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**We support arts in the community, art in local schools, and artists in art related activities.**

## Petaluma Arts Association April Newsletter

**The regular meeting this month will be Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7 PM**

WE HOLD OUR REGULAR MEETINGS AT THE PETALUMA ART CENTER. The Board will be at 6 PM and the regular meeting will start at 7 PM, followed by a coffee break. The Program will start at about 8 PM. Enter on Washington Street, across from the Longs shopping complex, at the driveway for the Visitors Center and exit on D Street.

### PROGRAM: **Marc Schmid, Caricature Artist**

Marc's father was a Caricature Artist, working for Disney for many years and Marc picked up the skill from him, and they worked together for 20 years. Marc attended the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland and then became an apprentice. His Grandfather was also an artist, and Marc says, "Art has been in my blood for centuries". Marc is also a musician, and is still writing and performing music. His old band, The Old Grey Zipper, is part of a display at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. The program sounds like it will push us beyond the usual definition of "art".

March program recap by Tracy Bigelow Grisman:

Our beloved Pat Marshall gave a delightful presentation at the PAA March meeting's program. Her topic was creating art while you are traveling. She shared some of Frank's and her experiences through the years and on how they managed to keep their artistic "chops" up and the value of painting and drawing from life. While showing us an amazing collection of sketches and paintings from their archives, you could really see how dedicated these two lifelong artists are I thought ... here are some real artists.

How fun does that sound to travel and paint and draw a la prima?

Pat and Frank will normally travel with a group and then use their personal time to make art and capture the beauty first hand. She said that most of the time the tour guides and folks in her travels are more than accommodating to an artist's needs. As she showed us the beautiful paintings and sketches she explained that one could never just take a snap shot and be able to capture the scene with the same emotion as when one spends the time to look at the scene, study it, then draw it. She showed us her little bag of goodies they take with them a very light efficient bag with just the essential materials needed. When they were younger, traveling on a shoestring budget they had to really be aware of the essentials. "Traveling around Europe for five months making art ,,...let me hear you say awww, poor baby"

Near the end of the presentation she passed out sketch paper and pencils and we did a couple quick sketches of our model (Frank). Pat instructed us to approach the exercise by focusing on the form, not the line, by drawing in masses of midtone first.

Pat's energy was simply infectious as this amazing artist and teacher shared her and Frank's passion. Thanks Pat!

**Next months ( May 5 ) program will feature a painting demonstration by local artist Camile Przwodek and June 2 will be a kelp basket demonstration by Donna von Edelkrantz**

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**Membership Information:**

**2009 membership dues are due and became delinquent on Mar 31.** Membership fees and levels are the same as last year and are provided on our web site at [www.petalumaarts.org](http://www.petalumaarts.org) . The membership directory on our website will be updated for 2009 to contain contact information for all current members. Greg Reisinger is the chairman for the Membership Committee this year.

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**2009 PAA LIBRARY SHOW WAS SWEET SUCCESS THIS YEAR:** **The venue is usually one of fun, creativity and down home community vibes.** With the help from such a fantastic, experienced team, it made my first time ever as a chairperson a pleasurable experience. Much thanks goes to the committee, Belu, Virginia, Phyllis, Muriel, Elda, Lee, Richard, Jan, Emily and Pat for their dedication and expertise. Also a big thank you to all the hard working folks that helped to put up and take the show down. Lynn, Renee, Hedda, David C. Ho, Muriel, Elda, Lori, Darold, Belu, Lee, Malvika Virginia, Marilee, Rita, Michelle, Pat and Frank Marshall. I hope I didn't forget anyone. Lily Kwong graciously donated bookmarkers, two panels with Chinese calligraphy, and 40 of her books for the PAA to sell at events for \$10.00 and her lovely flower arrangements. Library Show Stats: 40 PAA members submitted artwork. A total of 111 pieces of art went on display. 13 pieces sold for a total amount of \$1085.00 (I think). Congratulations to the selling artists: Dee, Virginia, Belu, Renee, Hedda, Beverly, and Karen. (Artists are reminded that a 15% commission is payable to PAA on all work sold at a PAA sponsored event.) Our guest book has 482 signatures but I'm guessing that only about 70% of those who came in to see the exhibit signed it. The reception was a gay event and well attended with great food and drinks thanks to Virginia, Emily and her team from the Friends of the Library. Reported by Tracy Bigelow Grisman, Chairman.

