



Art news

Summer 2011

Our Mission:

Provide Madera County residents and visitors access to art and culture through diverse programs and services.

- Promote art education by enriching school curricula and other community activities.
- Stimulate and support local arts groups and individual artists within the county.
- Serve all generations and multi-cultural groups.
- Develop public and private financial support for the arts.
- Play a role in the economic development of the area through promotion of the arts.
- Encourage the promotion of a wide variety of public art and initiate fund-raising activities to sponsor art in public places.

MCAC AWARDED CHUKCHANSI GRANT

Madera County Arts Council received a \$25,000 grant from the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians on June 20th at the annual community grant award dinner. In her acceptance of the award, Tina Holmquist, MCAC 2010-11 Board President, gave thanks to the Tribal Council and Madera County for this opportunity to extend MCAC's very successful artist in the schools programming to some of the elementary schools in the foothill areas of Madera County. This grant will provide opportunities for children from financially and geographically challenged backgrounds to have more exposure to a mainstream arts education curriculum in an atmosphere of respect and knowledge of local cultures, traditions, and beauty.

MCAC artist-teachers have a range of formal and informal training, giving students exposure to techniques of painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, collage, three-dimensional art, Native American thread dyeing and basket weaving, origami, et al. In addition to arts content, the lessons will also build vocabulary, improve knowledge



(l-r): Reggie Lewis, Tribal Council Board Chairman; Frank Bigelow, Madera County Board of Supervisors Chairman; Tina Holmquist; Jennifer Stanley; Sherril Royle, MCAC Art Education Program Manager; Ronn Dominici, Madera Co. Supervisor; Nancy Ayala; Nancy Burckert, MCAC Business Manager

about art and cultural history (w/ particular emphasis on local history and cultures), and incorporate math & science skills at grade-appropriate levels. The children will receive a combination of lecture, demonstration, and hands-on experiences with a variety of materials and art techniques.

Years of research show that art education is closely linked to almost everything that we as a nation say we want for our children - academic achievement, social and emotional development, civic engagement, and equal opportunities in higher education and careers. We look forward to all of the new experiences this grant will help us bring to children in eastern Madera County.



Hal Magnie Band

2011 CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Our 23rd season of *Concerts in the Park* will begin Sunday, July 10th. We

are once again partnering with the Madera Parks & Community Services, local businesses and service organizations. From big band to flamenco and blue grass to rock, our summer concert series offers something for every musical taste. Concerts are free to the public Sunday evenings at the Lions Town and Country Park from 7-9.

The *Hal Magnie Band* (formerly Allen

Harkin's Band), famous for their big band sounds, will open the series on **July 10th**. We will honor our very own music man, Jerry Venturi, with an evening of accordion music on **July 24th**. *Flamenco Jucal*, featuring flamenco dancer, Gloria Verdugo, will take the stage on **Aug 7th** followed by the returning favorite *Baloney Creek* on **August 21st**. Our **Sept 11th** concert will feature a tribute to 9/11 and the music of the *Yard Dogs*. A sixth concert featuring emerging **local talent** will be held **September 18th**.

Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic or purchase concession items at the concerts and enjoy great music under the stars.

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Board Note:

During the June 23rd Board of Directors meeting, the 2011-12 executive officers were elected and installed. Congratulations and thank you to officers past and present.

**MCAC Office and
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Arts Council

Club YES (Youth Education and Enrichment at School) ARTIST PROFILE - Megann Zebel says YES!

One of the most recent Club YES instructors to come on board is Megann Zebel, a December 2009 summa cum laude graduate from the Fresno State Art Honors Program. She was one of the first students to graduate with an emphasis in Fresno State's new art category: Animation and New Media.

Fortunately for us, Megann answered an MCAC ad and as of January 2011 came on board to the Club YES program. She considers herself a "catch-all" artist, one who has worked with many different mediums. One of her preferences is fiber art and is now in the process of teaching art history – through the creative use of puzzles – and quilting to her first through sixth grade students.

