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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

GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 7:00PM

NOTE THE LOCATION

Join us at the **Pinole United Methodist Church** (at 2000 San Pablo Avenue, right past the bus stop mural) at 7:00 PM.

This month at our general meeting, we welcome the return of Tesia Blackburn, the Golden Paints representative. It has been a couple of years since she last visited us so she will be showing us the latest and greatest in the world of acrylic paints. She brings lots of great samples of product and examples of what they can do. It's a fun meeting, even if you're not a painter.

Our speaker for the October meeting will be Tony Molatore, Photographer and giclee maker from Berkeley. A number of our fellow Artisans use Tony's services to take high quality photographs of their works, and make giclee reproductions. His talk will be very informative about giclee and what services he offers at his shop.

We also encourage you to bring artwork to share - at least one piece to enter for peer awards. Bring new pieces to show us what you have been working on, or old favorites.



Photo by Alan Vaughn

FOUNDATION EVENTS & INFORMATION

With the Labor Day Holiday passed, and the Summer coming to a close, we are hoping to say goodbye to the peak Summer heat, and welcome in its place "Autumn Repose." This new gallery show will be coming up in a matter of a couple weeks.

While we may hope to settle into more mellow routines, we still have a busy month ahead, starting with our monthly meeting on the 5th and the Festival of the Arts on the 13th. This is the event for which you all worked on a collaborative quilt to donate for auction. Participate in the festivities to show your

support for local arts (see the Letter from the President's Desk for more information).

In-Take for both the new Gallery Show "Autumn Repose" and the new Library Show "Every Day Matters" will take place towards the end of the month with the Grand Opening of the Gallery Show to take place Saturday, September 27th. The next Library Show will hold its reception October 15th. If you are interested in participating in either show and have not yet signed up, lists will be available at our general meeting, and you can also speak to Joan and Vickie

about participating.

Thursday evening, September 4th will once again be the Board of Directors of the Pinole Artisans Foundation meeting, open for anyone to attend, starting at 7:00PM in the Art Center Classroom. While you are welcome to be present, if you want to address a certain issue, you need to contact Joan to be put on the Agenda.

We're always looking for pictures of the Pinole Artisans in action. Keep your cameras handy and send great shots as Jpeg's to Vickie Resso at vic3@aol.com

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Artisans,

Last week I had a BIG shock! I received a letter from AC5 (The Arts and Cultural Commission of Contra Costa County) stating that I was to receive an award for my involvement in, and support of arts in Contra Costa County. They apparently give 4-5 of these awards each year and Vickie Resso (without informing me) submitted my name. I was truly surprised, and humbled because the contribution to art that has been made to our community has indeed been made by all of you. The success of this art group would not exist without the day-to-day contributions of our members. I will accept this award on behalf of the Pinole Artisans. There will be an Award Ceremony and Reception on Sunday, October 26th, 2008 at 4:00PM at the Soda Center at St. Mary's College, on the college's scenic Moraga campus. This is a public event and all who wish to be there are welcome. So that they have an adequate number of chairs and food, they are asking for you to RSVP to (925) 646-2278.

The Festival of the Arts (an annual Pinole event) will happen on September 13th, from 7PM to 11PM. The Pinole Art Center will be open for this event. I will have a sign-up list for volunteers to help docent this affair. The cost to participate in the Festival (wine, food, dancing, raffles, etc...) is

\$25. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check to P.O. Box 656, Pinole, CA 94564. More information can be had by calling (510) 724-5197. For those of you who are willing to do docenting in the Art Center, but do not wish to participate in the festivities, let me know and I will get you a pass to enter and come into the Gallery (the front entrance will be closed off).

"Hot Summer Days" will end on September 25. "Autumn Repose" will begin on September 25 and wrap up in the end of November, on the 20. Take -In for this show will be Tuesday, September 23. A Sign-up list will be available for you to indicate your desires at the meeting on September 5. Participation in at least two shows prior to the Christmas season show is still the rule, so Autumn Repose will be the last opportunity to complete this requirement.

