

MAY NEWSLETTER

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**GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 2ND, 7:00PM**

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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 are having a **potluck social** and we would love to see lots of new and familiar faces. In addition to bringing your artwork to share (and for peer awards) bring food to share as follows: Last names beginning with

A-G bring a main dish

H-M bring a salad

N-S bring dessert

T-Y bring some type of bread

We will also briefly talk about themes for the collaborative quilt that we will be donating to The Pinole Conservatory for the Arts Fundraiser Auction in September.

We would like to thank Andrew K. Jacobson for speaking to legal issues for artists at our April meeting. In June, we look forward to having Tessia Blackburn, from Golden Paints, show us what's new with paints.



Photo by Alan Vaughn

FOUNDATION EVENTS & INFORMATION

The newsletter will be in the mail over the week-end while the "Spirit of Aloha" show will have it's **Grand Opening Saturday, April 26th**. This is a theme that evokes dreams of paradise and warm welcome, so come in to check out all of the Aloha inspired artwork.

Although it hasn't felt like it much yet, summer is just around the corner. With that, we will welcome the **Pro Arts East**

Bay Open Studios events to be held at the Gallery and City Hall Patio on the weekends of **June 7-8, and 14-15**. Even if you are not participating, we would love to see you there to enjoy the atmosphere of art and music in the air of Pinole.

The next show, **"A Touch of Color,"** will have take-in on Tuesday, June 17th, with installation on Thursday, June 19th and the **Grand Opening on**

Saturday, June 21st, from 1-6PM. It will hang until July 31st, at which time you should pick up your artwork to make room for all of the new creations for the "Hot Summer Days" Show.

Make sure you check out the Artisans Bulletin Board—there's lots of information and many upcoming opportunities to participate in a variety of ways.

THE PINOLE ART CENTER

The Pinole Artisans
Foundation
Gallery and Classes
2221 Pear Street
Pinole, CA 94564
(510) 724-2008
Gallery Hours
Tuesday—Saturday
10:30—4:30

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We have just hung a wonderful new show, "Spirit of Aloha," at the Pinole Art Center. It is a solid display of local art! Thanks to all of those who helped to hang and arrange the show. We applaud the artists for all of the effort that goes into the creation of the works on display. Bravo to you all! The "SPIRIT" of Aloha is one of welcome, sharing, giving, and enjoying. We hope to convey this spirit to all who enter our doors. The Grand Opening on Saturday, April 26th is your opportunity to share your art with your acquaintances and friends, and to get your well deserved praise.

Semion and Mila Mirkin, who

have been the keepers of the keys and cash box for the Gallery, will be traveling to Russia and Europe for the next month, so Lee Ann Miller of Garden of Gems (2235 San Pablo Ave, Pinole) will keep them for us during this month. She opens at 10AM. Please identify yourself to her as a member of the Pinole Artisans and thank her for this service to us.

For those of you who were not at our last meeting and might have missed the e-mails we sent out, Judith Drogin, one of our members, passed away on April 4th after years of fighting cancer. She was a brave and talented artist, and we will miss her presence with us tremendously.

Our next meeting, May 2nd, will be a Pot Luck Supper. It was enjoyed so much last year that we decided to make it an annual event. If your last name begins with A-G, bring a main dish; if your last name begins with H-M, bring a salad; if your last name begins with N-S, bring dessert; if your last name begins with T-Z, bring some form of bread.

Hope to see you there.

Your President
Joan Landis



THE LIBRARY SHOW

The current Library Show, "The Fiber of Our Beings," held a very successful opening and reception April 23rd. The show features fiber art, quilting, needlework, crochet, knitting, fiber sculpture, and scarves in addition to paintings, photography, sculpture, and jewelry and has been a great opportunity for many members to share their talents in the fiber mediums. According to Vickie Resso, the reception was "awesome" with some 30 people in attendance and a couple of sales.

It was also a very special reception because we were able to present The Friends of the Library Association with Don Lieske's "Bookworm" sculpture. It was originally featured in the last Library Show, "Creatures and Critters, Great and Small," and was such a hit. It features a seated, reading worm with a pocket watch on the hour "Time to Read." Vickie, who has been coordinating our presence in the Library, felt that the kids would love having this sculpture in the Library permanently and presented the Board of Directors with the opportunity to purchase and donate the piece. We are so happy to have this piece of art in the Library for many years to come, and thank the Library for welcoming us into their space.

"The Fiber of Our Beings" will run until the end of June. Vickie will have exact dates for us soon, but encourages us to keep the creativity flowing for the next show - "California Dreamin'."