Megann explained that for the sake of both boys and girls, she uses colored paper and yarn for the students' quilting projects. The children can design their own patterns, ranging anywhere from cars and superheroes to birds and landscapes. "There is great satisfaction in watching the children enjoying themselves," Megann admits.

Ms. Zebel herself was educated through

the Madera schools and remembers when artists would visit her classroom and do 'artsy' things with them. How

she loved it! Now she is in the position to give back in the same way and feels honored to continue this same positive experience.

When asked if she is able to utilize her Animation specialization, she admits she hasn't. But it turns out that much of her energy is directed to doll making - elegant dolls with contemporary clothes. She currently has her own online business and plans to look into plastic and resin materials to design and create dolls, in addition to the design and creation of their fashions.

What does she like most about the Club YES program? "I'm simply happy to be involved in art, to give back to the kids, to teach them the power of creativity and the sense of self worth that comes with creative expression."



Megann Zebel, Art Instructor



Wilson Elementary School Banner



Stephens Elementary School Banner

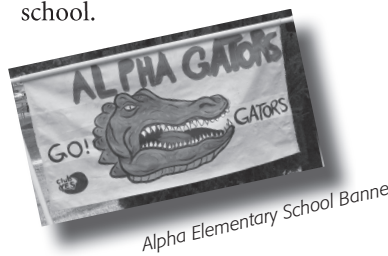


Sierra Vista Elementary School Banner

Fit for Life Triathlon - Club YES

On May 14th at the Town and Country Park, the Club YES students participated and competed in the Madera County Club YES After School Program triathlon along with their families. Club YES, an after school program supported by Madera County Office of Education and the City of Madera Parks and Community Services, co-sponsored this event.

Besides offering a mini health fair at the Inaugural Fit for Life Triathlon, Club YES wanted to incorporate the arts. "We wanted to communicate that the arts and physical activity are important components of being a healthy, well-rounded person," said Sherril Royse, Madera County Arts Council Educational Program Manager. MCAC coordinated 28 artists to work with each of the 28 school sites to help the kids create a banner that represented their school.



Alpha Elementary School Banner

These banners were proudly carried by the children in the PARADE OF PARTICIPANTS and then displayed in front of the amphitheater during the event. Judges for the banners included Mayor Poythress of the City of Madera; Mayor Pro Tem Isaac Jackson of Chowchilla; Dianna Marsh, MCAC Board Member; and Dana True and Art Davis from MCOE.

MCAC Awards Scholarships to Five Madera County Graduates

Five high school students were selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships from a pool of very impressive students based on grades, diversity of interests, and having earned the high regard of their teachers and counselors. Four of the scholarships are provided by the Madera County Arts Council and one is the Nancy L. Clute memorial scholarship. These fine students are:

- **Francesca Enzler** of Madera South High School will be studying Theater Arts at UC Santa Cruz. "While it [theater] provides a wonderful source of entertainment, theater also serves as a social commentary that highlights the virtues and vices of our world and can bring about change for the better."
- **Amanda Castillo** of Chowchilla Union High School plans to study Digital Arts and Animation at Chapman University. "I hope to one day create cartoons that will entertain and inspire the next generation." Amanda is a member of the National Art Honor Society and was selected to attend the prestigious California School for the Arts.
- **Erika Davis** of Liberty High School is focusing on Architectural Engineering (with plans for a double major in Architecture) when she attends Cal Poly. "This art is important to me because it brings together my love for Disney with my love for innovative design and mathematics."

- **Chase Hagerman** of Yosemite High School will major in music when he attends Fresno State University. "It [music] has taught me more than just rhythm and timing and how to read music; it has taught me discipline, self-confidence, leadership, and perseverance."
- **Austin Yarbrough** of Madera High School plans to study theater, acting, writing and music at Fresno State University. "The time I have spent in theater has shown me that I'm capable of doing just about anything I put my mind to, and that I can overcome any and all obstacles in my way and grow even stronger from my experiences."

Again, congratulations to these five scholarships winners and thank you to all the talented and devoted students who applied.