We are continuing to progress on doing more murals for the City of Pinole. We will make a presentation to the City Council sometime in September for the City Hall Plaza Murals. The Bus Stop Mural will go out to Public bid sometime in October, with a statement that the artists who takes on this project must be willing to work with the Pinole Artisans on all aspects of the project. We will keep you informed of the progress, and let you know when we are ready for volunteers to do the art.

We have a nominating committee in

place to find members who would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors, and act in the categories of tasks that are needed within the Board. Please give them your polite responses when you are called on. We need talented and responsible people to ensure the proper functioning of our organization. We are increasing our Board membership by two.

Don't miss the Pinole Artisans meeting on Friday, September 5th at 7:00 PM. Tesia Blackburn, the representative from Golden Paints, will be our speaker. There will be gift packets for all who attend, and she will have the most up to date materials available in the acrylic line.

See you there!

Your President,
Joan Landis



AUGUST PEER AWARDS

1st Place: A two-way tie between Sharon Chestang-Robinson for "Just Before Landing" and Patrice Stone for "Sunflower"

2nd Place: Penny Bledsoe for "Sea Turtle"

3rd Place: Joan Landis for "Bird-of-The-Night"

ARTISANS BULLETIN BOARD

Library Show Changes: Members who are in the current show, "California Dreamin'" as well as those who are signed up for the coming show, "Every Day Matters," please note this important change of dates.

Due to some upcoming elective surgery, it was necessary to make the following changes: "California Dreamin'" will run until October 1, 2008. Please come to the library if you can between the hours of 10:00AM and noon to pick up your art. If you can't make it then, please call me at (510) 758-3558 to make arrangements to pick it up at my house. If anyone needs their art prior to October 1 for another show, please call me so we can accommodate you.

Take-In dates for the next show, "Every Day Matters," are changed to September 27, 28, 29. (As always, if these dates don't work for you, just call. We'll work something else out that fits for you.)

"Every Day Matters" will be hung October 1, 2008. The reception is scheduled for October 15, 2008 from 7:00-8:30PM.

"Every Day Matters" can include all types of art. Value the mundane and peaceful. Celebrate the exciting events of our lives. Anything meaningfully reflected in your art would be appropriate. I encourage everyone to participate and make a grand showing of our organization this fall. You can sign up at the next monthly meeting (September 5th) or call me.

-Vickie Resso

Please call Vickie Resso at 758-3558.

Joan to receive Arts Recognition Award: Joan will be receiving an award for her involvement in and support of the arts in Contra Costa County. Come and show your support and appreciation at the Award Ceremony and Reception on Sunday, October 26th, 2008 at 4:00PM at the Soda Center at St. Mary's College. This is a public event and all who wish to be there are welcome. Just make sure you RSVP so they have enough chairs and food for the crowd. RSVP to (925) 646-2278.

Visit AC5's new Arts Directory and Calendar at www.ac5.org, where artists and arts organizations can create free online profiles, upload work samples, and post arts events to our calendar. Or, search for and connect with artists, performances, and arts events in your community.

Afterschool Classes at Ellerhorst?

Laura Ramos, the after school coordinator at Ellerhorst, has contacted the Pinole Artisans to see if any of our members might be interested in conducting a class this fall - crafts, art, clay/ceramics, scrapbooking, knitting, cartooning, etc... If you are interested, Laura needs to know how many students minimum and maximum, the cost per student, if you have a preferred day to teach, and if you have a room preference. There are no confirmed dates yet but they want to start the program around September 29th, and to run for 6-8 weeks, ending in late November. If you are interested, contact Laura Ramos at (510) 724-3341 or email her at ramosla@aol.com

Watercolor Techniques Class with Ira Nelken: This class is for intermediate and advanced watercolor painters. We will learn specific techniques for use in watercolor; perspective, color mixing & balance, and wet vs. dry brush technique. You will also learn lots of ways of doing specific scenes and moods, contrast, lines, and place, etc... Students need to bring their own watercolor paints, brushes, and supplies. This class will be held on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00PM from 10/30—11/20 at the Pinole Senior Center Arts & Crafts Room, located at 2500 Charles Ave. Cost is \$80 per session for Pinole residents and \$88 per session for non-residents. For more information, or for a four week course outline and class materials list, please contact Ira Nelken at (510) 222-9668 or via e-mail at IraNRich01@aol.com.

