



Over 30 Years

It's a New Year

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

The new year is here and MCAC continues to move forward in supporting the Arts in Madera County. We celebrated our 30th Year anniversary in 2012, and are quickly approaching the organization's 35 year mark.

Thank you for your continued support of the Madera County Arts Council and Circle Gallery; we look forward to a bright and new 2016.

So kick off your shoes, sit down with a cup of hot cocoa, and let us take you on a splendid little trip back down the path of 2015 and then around the bend, to discover the freshness that new beginnings can bring ... and how you can help.

—Gail Beyer, MCAC Board President

How Can You Help?

We are thankful to have many longtime supporters, a great volunteer Board, and solid programs to serve our communities. As Board and community members we want the organization to continue to grow and need support to do that.

You can be a part of this organization in a myriad of ways: by volunteering in the Gallery or at an event, attending the events and bringing friends, encouraging those you know to join MCAC and as a kind gesture, buying a membership for them to get them started. Of course you can also consider a tax-deductible donation to support the Arts, or a specific MCAC program of your choosing.

We welcome you to complete and return the information section on page 4. Please stop by Circle Gallery or contact any of the MCAC board members for more information.

Artists in the Schools

After a six year hiatus due to the recession, we are very pleased to announce that the Artists in the Schools program (originally named PACES) is back. We now are serving all third grade classrooms in Madera Unified during the regular school day. This is a great partnership between the school district and MCAC.

We must thank MCAC Board Member, Marcheta Williams, and MUSD Chief Academic Officer, Liz Runyon, for moving this program back into the schools.

We continue to serve the Afterschool Program in every MUSD school as well as St. Joachim School, Webster Elementary in Golden Valley District, and the Behavioral Resources program through the County.

Last year, Howard School began a pilot program to infuse the Arts throughout the school. After a successful first year, they have continued the program and also added a strings program to their base music program. We anticipate this expanding to other Madera County schools. ●

2015 Gala for the Arts

The 2015 Gala for the Arts was held on a Thursday evening at San Joaquin Wine Company. Artists demonstrated their unique skills; music, food and fun rounded out the evening. The Gala is MCAC's major fund raiser for the year and we met our target net income. We are so thankful to all who come out to support the Arts at the Gala.

Plans are underway for this year's event to be held Thursday, May 26. Mark your calendars, and watch for details early this Spring. We hope to see you there. ●

*All smiles at the 2015 Gala (below):
Linda Leach, Diane Kirk, and
Larry Lowder*



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NEW Extended Gallery Hours

Tues, Thurs, Fri
10am-6pm

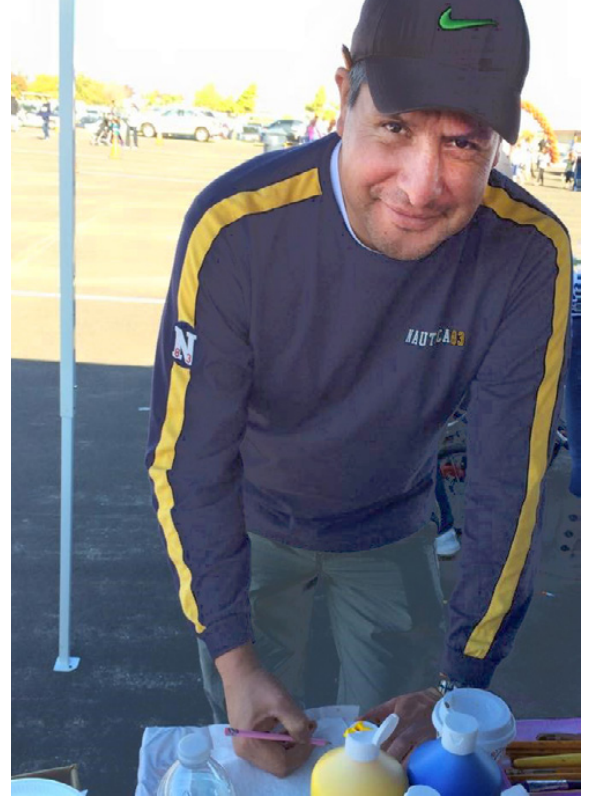
Wed 10am-4pm

Sat 10am-6pm

Gallery News

Circle Gallery regularly exhibits works from 20 local artists. MCAC appreciates every one of these talented people.

- Many of these artists have works in the current show, **"New Work, A Fresh Look,"** which runs through January 30th.
- February and March will feature a show themed **"The Heart of the Matter."**
- **"Color Takes Flight"** is the theme for April and May, coordinating with the Air Show which is returning to the Madera Airport on May 20th and 21st.
- Artists are invited to take the challenge of creating work reflecting the current theme or work showcasing their current areas of interest. Interested artists may contact Circle Gallery at 559-661-7005 or mcacstaff@maderaarts.org.
- This past year we introduced a **new artist** to the gallery, Jose Jesus Elias (*pictured above at the 2015 Pomegranate Festival*), with a one man show and opening reception. Jose has also become one of our teaching artists in the AIS program.
- In June we will again host the **Yosemite Western Artists** show, which was very well received last year.
- We are looking for **student and young emerging artists** to be featured in the gallery. Shea Jennings, a young Madera artist, was featured at our 2015 Holiday Art Affair.



Keep track of gallery happenings on MCAC's website, maderaarts.org, become a member, and make sure your information is up to date so you don't miss out. ●

Personnel Changes

In May Nancy Burckett retired from her job with MCAC. Nancy served the MCAC Board, Circle Gallery and the community through the Arts Council for almost 30 years! We thank Nancy for her service.

In October 2014, MCAC hired Diane Mello as Executive Director. Diane was with us for one year and has now moved on. The Board will officially begin recruiting for the ED position at the beginning of February and hopes to have the position filled this Spring. For information about the position, contact

the office at 559-661-7005 or mcacstaff@maderaarts.org.