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• **52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art in the Park**

**CALL FOR ENTRIES POSTER CONTEST**

Entries for the poster contest will need to be submitted no later that 5 pm, June 1, to the Pelican Art Gallery.

Guide lines:

- Must be created by a member of PAA
- Must include the gazebo
- May be either landscape or portrait orientation
- Must shrink down to a 5" by 7" image

Submit a 5”by7” photo (not the original artwork) of the entry via one of the following means:

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1. Email the image to [post@pelicanart.com](mailto:post@pelicanart.com)
  2. Drop 5” by 7” photo of entry at Pelican Art Gallery, 143 Petaluma Blvd. N. no later than 5pm Tuesday, June 2, 2009
  3. Mail to PAA, PO Box 2623, Petaluma CA 94953, postmarked no later than Wednesday, June 2, 2009

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We will vote on the winner at the June PAA meeting, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Thank you for your energy towards making this the best Art in the Park! Questions to Linda Postenrieder, (707-773-3393) or to one of the Board members.

The exhibit of PAA members work at the Mayor’s office and City Council Chambers will continue for another 2 months. Sixteen artists are showing 24 pieces.

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### **President’s Message**

We all feel a great loss by the sudden death of our friend and member of the Petaluma Arts Association, JoAnn Naylor. We will miss her calm, quiet but determined energy. JoAnn worked tirelessly getting Spirit of Color off the ground and worked hard to make it successful in several venues. She was active on other committees, a fine artist, always warm and friendly and willing to try new things. She was also active with the Petaluma Arts Council. We join her many friends to offer condolences to her family. Plans for a memorial service are still being worked out. We will let you know time and place when arrangements are firm.

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### **Member News**

Active member Tricia Perkey will be moving to Texas shortly. Tricia served as membership chairman for several years. We wish her safe travel, and good luck in her new home. We will miss her sparkle.

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### **Hints and Tips (from Pat Marshall)**

Great color is all around us, especially green! And I think green is the hardest color to paint. There are so many different greens here. (In Ireland I was frustrated by the green there. It was all “Kelly Green”, hills, fields, trees!) With watercolor, be aware that lemon yellow has white in it. When you mix with it, you will get grey. For a bright fresh grassy green, use Cadmium Yellow light (or pale) to lighten your green. My favorite light, bright, new grass green is Viridian Green and Cad. Yellow light. To move your green back, for distance, add alizarin crimson. Change your greens with reds and different yellows. Experiment and make some simple color charts. Keep your palette simple with one green (I prefer viridian) and two yellows and two reds.

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**Your Hints, Tips & Sales are welcome.** Please try to keep it brief and send it to [news@petalumaarts.org](mailto:news@petalumaarts.org) . 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. If you have any suggestions or art related news items please send it to [news@petalumaarts.org](mailto:news@petalumaarts.org) or to Pat Marshall, [patmarshall@juno.com](mailto:patmarshall@juno.com) or 763-2308. Help is needed writing a short articles for a “Member Profile”. Also this past year an “Unsung Hero” has been featured in the Newsletter. Let Pat know if you have any suggestions for a “Hero”, or a member profile.

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**2009 Events Calendar:**

Apr 7	Regular Meeting, 7pm Program Caricatures Marc Schmid
May thru Sept	Art on the River Show Pending
May 5	Regular Meeting, 7pm Program Painting Demo Camille Przwodek
June 2	Regular Meeting, 7pm Kelp Basket Donna von Edelkrantz
July 7	Regular Meeting, 7pm Critique
August 4	Regular Meeting, 7pm Program Paper Making Pat Marshall
September 1	Regular Meeting, 7pm Program Painting Demo Joan Hoffman
Sep 12 & 13	Art in the Park Show
October 6	Regular Meeting, 7pm Open
November 3	Regular Meeting, 7pm Program Paint Demo Susan Adams
December 1	Regular Meeting, 7pm
Holiday Party	Date & Place pending