Airbrush Classes with Joe Shaw:

Joe Shaw is offering Introductory airbrush classes by appointment at his home studio. Classes are small so they are tailored to your scheduling needs and particular interests. Joe brings together information about tools and techniques you will need to get started and has opportunities for hands-on work. If you are interested, contact Joe at (510) 724-7272 or Joe@JShawPaints.com

Painting Journey—A Meditative Art Process Class with Patrice Stone: You do not have to go way outside yourself to come into real conversation with your soul and with the mysteries of the spiritual world. Painting as a process provides an opportunity for self-discovery and inner exploration in a creative endeavor without focusing on the end result. The process allows one to focus on feelings and a sense of curiosity rather than techniques, talent or skill. There is a freedom in not having to make things in perfect proportions.

If you are feeling blocked, overwhelmed or stressed, come paint. You will learn how to keep a painting going, with freedom from judgment. We will discuss the process, not the

paintings, and how to stay inspired to paint outside of the classroom.

Classes are held at Patrice's Studio in San Pablo. Contact Patrice at (510) 235-2328 or by e-mail at Patrice@berkeley.edu for more information.

Farmers' Market: The farmer's market has been averaging about 5 Artisans participating each weekend and has been going well. More than anything, the people love the presence of art and the artists love the community at the market. If you participate in the Farmers' Market or would like to do so in the future, we have new forms with Farmers' Market Policies for you to sign. If you are interested, please contact Joan for more information.

Kaiser Public Art Project: If you are interested in selling artwork to Kaiser for the inside of the new medical office building on Pinole Valley Road, and have not yet given your name to Joan, you should do so soon. Joan is keeping a list of those interested in this opportunity and will be forwarding the names on to the person in charge of acquiring art for the new building.

Logo Wear: You can order items to be embroidered or you can take her your personal items to have them embroidered with the Pinole Artisans logo. If you are interested, contact Vickie Resso (510) 758-3558, for more information and pricing details.

PINOLE ART CENTER CLASSES

Art with Vickie: This class is three sessions of hands-on art including painting on gourds and clay pots with acrylics, getting ready for fall.

Creative Crafts for Kids: In this hands-on class with Grace Taormina, kids will explore a variety of art mediums including painting, printing, collage, and more.

Introduction to Daughters of Royalty: This is a self-portrait workshop which is thought provoking, and a good way to retreat and invest in yourself by drawing out light and beauty from within using self-portrait drawing and collage.

Madden Watercolor with Lorena: This beginning-intermediate class is taught by Lorena Fink, a Madden Certified Teacher, who brings you this month's project "Sunflowers," which is available for viewing at her website: www.lorenasworld.com.

Madden Watercolor with Penny: This beginning-intermediate class is given by Penny Bledsoe, a Madden Certified Teacher. Over this 8 hour class period, you will paint "Poppies and Bamboo."

Jewelry Finishing with Jill: For all skill levels, teens to adult. Make your own jewelry findings, look at samples

of materials, make a pair of earrings, repair jewelry, make jewelry projects and receive a handy booklet of tips to take home.

Peyote Beading with Casey: Learn to make unique peyote stitch earrings and jewelry in this freeform class.

Hand-Made Greeting Cards: Grace will show you a variety of techniques (collage, rubber stamping, and embossing just to name a few) for creating one-of-a-kind greeting cards so you can get a jump start on making cards for the Holidays.

Scrapbooking with Melinda: Offering an all boy themed class, a Disney 101 Dalmatians class, and a Scrapbooking basics class.

