

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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OUR FIRST ANNUAL
HOLIDAY DINNER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 7:00PM

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Please join us for our first meeting of 2009 - at the **Pinole United Methodist Church** (our usual meeting place, located at 2000 San Pablo Avenue, just past the Bus Stop Mural) at 7:00pm.

Please bring your checkbooks (or cash) to pay for membership dues, which are \$35 as of January 1st. (Please know that if you have financial hardship assistance may be available for membership dues-just speak to Joan or Ira). It is also important that you renew your membership before the February meeting, at which time we will be having Elections for the Board of Directors of the Pinole Artisans Foundation. In order for the election to take place at the meeting and to allow for nominations from the floor, we need a quorum (according to our bylaws, 50%+1 of our official membership). Please make sure you have paid your membership dues for the 2009 year and that you are present at the meeting.

We will also be having guest speakers at our January meeting. For more details, please see The Letter from the President, and visit www.SilkRoadHouse.org.

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



Photo by Alan Vaughn

FOUNDATION EVENTS & INFORMATION

Please note that the Gallery and Classroom at the Art Center will be closed on Wednesday, December 31st—New Year's Eve. Take-In and Installation for the Gallery Show "A New Beginning" will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, January 6th and 8th respectively. Joan will need assistance with this show change-over due to knee surgery. If you are available to help, be sure to give her a call.

Along with an increase in membership dues to \$35 in 2009, the Board of Directors is also considering an in-

crease in the percentage commission that the Foundation takes from Gallery Sales. The Board will be looking at a proposal for a gradual increase which would put us more on par with what other local galleries collect for commission, and helps us to plan and secure our financial future as an organization.

It is very important that you renew your membership before the February meeting and Elections, as we will be going by official 2009 membership count to see if we meet the requirement of a quorum (50%+1 according to

our bylaws) in order to hold the elections. You **MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE**.

The names on the ballot are as follows (note: we will also be taking nominations from the floor):

*Vickie Resso: re-election 4 year term (until 2013)

*Penny Bledsoe: re-election 5 year term (until 2014)

*Jean Fisk: re-election 5 year term (until 2014)

*Cheryl Johnson: election 2 year term (until 2011)

*Melinda Wasilchin: election 5 year term (until 2014)

*Joyce Yamada: election 4 year term (until 2013).

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

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

My wish for all is a creative and successful New Year. This year has passed very quickly for me and I am sad for the impact of the financial crunch that is hurting everyone, but have faith that by working together we can find our way to security again. Pinole Artisans is a wonderful organization, and we must continue to inspire with our art! We need it, and the community needs it!

On January 8 we will install our first show of 2009, "A New Beginning," in the Pinole Art Center. If I have missed sending entrance forms to anyone who wants to be in the show please call me (758-2935) and let me know. Take-In is Tuesday January 6, from 10:30-4:30.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be Friday, January 2, at the Pinole United Methodist Church, at 7:00 PM. Our speakers for this meeting will be Alma Kunabaeva and Izaly Zemtsovsky, of the Silk Road House

organization in Berkeley, CA. Alma is President of the Silk Road House and a visiting Professor at Stanford University. They will present a program entitled "Ornaments and Symbols of Nomads." Silk Road House celebrates the value of sharing cultural traditions as a way of bringing people together in appreciation of each other.

Our Holiday Celebration Dinner was a great success! Congrats to Vickie Resso who coordinated it and made it work to everyone's pleasure; and to Jean Fisk and her young Bell Ringers for marvelous musical entertainment. For those who haven't heard, our profit from that event was around \$750!!!

Our February Meeting will be a very important meeting, and I urge all of you to mark your calendars to be at that meeting. It is our annual election of Board Members, some new, some up for renewal. It is your opportunity to be a part of the process that will

keep Pinole Artisans going into the future. We need a quorum present in order to vote. If we don't have this number the ballots will have to be mailed out at great expense!

