

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 7:00 PM

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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

NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION

Join us at the **Alex Clark Room** (in the downstairs of the Pinole Public Safety Building, below the police station, located at 800 Tennent Ave.) at 7:00 PM. Please note that this is not our usual meeting place

This month at our general meeting, Ira will be presiding while Joan is out of town, and we will welcome 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

As we enter the second week of fall and we adjust to the ever shifting weather, time seems to wind down towards the Holidays. Halloween will be here before we know it and we will have many festivities to participate in.

The Grand Opening of the Gallery Show "Autumn Repose" just passed, as did the Festival of the Arts. Both of these events brought many people through our doors, and led to a few sales. Everyone offered much praise for the artwork and our efforts as a group. The Festival of the Arts Quilt project was also a success. Lee Ann Miller of our local Garden

of Gems fell in love with the quilt and purchased it. How wonderful that the quilt will get to remain a local treasure.

The Library Show change-over will happen soon so make sure and stop by to check out the current show, "California Dreamin" before it comes down...then stop by for the reception of the new show, "Every Day Matters" on October 15th.

Even if you do not have the time to participate in the new Gallery and Library Shows, there will be many opportunities to show your support for the Arts and the Pinole Artisans. Joan is set to receive a much deserved award from the Arts and

Culture Commission of Contra Costa County at a public awards ceremony October 26th (see Important Dates and the Sept. newsletter for more info). We would also love to have your support at the City Council meeting on October 21 as we present our proposed beaded mural design for the City Council-Public Safety Plaza.

Also note that the next Board Meeting will not be until November. While you are welcome to attend, if you want to address a certain issue, you need to contact Joan (jlandisart@comcast.net) to be put on the Agenda.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Pinole Artisans,

By the time you are meeting this Friday, I will be lounging on the beach at "A" Bay, under a palm tree, pastels in hand, trying to capture the ambience of that lovely Bay and the play of the light on the water! While I am away, Ira and Penny will share the responsibility of chairing the Artisans Meeting and dealing with any problems that come up at the Art Center. I will have my cell phone with me, and it works very well in Hawaii!

Work is continuing on the mural projects. We will be presenting the completed bead plaque to the City Council on October 21, and would appreciate any Artisans who could come being there for that presentation. Work on planning the Bus Stop Mural should begin toward the end of the month.

"Autumn Repose" was installed in our Art Center last Thursday and reviews from members and guests have been very positive. We had several nice sales at the Grand Opening, and great cooperation in putting the event together. My deep thanks to all who helped!

Joyce Yamada has returned from her trek up Mt. Kilimanjaro! She

made it all the way to the top!!! It was a rather expensive way to go on a diet, but she is looking very svelte and satisfied. High fives to you Joyce!! We are looking forward to hearing about your adventure and seeing your photographs.

The Artisans meeting on October 3rd at 7:00PM will be held in the Alex Clark Room, below the Pinole Police Department. This is a change in venue for this meeting only, because the Pinole United Methodist Church had an activity going on in their meeting hall at the same time as our monthly meeting. The meeting should be very interesting, as Tony Molatore, photographer and Giclee producer extraordinaire will present some of his new innovations.

We have a nominating committee who are working hard to come up with people to fill out our Board of Directors. We thank them for their labors and look forward to the help that their efforts will bring to the Pinole Artisans.

I have a few reminders for all of you who are submitting art work to the Art Center: (1) The swamp cooler in the classroom is essentially dead. If anyone would like to have it with the intent to fix it please call me (510) 758-2935. If anyone is going to take items to the dump and has room to put this in with your load, call me. We will be glad to

pay for the dumping fee. (2) Because we do not have Garbage Service at the Center, those of us who use it must share in taking the garbage home with us. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort. (3) This is a reminder to the morning crew people at the Center...It is your responsibility to call the people who are to be in the Center the next day. Please give the phone numbers of each morning sitter to one another so that they can decide who will pick up the key.

We have an overall record of smooth operating. This is an amazing feat, considering that in any given week it takes 20+ people to work cooperatively to keep our doors open! Pat yourselves on the back for your success.

Your President,
Joan Landis



SEPTEMBER PEER AWARDS

1st Place: A two-way tie between John Darke for "How It's Done" depicting the wood carving process and Joan Landis for "Walrus Love" inspired by our two sessions of gourd painting and decorating

2nd Place: A three-way tie between Janette Walters for "Blue Mood," her bracelet of beaded-beads, Casey Storm-Northern for "Beast," a drawing of her boyfriend, and Emmy and Mommy for Emmy's diorama "Fishing Hut"

3rd Place: A three-way tie between Lila Banuelos for "Mr. Bojangles," inspired by her work with kids, Alan Vaughn for "Revelation," and Vergie Blackmon for her ceramic "Bowl with Face"

Don't forget that each month we encourage you to bring your art work to share at each general meeting, where we will do peer awards.