Amanda Castillo (r) with Heather Skeels, Art Teacher (l)



Erika Davis (r) with M.J. Mossman, MCAC Board Member (l)

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Musical Instruments donated by the Venturi House of Music,
Golf and Lunch donated by Pheasant Run Golf Course and Putter's Restaurant,
a \$100 Gift Certificate to Circle Gallery
...and many more!

Drawing to be held Sept. 18 at the last concert of this season.

For tickets contact MCAC at 559-661-7005 or www.maderaarts.org
Or... purchase tickets during a Summer Concert or from an MCAC board member.

ASCA GOLDEN APPLE AWARD GIVEN TO MCAC

The Association of School Administrators gives the annual Golden Apple Award to honor community members who have made significant contributions to the education of our young people. The Madera County Office of Education this year bestowed this award to MCAC! On May 9th at the awards dinner Tina Holmquist and Dianne Rich, board members, accepted the award on behalf of MCAC and recognized Sherril Royse, MCAC Educational Programs Manager and Pam Beecher, former Executive Director of MCAC, for their work.

Congratulations!

Call for Entries...

CELEBRATE AGRICULTURE with the arts ...2011

The Madera County Arts Council is pleased to announce its unique art exhibition and competition, supported by the Agricultural Industry of Central California, will be held September 29 to November 11, 2011 at the Circle Gallery.

The call for entries deadline is July 15. Go to the website: www.maderaarts.org, drop by the Circle Gallery/MCAC office or call 559-661-7005 to obtain entry instructions.

A Pomegranate-themed category was added this year to coincide with the Pomegranate Festival. Prize money for first, second and third places will be awarded in each of the nine categories as well as Best of Show.

To be eligible to participate, the artist must be 18+ years and reside in California. All painting media, graphics, sculpture and fiber arts may be entered (photography is not included).

SIERRA ART TRAILS

Stellar Gallery in Oakhurst will host an exhibit of representative works by all Sierra Art Trail artists from September 3 to October 3.

The Sierra Art Trails event itself is October 2 and 3. The cost of admission for two adults to all open studio tour locations over both days is \$18; this cost includes the Catalog which is your ticket. You can receive your catalog by mail by sending \$18 plus \$2.75 shipping and handling to: Sierra Art Trails, PO Box 3045, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Or you can purchase them at several locations throughout the county.

Please go to the website for details, www.sierraarttrails.org

Arts Calendar...

- 6/11 - 10/9 **Picasso's Picassos** 150 masterpieces from the Musée National Picasso, Paris Drawn from Picasso's personal collection. deYoung Arts Museum, San Francisco <http://deyoung.famsf.org/deyoung/exhibitions/picasso>
- 6/19 - 9/16 Artist Kate Jackson, **A California State of Mind**, Merced Multicultural Arts Center. Artists reception July 7, 5:30 - 7PM www.artsMerced.org
- 8/6-7 **First Annual Sierra Mono Museum Indian Fair Days & Pow Wow** at the recreation center in North Fork. 559-877-2115
- 8/26-28 **Bass Lake Crafts Fair**
- 8/20 - 9/30 **Yosemite & the California Trails Special Exhibition:** Joseph Mora (1904-1947). Central Sierra Art Council's George Post Gallery, Sonora, CA www.centralsierraarts.org
- 9/14 - **The Vietnam Moving Wall Display** at Chowchilla's Veterans Memorial Park, 600 W. Robertson Blvd.
- 9/17 - **15th Annual Mountain Heritage Days at Fresno Flats History Village & Park** Parade at 10 a.m., activities after.
- Friday evenings during the summer - **Ducey's Jazz on the Lake**
Ducey's at Bass Lake presents *Jazz on the Lake*. Check the event schedule at www.basslake.com to find out who is playing.