We are pleased to announce that Rick Dorris has been hired as our Office Administration and Gallery Assistant. (*See the new extended gallery hours at left.*) He brings 21st Century skills to our team. If you haven't found us on Facebook ([f](https://www.facebook.com/MaderaCountyArtsCouncil)Madera County Arts Council), Twitter ([@mcacstaff](https://twitter.com/mcacstaff)), or Instagram ([i](https://www.instagram.com/mcaccirclegallery)mccirclegallery) please look us up and "follow" us! Rick was born and raised in Madera and has a great desire to help promote the Arts.

Sherril Royse continues to

hold the position of Educational Programs Coordinator with MCAC. Sherril was an MCAC Board member in the early '90's and has been in her current position for over 15 years. The enormous task of keeping everything together for all of our Arts in the Schools programs is handled smoothly under Sherril's direction.

Anna "Peggy" Potter joined the team in 2015, taking the reins as Bookkeeper. Peggy brings years of accounting experience and has proven to be a welcome addition to the office staff and the MCAC Board. ●



Madera Center for the Arts

We continue to move along with the vision to complete a Center for the Arts in Madera. The Elaine Secara Trust endowment is invested specifically for this purpose.

In the Fall, the County, City, School District, and MCAC requested proposals for design of the area being vacated when the courts move to the new Madera County Courthouse. We received proposals from six firms. It is now our goal to interview firms and choose one to draw up some initial plans for the Madera Center for the Arts. Our plan is to choose a firm by February. It won't be long before we form a capital campaign committee to design a plan for funding the construction. If you are interested in assisting in that phase, contact the MCAC Office/Circle Gallery at 559-661-7005 or Julie O'Kane at 559-674-0179. ●

MCAC's Signature Programs Continue

Poetry Out Loud was created in 2006 by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation to increase awareness in the art of performing poetry. Nearly all of the Madera County secondary schools are participating this year. Finalists have the opportunity to move on to the State and National levels.

Youth Art Month — March is designated “Youth Art Month,” showcasing Madera County students’ artwork. Watch for more information as this year’s plans are finalized.

Concerts in the Park — Another well-attended summer season was held at Lions Park in Madera and in the Chowchilla downtown park in partnership with the local City governments. Dianne Rich has done a tremendous job over the years showcasing excellent local talent.

Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts — The 22nd Competition and Exhibition closed with comments such as “the best yet” and “It just keeps getting better!” New and returning artists, generous sponsors, faithful patrons, a masterful judge, volunteers, gallery visits and brisk sales—all combined to successfully maintain this MCAC tradition. The 23rd season is upon us. Dates and details are being finalized.

Holiday Art Affair — Another successful art affair under the direction of Abigail Anderson-Shine attracted 25 artisans and has become part of a larger Art Tour in Madera. The weather cooperated, buyers were plentiful, and artisans were pleased! ●

Developing Partnerships

MCAC continues to branch out to partner with others interested in promoting the Arts.

In the Spring of 2015 MCAC joined with the **Madera County Office of Education** and the **Madera Schools Foundation** to support the first annual **Arts Fest** for the youth of Madera County—teaching, learning, enjoying and showcasing art. This year’s **Arts Fest** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14** at the MCOE office and grounds on Madera Avenue. Prepare to get creative and to be impressed!

In October the Arts Council partnered with **Latinas Unidas and Arte Americas** to bring **Día de los Muertos** to the people of Madera. It was a huge hit with displays at the local government centers and a celebration with dance, music and food at St. Agnes Chapel in Ripperdan. We hope to expand on this in 2016.

Partnering with the **Chamber of Commerce Tourism Alliance**, the Arts Council organized the children’s art booth and poster contest for the **Pomegranate Festival** in November. Artist Jose Elias donated his time and talents to create a reusable hand painted backdrop. Each year, participating children can paint their own pictures to add to the background, thus providing them the opportunity to display their talents on the ever-changing backdrop! This year, we enjoyed the largest group of attendees ever! Students worked with acrylic paints, watercolors, and chalk. They painted on canvas, paper and rocks. Artist and MCAC Board Member Christine Hallett prepared over 200 rocks for students to paint with their own unique designs. Not a single rock was left unpainted! ●

Scholarships

MCAC offers scholarships annually for Madera County High School Seniors who plan to go to college to major in the Arts. Applications are available at all Madera County high schools. Interested applicants should contact their school counselor. Contributions to MCAC can be directed toward the Scholarship Fund if so desired.

In 2015 we brought back the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) Scholarship for deserving high school students. Scholarship recipients spend four weeks at the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) in Valencia, working with artists and perfecting their skills. Areas of study include: Animation, Creative Writing, Dance, Film & Video, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts.

Interestingly, the very first MCAC recipient of this scholarship was given in 1994 to none other than our new Office Admin and Gallery Assistant, Rick Dorris, when he was part of Ginger Latimer’s drama program. Rick attended CSSSA for Theatre Arts, with which he is still involved and currently instructing in the MCAC Afterschool Program for the Arts. ●

How You Can Help

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Please accept my tax deductible gift in the amount of:

- \$150 Patron** (Includes MCAC Membership)
- \$500 Benefactor** (Includes MCAC Membership)
- \$1000 Platinum** (Includes MCAC Membership)
- Other _____ directed to _____

YES! I would enjoy volunteering with MCAC!

Areas of interest: _____

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- Become a member of MCAC!**
- Give the Gift of Membership!**
- Individual Membership – \$35
- Family – \$45
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- Business Membership – \$150 - \$499
- Benefactor – \$500 and up

Please provide your name and contact information.

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YES! MCAC welcomes your input!

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