ARTISANS BULLETIN BOARD

Exhibit at the Pinole Senior Center:

At present, there are four artists showing their work—Jean Fisk-watercolors, J. Baba-acrylics, Joan Landis-pastels, Martha Neville-Oils. They have also recently added two poems by Claire Baker. Anyone interested in exhibiting there can contact Martha Neville at mbgn1@comcast.net.

Support Our Troops: Jean Fisk's daughter Marilyn is a middle school teacher at Stewart School in Pinole and runs the Leadership Club. One of their projects this year is to collect cell phones that you don't use anymore. They are refurbished and sent to the military in Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. so that the soldiers can call home for free. If you have any of these, please save them and bring them to Jean at the next meeting or leave them at the Pinole United Methodist Church or at the Pinole Art Center.

I (Amanda Bruun) am also volunteering with Their Angels, a local organization that assembles care packages to send to our troops abroad. As the fall gets into swing and the Holidays quickly approach, we will need more donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards purchasing snacks, powdered drinks, candies, shavers, etc... or would like to donate items (which must be individually packaged), or if you would like to find out more, please let me know at PinoleArtisans@yahoo.com. We are also always hoping for more handwritten cards and notes of encouragement, support, and prayers to include with each care package.

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 IraN-Rich01@aol.com.

POET'S CORNER

To A Sick Geranium

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Come on, old girl,
we're tougher than that,
you and I.
We can surmount
a little droop,
a little falling-off
of petal.
What if our leaves
turn brown
and curl
to the edges
of that old wind.
Time is a circumstance
and you and I
still have
a season in it.

Commentary by Claire Baker

Note how the poet "cuts to the chase." A less-skilled poet might have

"set the stage" with: I was feeling low, old, worn. And then I saw a droopy geranium. Joyce sets the poem's mood in the title and first two lines. She identifies with this geranium and addresses it, a figure of speech (device) often used by poets and called an "apostrophe:" words addresses to a person or thing, whether present or absent. Metaphors and similies (more familiar to us) also are figures of speech, all of which help advance a poet's means of expression.

I admire the alliteration of "I's" starting at "a little droop," then falling petal, leaves and two lines later, curl. Very nice. I like the wind having "edges" and being "old."

The ending I interpret something like: As long as we're alive, we are part of time/life whatever our season(s) may be. This place in the poem, this "you and I" sounds universal, not lim-

ited to the poet and the plant. I admire the brave, defiant tone here and from the start. All words hold their own, the exact right words. And this poet is a master of line breaks which can affect the way the poem is read...You might try addressing a poem to your child, to a friend, to your house or to a pet or work of art, etc. Here it took only an aging geranium to inspire a haunting true-to-life poem.

Claire J. Baker, Poet
Pinole Artisans Member

Note: I thank Joyce Odam, a poetry friend of many years for use of "To A Sick Geranium," which she told me first speared in *Manifold #24* (Yule 1967) England, and later appeared on her illustrated bookmark which I cherish.

PINOLE ART CENTER CLASSES

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.

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 "Sea Turtle."

Bob Ross Landscapes with Lorena: In this beginning-intermediate class with certified Bob Ross instructor Lorena Fink, you will work on "The Mittens" which are silhouetted against a fiery desert sunset.

PMC Charms "101" : In this class you will use PMC+ to make charms for a charm bracelet, with many different options to choose from, including making charms for earrings or pendants, and sterling silver bracelets available for purchase.

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

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.

Embossing 101: Discover the "magic" of embossing powders using heat tools and hot pots. Learn how to make unique embellishments and decorate stationery and one of a kind jewelry with Grace Taormina.

Scrapbooking with Melinda: Offering a Disney themed class, a Disney "Bambi" class, and a Scrapbooking basics II 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.

Introduction to Airbrush with Joe Shaw: Classes by appointment. Hands on airbrush lessons. Students will learn what equipment to use and how to use it effectively, leaving with a booklet of information and a piece of artwork made by you.

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, October 1st, 2008: Last day of the Library Show “California Dreamin’,”

Pick up art between 10AM-12noon, new artwork installation

General Meeting: Friday, October 3rd, 2008 at the Alex Clark Room 7:00PM

Wednesday, October 15th, 2008: Library Show Reception from 7:00-8:30PM

Tuesday, October 21st, 2008: Presentation of Beaded Plaque for Mural to Pinole City Council

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) 646-2278

Thursday, November 6th, 2008: Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00PM Art Center Classroom

Friday, November 7th, 2008: General Meeting 7:00PM

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”

Wednesday, January 14th, 2009: Last Day of the Library Show “Every Day Matters”

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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