Melinda's Crop Night: Whether you're an experience scrap-booker, or a beginner, bring your photos to crop and drinks to accompany snacks to get you going. Space is limited, but there are 3 evenings scheduled.

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.

POET'S CORNER

We Who Are Luminous

© Mary Rudge
Poet Laureate of Alameda

Who we are luminous,
are radiant,
are 90% light,
who know a fiery fusion that
makes stars and suns,
whose flesh is compressed of
dancing atoms,

we chart an inner astronomy
our nucleus, our energy,
without burning our eyes,
we see.

There is a crust of seasons
that we wear.
Seeds sleep along the bones,
erupt, and bloom
in heats and darks
responsive to our moon.
Flames loop and leap the arteries,
there is a core of ember
in the womb --
beyond our brightness
our creation, cells,

connect in constellations
of our own.

Commentary by Claire Baker

"We Who are Luminous" is one of my favorite modern poems. I hope you too will find this poem full of energy, music — a refreshing portrait of inspiration, one to which artists especially can relate.

I love "90% light," and I presume only God is 100% light. This "free verse" (no planned rhythm or rhyme) reads beautifully aloud; full of verbs rather than adjectives, it feels condensed yet generous, rich; uncluttered by unneeded words, the mark of a confident poet. And there are lots of vital IMAGES typical of strong poetry. One would not mistake this work-of-art for prose.

To skip down toward the last part, I admire the alliteration (repeated consonant "P") in "Flames loop and leap," and later in the sub-
d u e d c o n c l u s i o n ;
"Creation...Connect in constella-

tions" (repeat of the letter "c" and sound "con."). This use of poetic craft means the poet is paying attention to producing a lyrical feel.

Backing up, another favorite line is: "Seeds sleep along the bones (how inventive & exciting) erupt, and bloom..." Yes! I want to say. Our bodies & our thoughts are as miraculous as the heavens...And I praise the whole idea of people being "luminous" and "radiant," at least striving to be so...Again, artists I think come closest to this radiance.

I hope you have a favorite poet and beloved poem(s) of your own.

Claire J. Baker, Poet
Pinole Artisans Member

Note: I thank Mary Rudge for the use of this poem and the Board for suggesting a Poet's Corner.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, September 4th, 2008 at the Art Center Classroom 7:00PM
- General Meeting: Friday, September 5th, 2008 at the Pinole United Methodist Church 7:00PM
- Saturday, September 13th, 2008: Festival of the Arts at the Pinole Civic Center Plaza, 7:00-11:00PM
with the
Art Center Open Late
- Tuesday, September 23rd, 2008: Take-In for the Gallery Show “Autumn Repose” from 10:30-4:30
- Thursday, September 25th, 2008: Last Day of the Gallery Show “Hot Summer Days,”
New Gallery Show installation, pick up artwork from previous show
- Saturday, September 27th, 2008: Grand Opening of Gallery Show “Autumn Repose” 1:00-4:30PM
- September 27th, 28th, 29th, 2008: Take-In for the new Library Show “Every Day Matters”
- Wednesday, October 1st, 2008: Last day of the Library Show “California Dreamin’,”
Pick up art between 10AM-12noon, new artwork installation
- Wednesday, October 15th, 2008: Library Show Reception from 7:00-8:30PM
- Sunday, October 26th, 2008: AC5 Awards Ceremony and Reception for Joan Landis, 4:00PM at the
Soda Center, St. Mary’s College Moraga R.S.V.P. (925) 6462278
- Tuesday, November 18th, 2008: Take-In for the Gallery Show “Holiday Antics” from 10:30-4:30
- Thursday, November 20th, 2008: Last Day of the Gallery Show “Autumn Repose”
New Gallery Show installation, pick up artwork from previous show
- Saturday, November 22nd, 2008: Grand Opening for the Gallery Show “Holiday Antics” 1:00-4:30PM
- Thursday, January 8th, 2009: Last Day of the Gallery Show “Holiday Antics”

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