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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, NOVEMBER 7TH, 7:00 PM

NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION

Join us as we return to our usual meeting place at the **Pinole United Methodist Church** (located at 2000 San Pablo Avenue, just past the Bus Stop Mural) at 7:00pm.

This month at our general meeting, we will be welcoming Joan back from Hawaii and Joyce Yamada back from her trek up Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. (Many congrats Joyce!) Joyce will be our featured speaker of the evening as she tells us about her journey, accompanied with a slide/film presentation.

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

We have just turned back our clocks for fall, marking the end of daylight savings time and preparing us for the winter that awaits just around the corner. Our first rainstorm of the season has passed and the Holiday Season is almost in full swing. Can you believe that Thanksgiving is just three weeks away?!

They say that time flies when you are having fun - and fun we have been having. Our passion for art has been both fun and kept us busy as the organization expands. This past year we have welcomed

many new members, contributed to a number of public art projects, successfully run a gallery for almost a year now (1 full year later this month), held a variety of art classes, and offered a number of shows.

So now, while the economy seems to be in a (dare I say it) recession, and large and small retailers across the country are unsure about what to expect this Holiday Season, we still have much to celebrate. Let art, people and Holiday cheer fill our gallery as we welcome the next show, entitled "Holiday Antics." Let that cheer and celebra-

tion of our accomplishments in the arts bring people into the gallery.

Since people are going to be tightening their financial belts overall, they will be looking for even more meaningful gifts. What better way to say that than with something carefully hand-crafted by a local Artisan. Encourage your friends and family to come by to do some Christmas shopping, or to pick up Holiday cards. I think we still have much to look forward to this year, so don't forget to check the back page for important dates to remember.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Aloha Members (The Spirit of Hawaii is still with me),

Our current show at the Art Center (Autumn Repose) is going well. I thank all of you who have filled in the empty places in our schedule. On November 20 we will be receiving art work for the Holiday Show entitled "Holiday Antics." There will be a SIGN UP list at the next meeting (November 7) for you to indicate your desire to participate in this show. (Only previous show entrants are able to participate). The Holiday Show will end on January 8th. Don't forget that we will need decorations for our Holiday Tree, which will go up shortly after Thanksgiving. Please include the tree decorations in your collection of artwork delivered November 20, and use the OTHER Inventory List to describe and price these

items.

Unfortunately, our plans for the City Hall Plaza Mural are currently on hold until after the election, and the budget for doing the mural will be less than we anticipated. All of us are hurting financially, including the State funding and City funding. We must look forward and hope for recovery soon.

My thanks to all the Pinole Artisans who showed up at the AC5 Award Event. Your presence gave me comfort and support. It is my hope that this award will give the Pinole Artisans legitimacy, and open up opportunities for us in the months to come. Keep painting, beading, sculpting, drawing, and expressing yourselves with art. Your spirit and creativity are important to others and to our community!

Hawaii, was of course, wonderful and I came home with enough pho-

tographs to keep me painting for at least another year. More than a beautiful place though, for me it is a place for spiritual renewal and again this year that was the case. The mighty Mauna Kea, which we saw from our windows and deck, was especially spectacular this year; and the sea turtles came out on our beach to nap and gave us a fabulous photo op. It was a great vacation!

Joan Landis,
President
Pinole Artisans Foundation



POET'S CORNER

In Passing

© Claire J. Baker

The look
on your calm face
as now we meet by chance...
When I seek your eyes' truth, you look
past me.

Commentary by Claire Baker

"In Passing" is a Cinquain: five lines of 2, 4, 6, 8, 2 syllables (or sounds) respectively...In this form, the poet has the challenge to select words carefully for utmost impact in a small space...

Visual artists know that less can be more—a suggestion, a hint, the understated. In other words, let the viewer or reader fill in what is not painted, written, etc. Then the appreciator realizes part ownership or creation of the piece, a joy one remembers.

Tomye, an accomplished painter friend who uses acrylics and gouache, once purposefully left a squarish bare canvas space (about 2"x2") in the lower mid portion of her finished painting hung in The Art of Being Black yearly show at the Richmond

Art Center. That bare section drove me crazy until I, a relative non-painter, began to imagine what I would wish in that space. My doing so surprised and delighted me. I have entered Tomye's painting.

For anyone wanting to try a poem, the Cinquain is a KIND form. You already have the above outline...The word choice is strictly yours. Good luck.

Claire J. Baker, Poet
Member, Pinole Artisans

PINOLE ART CENTER CLASSES

Art with Vickie: “Uniquely ME!” is a continuation of acrylic painting, for kids 8 and up in which they will launch a self-esteem project by doing self portraits.

Madden Watercolor with Lorena: In this beginning-intermediate class with Madden Certified Teacher Lorena Fink, you will spend 6 hours bringing the “Koi Pool” to life.

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 “New Portland Lighthouse.”

Bob Ross Landscape with Lorena: In this beginning-intermediate class offered by Certified Bob Ross Instructor Lorena Fink, you will work on “Mountain Majesty” over 6 hours.

Altered Books: Transform a used book into a unique art journal, exploring a variety of techniques such as color washing, antiquing, masking, collage, image transfer and much more to create pages in your book to commemorate occasions or a pictorial history of your life and interests. Bring a used book to 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.

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

Melinda’s Bead Night: You bring whatever bead project you want to work on. Get together with others to exchange ideas and have fun.

Melinda’s Crop Night: Whether you’re an experienced scrap-booker, or a beginner, bring your photos to crop and drinks to accompany snacks provided by Melinda, to get you going. Space is limited, but there are 4 evenings scheduled (3 more left this month).

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. (Please note that this class was held Nov. 2)

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.

Watercolor Techniques Class with Ira Nelken: This class is



“Koi Pool” - Lorena Fink

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.

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.

BULLETIN BOARD

Library Art: The Pinole Library is asking for help in putting together some classes for children in the summer of 2009. Anyone interested should contact :

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OCTOBER PEER AWARDS

1st Place: Alan Vaughn for “Before the Storm.”

2nd Place: Sharon Banuelos for “Hunting Beach Pier.”

3rd Place: A two-way tie between Noel Wilcox for “The Masks of Life” and Jim Davis for “Portrait of Jen.”

Congrats to all of you who have received awards for your art. Doesn't it feel great to share your artwork and know that other people are connecting with it?! 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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, November 5th, 2008: Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00PM Art Center Front Room

Friday, November 7th, 2008: General Meeting 7:00PM at the Pinole United Methodist Church

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.

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