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

A NEW YEAR, A NEW DECADE, TIME FOR NEW IDEAS, TIME FOR YOU TO BE INVOLVED!

**April Meeting, Tuesday, April 6,
Board Meeting 6 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m., Program 8 p.m.
Petaluma Art Center Building, Class room**

PROGRAM: Carol Larson: From Fiber to Fine Art

Textile artist Carol Larson will present a retrospective of her work. With cloth as canvas and thread as her paint, Larson's work has evolved from a quilting heritage to fine art. Using dyes, paints, original imagery and stitch she creates one-of-a-kind fabric collage. She has exhibited and sold her work internationally including the James Irvine Foundation of San Francisco. She is a member of the ACCI Gallery in Berkeley as well as several professional art organizations. Her work may be viewed on her website www.live2dye.com

All of our programs have been exceptional. Last month, Sterling Hoffman, a Sonoma County Plein Air painter demonstrated oil painting. He painted a seascape while describing his process and answering our questions at the same time. It was an outstanding presentation. All of our programs have been of value to any one interested in art. Invite interested friends to find out what PAA is all about.



If you have suggestions that you think would be beneficial to our group or our goals, now is the time to speak up. You can also give a written suggestion to one of our Board members or send an e-mail to paaboard@petalumaarts.org. PAA is a member oriented organization. The more you become involved, the more you benefit and the more PAA can grow.

Membership Reminder...March 31 due date

2010 membership dues are due commencing Jan 1 2010 and become delinquent on Mar 31. 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 is displayed as you would like to see it. Please contact Greg Reisinger should you like to change any of the information or cannot find your name. New name tags are being made.

Studio Tour and Demonstration of Metal Techniques by Ho Humphrey
Saturday, April 10, 10 to 11:30 am, 607 Prospect St.

Please park on north side of street or on Howard St.

Ho will present us with an overview of the methods and techniques he utilizes to create his unique works of art. The presentation will include wall hangings, mobiles, and his interesting three dimensional pieces. Ho uses brass, copper, aluminum, and stainless steel in his work. In addition to his studio tour and demonstration we will get to tour his personal gallery.

New Venue offered by the US Bank, 6500 Commerce Blvd. in Rohnert Park starts April 9 and runs thru the middle of June. Those wishing to participate must contact Sharon Donovan at 280-7976 or e mail sjdonovan@yahoo.com and take their art works to the Bank between 12:15 and 2 PM on Friday April 9. Sharon could also use some help to hang the art works.

ART IN THE PARK....

THIS YEAR'S ART IN THE PARK IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT
More good news. At the March meeting several members volunteered to fill in some slots on various committees. Many thanks to our generous members who will ensure that this year's Art in the Park is a success.

Jan Lee's committee includes Mary Bales, Pamela Borne, Darold Graves, HO Humphrey, Linda Postenrieder, Sylvia Ross, Karen Spratt, Virginia Stevens-Johnson, and Lee Strauss all have committed to jobs. Pat Marshall will handle the raffle. Virginia Johnson is working on the poster contest. Help is still needed with internet advertising. All members have the opportunity to be part of the show. It is our major fund raiser.

You don't need to be exhibiting to be a part of the action. For further information, please contact Jan Lee at 707-789-9662 or e-mail to janleeartist@comcast.net

POSTER CONTEST: Call to all members of PAA

Poster Art for September Art in the Park

Deadline: June 1, Regular PAA Meeting. Members will vote on their favorite at this meeting.

(Note change of deadline date)

Bring your 2 Dimensional Art Work to the June 1 meeting.

Contest Rules:

*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"x7" image for the postcards

For questions contact: Virginia Johnson (707) 766-8714 or e-mail vj9999@pacbell.net

Members Gallery and Venue Information

Remember that Petaluma Art Galleries host downtown art walks

the 2nd Saturday each month 4 to 7 pm April 10 and May 8

Throughout Petaluma there have been exhibits of student art work, celebrating Youth Art Month. Linda Gonzales was honored for her role as a supporter of art in the schools and in the community.

