to create fun, fake food with clay.

One Stroke Painting with Debbie: This easy technique is one everyone can learn. Join Certified Instructor Debbie Ahrendt to learn how to create beautiful florals and landscapes on a variety of different surfaces.

Madden Watercolor with Lorena: In this beginning-to-intermediate class, you will work with Lorena to complete “Sur-de-Mer,” which you can see at www.lorenasworld.com.

PMC Prong Setting: You will use PMC+ to design and make a pendant and then add a fine silver prong setting. After firing, you will learn to set your stones. Check out pictures at www.medesigns.biz.

Gemology-Gem Identification: This class is good for both beginners and continuing students as you will be introduced to testing equipment and learn to identify unknown stones, while continuing students will enhance their gem identification skills. Angela encourages you to bring your favorite jewelry to discuss.

Scrapbooking with Melinda: Scrapbooking featuring various themes: Easter layout, Disney themed layouts 8x8 and 12x12.

Melinda’s Crop Night: 3 chances to bring all those photos and crop ‘em.

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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April 12th, 13th, 14th, 2008: Take-In dates for the Library show (or by special arrangement)

Wednesday, April 16th, 2008: Library Show Hanging date 9:00AM (stop by to help if you can)

Tuesday, April 22nd, 2008: Take-In for the Gallery show “Spirit of Aloha” from 10:30-4:30

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008: Library Show Opening Reception 7:00-8:30 (invite everyone)

Thursday, April 24th, 2008: New Show installation and hanging day in the gallery

Saturday, April 26th, 2008: “Spirit of Aloha” Grand Opening from 1-6PM

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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