I thank all of you for your concern and prayers for my husband, Don. He is making good progress and has avoided all the bad complications that can come from this type of injury. He is anxious to be back to normal and a little impatient for it all to go away.

Happy New Year!

Your President
Joan Landis



POET'S CORNER

IN THE WINTER FOG

by Tanya Joyce

In the winter fog
The dog's wet footprints
Spread like morning glories
On the asphalt.

Commentary by Claire J. Baker

Though the subject here is winter, this poem is warm and colorful: a dog's paws forming "morning glories," a surprising simile that provides a vivid picture. We may remember how rain on street grease sometimes shines with pastels. Of course, one must think to look for such surprises. Tanya, who lives in Emeryville, is an accomplished artist as well as a poet. This poem came from her personally illustrated collection entitled *Celestial Animals*, (c) 2006. She has visited our gallery and was impressed.

Claire J. Baker, Poet
Pinole Artisans Member

Art with Vickie: This class will give kids ages 8-12 varied experiences with painting and clay.

Madden Watercolor with Lorena: This beginning-intermediate class taught by Lorena Fink, a Madden certified teacher, offers you the opportunity to paint “Koi Pool” over the 6 hour class period.

Bob Ross Landscapes with Lorena: In this beginning-intermediate class offered by Lorena Fink, Certified Bob Ross Instructor, you will work on “Southwest Saguaro,” which you can view at her website: www.LorenasWorld.com.

Madden Watercolor with Penny: This beginning– intermediate class is presented by Madden Certified Teacher Penny Bledsoe. This month’s painting is called “Cactus Flower.”

Murals Demystified, 12 week class: In this class, you will work with Semion to design and make a mural. You will also study the history, design fundamentals, and techniques of making a mural. Then you will have the opportunity to apply what you have learned by designing and completing a mural, using materials determined by the class.

Jewelry Finishing with Jill: This jewelry class is appropriate for all skill levels, teen to adult. You will have the opportunity to make your own 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.

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



“Koi Pool” Madden Watercolor Class with Lorena

Peyote Beading with Casey: Learn to make unique peyote stitch earrings and jewelry in this freeform class, held 5 times in January.

Melinda’s Crop Night: Whether you’re an experienced scrap-booker, or a beginner, this night’s for you. Cost of \$10 includes food, but you are also welcome to bring your own drinks. Space is limited, but there are 2 evenings scheduled this month.

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.

DECEMBER PEER AWARDS

FINE ART

1st Place: A tie between Roy Javellana for his carved wood walking stick with a gorilla, an alligator, and a snake
And Semion for his oil painting of “Pan.”

2nd Place: Emily Goetsch for her images of her and her brother on hanging price tags, done with ink and felt pen.

3rd Place: Gony Solidum for his “Cable Car” painting, one of a set of twelve, done only with a palette knife.

JEWELRY

1st Place: Anne Goetsch for her earring and bracelet set.

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.

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Library Show: “It’s All About Love!”

Well, it is, isn’t it? Love your neighbor, the love of your life, love of art, love of country, love those little sprouts we brought into the world, your pet, your home. What and who do you love? Search your artwork old and new, and let’s share it with the world in the next Pinole Library Show. **Take-In dates are set for January 17 and 18, 2009**— or by special arrangement.

Jim Davis and Stanley Satchel have generously agreed to take over some of the duties of the Library Show (thanks guys!). The reception will be scheduled for February. Please watch the newsletter and e-mail for announcements.

OK. For now get inspired and paint or photograph something for this show!

-Vickie Resso (758-3558)

Holiday Dinner Fund-Raiser: The following is a message from Vickie Resso.

“Wow! What a dynamic, energetic, generous group of artistic, good-looking folks!

Thanks to your donations, attendance at the Fundraiser Holiday Dinner, and the purchase of raffle tickets, we made \$765 at our December meeting.