VISION ACADEMY, Oakhurst www.visionacademy.org

- Classes:** 7/9 *Drawing Workshop* with Mary Jane Campbell-Mann
7/15 *Watercolors* with Leslie Dearing, at Fresno Flats, 10 to 4
7/16 *Mixed Media* with Kathleen Mattox, Fresno Flats, 10 to 4
9/10 *Chinese Brush Painting* with Joy Harvey, Fresno Flats, 10 to 4
9/24 *Acrylics Workshop* with Rita Adams, Fresno Flats, 10 to 4

For more information on classes and workshops, contact Jackie Byers, 683-7071

- Plein air in Wawona and the Valley:** 7/11 *Painting* (watercolors) with Diane Astier
7/12-13 *Sketching and Painting PLEIN Air*, Valley Floor. Mary Jane Campbell-Mann.
7/14 *Colors of Yosemite, Flowers, Mixed Media* with Kathleen Mattox

TIMBERLINE GALLERY ART CLASSES

Class fees should be prepaid by check, cash or credit card. Materials fees will apply except for the children's classes. Bring a sack lunch and drink(s); lunch will be on-site.

Phone: 559-683-3345 to RSVP your spot

- 7/2 3-4 Sections; CHILDRENS' class \$25
8/6 *Abstract Watercolor* with Sandy Kowallis, \$45
9/3 *Wire Wrapping* with Ray McGee, \$45

GOLDEN CHAIN THEATRE

- 6/12-7/25 *Zorro's Back in Town*
8/7-9/18 *Because Their Hearts Were Pure*
10/2-24 *Greater Tuna*
www.goldenchaintheatre.org
559-683-7112 for reservations
Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

COOLWATER RANCH

- For more information or for tickets contact Robin Ralston at 559-658-2974
- 8/20 - Todd Hallawell and Stevie Coyle
9/25 - Bill Mize

CONCERTS IN THE PARK, 2011

Sunday Summer Concerts at the Lions Town and Country Park in Madera begin on July 10th. These are free to the public and start at 7 PM. Concerts include:

- 7/10 **Hal Magnie Band**
7/24 **Salute to Madera's own Music Man, Jerry Venturi,**
with a BBQ dinner, beginning at 6 PM
8/7 **Flamenco Jucal**
8/21 **Baloney Creek Bluegrass Band**
9/11 **Salute to 9/11, The Yard Dogs**
9/18 **A night of local talent,**
participants to be announced

MCAC Gala for the Arts "Country USA"

Thank you, one and all!

The Hallowell Ranch hosted the 2011 Gala for the Arts, a major fund raising event for MCAC. It was a busy evening with a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, raffles and an opportunity to tour the Hallowell's home and art collection. Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner by Central Valley Caterers, while listening to great country western music played by Randy Deaver and *Crossfire*.

Congratulations to our 2011 Community Award winners: Art in Education award, Kathy Fuller; Business of the Year, Citizens Business Bank accepted by Robert Poythress; Partnership of the Year, Yosemite Sierra Visitor's Bureau accepted by Dan Cunning; Volunteer of the Year, M.J. Mossman.

We thank our gracious hosts, James and Coke Hallowell for their generosity in opening their home to us.

Thank you to Ross Thorton, our auctioneer, who always does a wonderful job.

Special appreciation goes to those who provided auction items, contributed cash, or helped with the event. Those persons and businesses include:

- * Robert Montague
- * Maxine Fargason
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Scenes from the trail...



- * Chuck Doud * Leslie Dearing
- * Ramona Frances * Kathy Gillis
- * Joan Gladwin * Valerie Greene
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If we have inadvertently omitted anyone from this list, please accept our apologies and sincere gratitude.

NOTE: A jacket was left at the Gala. A hooded windbreaker, dark teal in color. If it is yours, give the MCAC office a call - 559-661-7005.

S.H.A.R.E.S. CARD

MCAC received \$280.00 from use of the S.H.A.R.E.S. cards for the months of February and March only! Thank you, friends of MCAC!

Do you shop at SaveMart? Please consider picking up a free S.H.A.R.E.S. card from Circle Gallery or from any board member. This is the way it works:

Each time your S.H.A.R.E.S. card is swiped, points are issued (\$1 per point on a qualified purchase) to our account. We receive a quarterly check for the amount earned at the rate of up to 3%. There is no limit to how many supporters can enroll, and it provides another source of funds to MCAC. There is no cash value to the card, so if it is lost it doesn't matter. Just pick up another one from the Circle Gallery.