APRIL PEER AWARDS

1st Place: Stanley Satchell for his sculpture "Twins"

2nd Place: A tie between Vickie Resso for her acrylic painting "Local Liberty" and Bonnie Tiber's beaded necklace

3rd Place: A Tie between Jean Fisk for her watercolor of a "Hibiscus" Semion for his painting of a "Church" and Lisa Steiner's necklace

ARTISANS BULLETIN BOARD

Conservatory for the Arts: Our sister organization, which focuses on the performing arts in Pinole, is planning their annual fundraiser auction in September. Ralph suggested that we come up with a collaborative art project (a quilt) and donate it to their cause. Janie Chambers has volunteered to Chair the Committee that will work on this project. Thank you, Janie!!! The first brainstorming session will be held in conjunction with the Pinole Artisans Monthly Meeting on May 2. The sign-up sheet got stalled at the last meeting, so if you want to participate and didn't sign up yet, there is still plenty of time. If you can't make it to the meeting, call Janie at 510-233-4036 or cell 510-323-3915. The first order of business is to decide on a theme.

Contra Costa County Administration Building Show: The show that was in the Martinez Administration Building came down on March 27th. We had many compliments about the quality of the show, and an invitation to do it again sometime in the future. Two of our artists sold pictures: Gordon Stone and Lisa Yount. Congratulations!

Membership Committee Needed: We would like to have several people form a membership committee to welcome new members and keep track of memberships. If you are comfortable using a computer (Excel, Word) and think you might like to help Penny and I with a variety of tasks, let me know. Duties would include keeping a membership directory up to date, as well as distributing membership cards, updating mailing labels, making sure dues and newsletter postage are up to date, and occasional special mailings. Amanda Bruun (510) 499-1283 PinoleArtisans@yahoo.com.

Art Items For Sale: As many of you may already know, we lost a fellow Artisan in early April. Judy passed away April 4th and her family has

kindly donated a number of her art related items to the group. They are available for sale with very reasonable prices, with all proceeds going to the Pinole Artisans Foundation. Vickie says there are still a number of books, papers, and paints which she will bring to the Pot Luck meeting May 2nd so you can check them out.

Weaving Loom: We have also received a donation of a fairly large weaving loom. If you are interested in the loom, please contact Carol Thompson at (510) 741-8242.

Spring Cleaning: It is only in the early planning stages, but several of the Artisans are putting together a collaborative garage/rummage sale to raise funds to purchase some furniture pieces for the Gallery. If you are thinking about Spring cleaning (and even if you aren't) please consider donating some items to our collaborative sale, which we hope to hold by the end of the summer. More details will be determined in the coming months. If you are interested in donating items, please contact Amanda Bruun at (510) 499-1283 or PinoleArtisans@yahoo.com.

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 Kai-

ser 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: Our new vendor for Logo Wear 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.

17th Annual "Cruising in the Sun" car show in Downtown Pinole Sunday, June 22 from 8-5. If you are interested in being a vendor, fees are \$50 and you should contact Kathy Combs (510) 669-0761 before June 14th.

Classroom Space Available: 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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Pro Arts Open Studios: Saturday and Sunday, June 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th from 11AM-6PM

Tuesday, June 17th, 2008: Take-In for the Gallery show “A Touch of Color” from 10:30-4:30

Thursday, June 19th, 2008: New Show installation and hanging day in the gallery

Saturday, June 21st, 2008: “A Touch of Color” Grand Opening from 1-6PM.

End of June,, 2008: Library Show ends—pick up your art work and prepare for the next show

Thursday, July 31st, 2008: Last day of the “A Touch of Color” Show

PINOLE ART CENTER CLASSES

Art with Vickie: A 2 week session for kids aged 6-10 with varying levels of experience. This time kids will try out acrylic paints on a simplified horse painting.

Vickie shared some exciting news with me as I put this month’s newsletter together: One of her dedicated students, Regina Kong, won 1st place in her age class (grades K-3) for the California Coastal Cleanup Art Competition. Congratulations to 8 year old Regina, who attends Vickie’s classes with her younger brother. You can view her “Swimming Otter” at the California Coastal Commission Website: <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/mm8/gallery-2008.html>

Peyote Beading with Casey: We welcome new instructor Casey Northern to show us how to make unique peyote stitch earrings as a basis for more free form jewelry creation.

Madden Watercolor with Lorena: In this beginning-to-intermediate class, you will work with Lorena to complete a painting of “Tuscany.”

Bob Ross Landscapes with Lorena: This beginning-to-intermediate class with Certified Ross Instructor will work on “Splashes of Spring” (View Lorena’s projects at her website www.lorenasworld.com)

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.

Scrapbooking with Melinda: Scrapbooking featuring various themes: Disney and Springtime Layouts.

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.

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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