“FULFILL YOUR PASSION FOR ART IN DOWNTOWN PETALUMA”

We can be proud and excited that we have several artist owned galleries in Petaluma. Check out the new Gallery featuring 3 dimensional work.

Riverfront Art Gallery: Two new featured shows opened and continue through Sunday, May 16. John Gowan's "Expressions of Light" shows his connection to the land through his acrylic paintings on canvas. Jerrie Jerne, gallery co-founder and member of PAA brings to the gallery images assembled from many years of hiking the hills and visiting local nurseries.

Petaluma Arts Center: Three great art classes are starting up at the Petaluma Arts Center right after Spring Break. Don't delay, register your kids for these wonderful classes taught by three experienced art instructors. Call 707-762-5600 to register over the phone.

Two Salon Talks: Saturday, April 10, 4 to 6 pm. Author, art dealer/collector Richard Polsky will advise on the business of art. Friday, April 23 4 to 6 pm. Celebrate Morie Camhi with Lynn Camhi along with Barry and Gretchen Singer, gallery owners and friends. Hosted by Murray Rockowith. Suggested \$5.00 donation for each Salon Talk.

Boulevard Café: 1096 Petaluma Blvd. No.: Nine member artists are currently showing work. Contact Mary Bales at 762-2978 for more information.

Pelican Art Gallery: Inaugural Group Show: Masters of Today, through April 3.

Eleven artists; Susan Adams, Carole Gray-Weihman, Gerald Huth, Peggi Kroll-Roberts, Stanley Mouse, Camille Przewodek, Charles Pyle, Ray Roberts, Sachal, Christopher Schink. Alfred Tofanelli.

Member Henry White is currently showing oil paintings and large format limited edition giclee prints at the Eminent Design Gallery located at 450 First Street East., suite G, Sonoma. Henry invites you to enjoy a beautiful trip to Sonoma, and to see his work, and visit this gallery across from the Sonoma Plaza.

Old Stuff: Martha Obrien from the Pointe Shoes Contest joined us at the March meeting to pickup the ballet shoes our members decorated for the Ballet School. The shoes will be distributed to businesses around town to be showcased to create interest and advertise a Gala in April. The members participating showed great imagination and creativity in decorating the shoes. Fun Stuff.

New Stuff:

Frank and Pat Marshall are planning a painting trip to China Camp in Marin County in May. More information at the April meeting and in the next newsletter.

We are trying to add a section to the newsletter with **Hints, Tips & Sales** that can be provided by the membership. Please try to keep it brief and send it to news@petalumaarts.org ..

For Rent: Studio or work space, 7th and F St., Brainerd Jones Building. Available 4/1/10. Second Floor, very spacious and pleasant. Can be shared by 3 people for \$850 total, or \$282 per month if shared by 3 artist. Call Ruth Walker for information; (cell phone) 707-322-0724

For the time being we will place one article per artist per month in the newsletter. 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

Teachers may be found at: www.petalumaarts.org/findateacher
www.petalumaarts.org/acsc_calendar.php

If you have any suggestions or art related news items please send it to news@petalumaarts.org or submit your requests directly in the email to Pat Marshall, patmarshall@juno.com. The due date for Newsletter articles will normally be the third Friday of each month.

For information or to contact the Board in 2010:

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Petaluma Woman Sews Pillow Slip Dresses for Haitian Girls



Artist, Maria Bales of Petaluma has contacted me with her bright idea of making simple little pillow case dresses for distribution in Haiti.

"I'd like to find others to help make these small cotton dresses from old pillowcases," says Maria. "I also need someone to help figure out who to best distribute them to the people on the streets in Haiti who have lost everything but the clothes on their back."

If you have the time and basic talent to transform old pillowcases into summer dresses for homeless Haitian girls or know of someone who can help with distribution in Haiti, email [Maria](#).

A dedicated [blogger](#), mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Maria has tried her hand at all sorts of artistic endeavors, but this must surely be the sweetest.