Club YES Student Artwork on Display!

Club YES student artwork is featured in a showcase in the lobby of the Madera County Government Center, 200 W. 4th St., through the end of August 2011. Parents, MCAC members, and the general public may view examples of work from classes in weaving and color design, mixed media of still life, and pencil drawing studying light and dark values. Twenty eight Madera County elementary and middle schools (k-8) participate in the afterschool Club YES program, funded by the Afterschool Education and Safety program, administered by the Madera County Office of Education, with artist teachers from the Madera County Arts Council.

BOOK WINS THREE AWARDS

Light Fading, Reflections on the Imperiled Everglades by photographer Joel Curzon and designed by Mark Heliger of the Yosemite Western Artists (YWA) group, won three first place awards from the Independent Book Publishers Association in the categories of: Nature/Environment, Coffee Table Books, and Arts (Art/Music/Photography).



ANITA STOLL'S WORK ON NEW PRODUCT GETS NATIONAL ATTENTION

Who wouldn't like to see their artwork on the cover of an art product? Local artist Anita Stoll of Coarsegold did just that. A new pastel art pad has come on the market, manufactured by Canson, one of the leading names in art supply products. These latest pads in the Mi-Teintes series features a pad of earth tones as pictured, and a pad in gray tones with two sizes available, both with Anita's art work on the cover. They will be in art supply stores all over the country. "I'm thrilled and honored to have this achievement in my career," Anita said.

Anita's work can be seen locally at Timberline Gallery, 40982 Hwy 41, Oakhurst or her home studio in Coarsegold. Visit her website at anitastoll.com and her blogsite at www.anitastollpastelssublime.blogspot.com.



Arts Calendar (continued from page 4)

YOSEMITE WESTERN ARTISTS

YWA is an association of artists and art patrons working in all disciplines, dedicated to promoting the visual arts in the Yosemite Foothills since 1969. The YWA offers art workshops, demos and social gatherings for painters and photographers and encourages "the practice of craft" to enhance the enjoyment and skill of artists of all mediums. You are invited to join YWA for camaraderie and support of fellow artists who "paint and photograph the town, people and life" in the Western Sierras.

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STATEWIDE SEARCH FOR CHRISTMAS SONG

California was selected to send the 2011 Christmas Tree to the Capitol Mall in Washington, DC. Because Stanislaus National Forest was chosen to provide the tree, Central Sierra Arts Council and the Stanislaus National Forest are coordinating a statewide search for the Christmas Tree Song. The winning composer will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the nation's capital to perform at a reception just prior to the lighting ceremony in December. Visit: http://www.capitolchristmastree2011.org/song_search.html

MADERA, "THE HEART OF POMEGRANATE COUNTRY"™ POMEGRANATE FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, NOV. 5TH

MCAC is busy finalizing plans for pomegranate-themed art activities for children and their families during the Pomegranate Festival Nov. 5 at ApCal. In the plans are a watercolor painting experience, a fiber arts activity and a paper collage project.

MCAC is partnering with the Madera Parks and Community Services Dept. for this event.

Check the MCAC website and news releases for details as the summer progresses.



WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS

A three day March watercolor painting workshop with nationally known artist Dale Laitinen, held in the Madera County Farm Bureau building, was a great success. The event was sponsored by the Alliance of California Artists and Madera County Arts Council. According to the coordinator, Rose Wheeler, "It went very well. I hope we'll have a workshop like this at least once a year."

Laitinen said, "I introduced some new things such as new surfaces to work on that they hadn't worked on before, which they took to really well. They're very optimistic people."

An art workshop led by National Watercolor Society president Mike Bailey is planned for November 11, 12, and 13. For information and reservations, contact MCAC at: 559-661-7005.

THE MCAC EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

Through the efforts of the MCAC Exhibition Committee Circle Gallery artists' works are currently exhibited and offered for sale at two new locations - **The Vineyard Restaurant**, 605 S. I St. in Madera and at **Appellation California** (ApCal), a wine tasting/art gallery/visitor center located at 32749 Avenue 7 in Madera.

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