Thank you, Board of Directors, who helped set-up, decorate, clean-up, manage money, and EVERYONE who pitched in to make this event a success. Thanks also to Jean Fisk and the PUMC Shalom Bell Ringers for the wonderful entertainment.

I am already thinking about a costume dinner in the spring.

-Vickie”

2009 Refreshments Volunteers Needed: The following is a message from Jean Fisk.

“Dear Fellow Artisans,

I forgot to bring a list to the December meeting so everyone could sign up to bring refreshments for the 2009 monthly meetings. It’s simple to do: just bring goodies for about 40 people, make hot water and coffee (Joan has the supplies and also the plates and napkins), then clean up afterward. Also, it is great if you can help set up chairs if needed. Just e-mail me with whatever month is good for you. I need 2 people each month. Thanks.

-Jean Fisk” (Elmerandjean@aol.com)

Art Center Teacher’s Announcement: Penny has requested that teacher’s turn in money from their classes as soon as possible following your class so that deposits and book-keeping entries can be made in the month the class was held. Please have money to Penny by the 25th of the month (unless your class is held after the 25th of the month); you can drop it off at the Gallery and Penny will pick it up.

Teachers, we also would like to remind you that it is important to clean up the room after every single class. That means vacuuming, cleaning table tops, emptying the coffee pot and filter, taking garbage home with you, etc.

Gallery reminders: there’s a lot of us rotating in and out of the Gallery on sitting duty, and when we’re all not there frequently, it can be hard to remember some procedures. That’s why I’m offering a few reminders. Procedures for opening and closing are always available for review in the binder on the desk. Basically, be sure to clean up (especially any food, drink, coffee), lock-up (all doors inside the building, as well as doors leading to the outside, and set the alarm) and review procedures for making sales.

It is fairly important that we are putting down the correct information on our sales slips. Make sure each sales slip has the name of the person making the sale, the item number, description, and name of the artist who created it, the payment method, and the customer’s contact information. All of these pieces of information are important for several reasons: (1) for book keeping (2) in case of failed transaction (3) for marketing purposes, so we can mail likely return customers notification of upcoming shows and sales. Please collect customer’s name, address, and phone number. Address is not necessary if the customer refuses, but their name is. An e-mail address is always a plus because we can do e-mail marketing for free.

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 :

Dori DeCommer
Youth Services Librarian
Pinole Library
2935 Pinole Valley Road
Pinole, CA 94564
(510) 758-2741 ext. 13
ddecemme@ccclib.org

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, December 30th, 2008: Board of Directors Mtg. 7PM at Art Center Classroom

Wednesday, December 31st, 2008: The Pinole Art Center Closed for New Year's Eve

Friday, January 2nd, 2009: First General Meeting of 2009 at the Pinole United Methodist Church, 7PM

Tuesday, January 6th, 2009: Take-In for the first Gallery Show of 2009 from 10:30AM-4:30PM

Thursday, January 8th, 2009: Last Day of the Gallery Show "Holiday Antics"

Installation of the new Gallery Show "A New Beginning"

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

Sat. and Sun. January 17 & 18th, 2009: Take-In Dates for the next Library Show "It's All About Love!"

February: Reception for the Library Show TBA

Friday, February 6th, 2009: General Meeting, **Board of Directors Elections**

Tuesday, March 10th, 2009: Take-In for the Gallery Show

Thursday, March 12th, 2009: Last Day of the Gallery Show "New Beginnings"

Installation of the new Gallery Show

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

President—Joan Landis (510) 758-2935, President@PinoleArtisans.org

Vice President—Ira Nelken (510) 222-9668, VicePresident@PinoleArtisans.org

Secretary—Amanda Bruun (510) 499-1283, Secretary@PinoleArtisans.org, PinoleArtisans@yahoo.com

Treasurer—Penny Bledsoe, Treasurer@PinoleArtisans.org

Founder and Board Member—Vickie Resso (510) 758-3558, Info@PinoleArtisans.org

Board Members: Roy Javellana, Jean Fisk, and Semion Mirkin

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