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Supporting art in the community, working with the schools and with artists

December 2009 NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! It is a busy time for us all as we celebrate with our family and friends. I hope that our yearly party, Saturday, December 08, will be part of your holiday plans. This month will be my last month as your President. It has been an active two years, representing PAA and sharing your dreams for the organization. I think that moving our meeting site to the Petaluma Art Center was a positive change for us and we are still adjusting to the new location.

We have had 2 successful Art in the Park and Library Shows and I have worked with many dedicated members, who have willingly given hours of volunteer time to put up shows, prepare newsletters, worked on our web site, schedule meeting programs and help setup meetings and refreshments. I appreciate your support and working with members who volunteered for the Board positions and served as Treasurer, Vice President and the Secretary. I also want to thank Elaine Larson for volunteering to serve as Treasurer starting next year. Now we need a volunteer to serve as President!

This past year we have been working with an attorney to get in a position to re-file for non-profit status and it looks like we might be successful in this endeavor and I would like to continue serving to complete this project along with Karen West and her husband, Marshall. I have also noted that I would be willing to serve as liason to interface with the newsletter and the web site projects.

This organization is all volunteers and we want and need you to take part in our activities, venues and various committees to keep PAA running smoothly. **PAA is your club, and provides you with venues to show and sell your art work and support art programs in the schools of Petaluma.**

At our January 16 meeting from 11 AM to 3PM, we will be setting goals for the coming year, and you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion and sign up for various committees. So don't miss it! The meeting will be at the United Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, 825 Middlefield Dr. (our previous meeting location)

If you have suggestions that you think would be beneficial to our group or goals, please let us know by providing a written suggestion to one of our Board members or send an e-mail to paaboard@petalumaarts.org or better yet come to the meetings.

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Membership Information:

2010 membership dues are due commencing Jan 1 2010 and become delinquent on Mar 31. For now membership forms, rates and types are the same as last year and are provided on our web site at www.petalumaarts.org. The membership directory on our website will be updated again for 2010 to contain contact information for all current members. It is recommended to visit the site and double check that your information is correct and displays as you would like it to. Please contact Greg Reisinger should you like to change any of the information or cannot find your name.

December Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 8 we will have our annual holiday party, at the United Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall (our previous meeting location) 825 Middlefield Rd.

Plan to join us at PAA's annual holiday party. We will enjoy a pot luck dinner, with turkey, ham and all the trimmings. PAA provides wine, soft drinks, coffee and tea, the turkey and ham. You get to bring the "Trimmings". If you haven't signed up yet, contact Rita Young at 762-2801. There will be an optional gift exchange (white elephant or \$5 item). Family and friends are invited. We will be "Green", which means we are requesting that you bring your own plates and flatware. (We will have paper plates and plastic "silver" just in case)

Directions to United Church of Christ: Petaluma Blvd. South south to Mountain View Ave, turn left. Turn left on Mission. One block to top of hill, turn right and left at first driveway to parking lot and Recreation Hall. Call Lee Strauss (762-8622) or Pat Marshall (763-2308), co-chairmen if you have questions. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

2010 Library Show

Tracy Bigelow Grisman and her committee for the Spring Art Show at the Library met and has started making plans for our annual show in March. If you are interested in being part of the planning, the next meeting for the committee will be December 16, 1 to 2, at the Petaluma Library.

Congratulations to Us!

Although our bank balance was not as good and we would have liked, we were able to approve Grants to the following schools, Santa Rosa Junior College (Scholarships), Petaluma High School, Grant School and Miwok Elementary School.

Program Notes

Susan Adams presented our program in November. Susan, a former member of PAA and a popular artist and teacher demonstrated painting a still life in watercolor. It is always a magic time to watch a painting come to life as colors are applied directly, with confidence.

Members Gallery and Venue Information

Remember that Petaluma Art Galleries host Downtown Art Walks the 2nd Friday each month (Dec. 5 and Jan. 9)

Riverfront Art Gallery: December Events, Guest and New Artists at Riverfront Art Gallery, Petaluma Through January 10, 2010, Photographs by Lance Kuehne from his 2010 calendar.

Aurora Colors Gallery and Glass and Art Center: Exhibits of paintings by resident artists and hand made gift items by local artisans. Original photogravures and orotones of Native Americans are on the second floor, including works by Curtis, Pillsbury, Moon, Wrensted, Huffman and Gifford. Through Dec. 24.

Pelican Art Gallery: Reopened, remodeled, and ready to show you new and exciting work including performing art.

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From Vangie, The pleasure we, the artists, and the community have had in Petaluma's Old Opera House must end. February, 2010 would have been four years since we moved here. We think of our time here as a stepping stone to what we have yet to create. Our glass business is the only full service stained glass business in Sonoma County. I, Vangie, will continue as personal agent for most of our resident artists and will maintain an online gallery of their works and other consignments of fine art. We will have a new cyberspace operating in early 2010. Aurora Colors has a lot of large furniture and will be posting it for sale soon.

Petaluma Arts Center: Annual Members' Art Exhibition "Small Works in Hard Times" to January 4, 2010 (includes works by several PAA members.)

Salon Series: December 17, 7:00 to 9:00 : "Now What" Moderator Vicky Kumpfer, Executive Director Petaluma Arts Center. How has this economy affected you as an artist and what are you gonna do about it?

New Stuff:

We are trying to add a section to the newsletter providing **Hints, Tips & Sales** that can be provided by the membership. Please try to keep it brief and send it to news@petalumaarts.org . For the time being we will place one article per month in the newsletters. Art related items for sale, can be listed with your name, contact info and price if applicable, in upcoming issues. This does not include finished paintings, etc. or real estate

Class & Teacher information may be found at:
www.petalumaarts.org/findateacher

If you have any suggestions or art related news items please send it to news@petalumaarts.org . Submit your requests directly in the email to Pat Marshall, patmarshall@juno.com. The due date for Newsletter articles will normally be the first Wednesday after the Board Meeting.

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PAA SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS 2010

Month	speaker	topic/title	chair
Jan 16	Planning meeting		
Feb. 2	Barry Kite	Photo collage	Virginia Johnson
March 2	Sterling Koffmann	Acrylics	Barbara Hardin
April 6	Carol Larson	From Fiber to Fine Art	Donna von E
April 10	Fieldtrip metal works	Ho Humphey	Donna von E
May 4	Sandy Frank	Figurative Sculpture	Muriel Knapp
May 15	Fieldtrip Art in the Garden Tours		Donna von E
June 1	Group Show and Tell		Darold Graves
July 6	Susan Cornelis		Darold Graves

This schedule may be revised as needed but is provided to give you a list of scheduled events.