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 multicultural 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.

Congratulations to the Artists: Celebrate Agriculture & The Arts

This year’s judge, Paul Buxman of Sweet Home Ranch in Dinuba, CA, not only is a third-generation farmer, but is also an accomplished illustrator and painter, not to mention Tulare County’s official Art Laureate. After farming in the early morning hours, he devotes the rest of his day to his art, which is displayed at his ranch gallery and nationally. We are pleased that he took the time to be our judge this year.

Thanks to our corporate sponsors, first placed received $300, second $200; and third $100. Best of show received $400.

And the winners are…

Citrus: Best of Show: Deanna Sue Bristow for Lemon Cove III (watercolor);
First place: Christiann Roy for Natural Elegance & Cultured Beauty (acrylic);
Second place: Kikuko Young for Tangelo (watercolor);
Third place: Elaine Lynn for Citrus with Blackbird (watercolor)

Dairy: First place: Claire Schroeven Verbiest for Soul Food (pastel);
Second place: Annette Nordine for One Triple Decker, Please (acrylic)

Farm Machinery & Structures: First place: Suzie Stach for As the Fog Rolls In (pastel);
Second place: Debi Bonsock for Spring Clean Up (mixed media);
Third place: Susan Regert for Red Barn and Herefords (watercolor);
Honorable mention: Sue Porter for Family Ranch Barn (watercolor)

Fruits and Nuts: First place: Nancy Kemmer for Foggy Day Persimmons (watercolor);
Second place: Sharleen Robson for Le Grand in the Spring (watercolor);
Third place: Suzie Stach for Still Life in Green & Red (pastel);
Honorable mention: Robert Marcellus for Apple (redwood)

Irrigation: First place: Nancy Burckert for Yosemite Waters (watercolor);
Second place: Nancy Kemmer for Water, Water Everywhere but Flowing Out to Sea (watercolor);
Third place: Elaine Lynn for Friant Kern Canal (acrylic);
Honorable mention: Sue McClane for Water for Citrus (watercolor)

Livestock: First place: Kikuko Young for Three Pigs (acrylic);
Second place: Joan Gladwin for Bullrider (watercolor);
Third place: Susan Regert for A Fine Pair (watercolor);
Honorable mention: Anne McClure for Sheep (oil)
Spotlight on the Artist -
Lillian Schuller

We are pleased to welcome Lillian Schuller, a weaver, into the Club YES program. She has been weaving for over 20 years, and during that time has taught weaving to adults and to children of all ages.

She and her husband moved to Madera from Arizona nine years ago. While living in Arizona, she attended classes where she mastered the art of weaving and spinning. She began to weave and created fabric, rugs, off-loom tapestries, scarves, and more. She also spun fleece, cotton, silk, and linen.

Her own weavings have been displayed at the Madera County Circle Gallery. It was at the Gallery that she was introduced to the YES after School Program. She loves teaching students the art of weaving and incorporates weaving designs she learned while studying with a Native American Navajo artisan.

Lillian’s students learn the history of spinning and weaving. They become aware of the weavings in their every day life; e.g., sheets, clothing, rugs, curtains.

The students use hand-held looms to create their woven work of art. The enjoy incorporating Navajo designs into their woven project. They learn that the yarn used for weavings came from plants, such as the cotton and flax plants (flax is spun into linen), and shearing of animal fleece. The making of yarn through the spinning process is demonstrated.

“Their exuberance and excitement over creating their own piece of art is the best reward,” Lillian Schuller says.

California Arts License Plates

To help support the Arts in California, you can purchase for $40 – and yes, it is now tax deductible – an Arts Plate for yourself, or buy them as gifts for your friends (the holiday season is coming up).

According to Malissa Feruzzi Shriver, Chair of the California Arts Council, “If one million Californians buy these plates, that’s $40 million for the arts. That would put California near the top of the list in arts funding rather than dead last.”

Four simple steps to order your Arts Plate:
1. Go to the DMV Special/License Plate page
2. Choose a sequential (random number) or personalized plate
3. Fill out the form (Standard plate ordering requires the Vehicle Identification Number VIN)
4. Purchase using a major credit card

Join Madera County Arts Council for a bus trip to the DeYoung Museum of San Francisco to view VanGogh, Gauguin, Cézanne and Beyond Post-Impressionist Masterpieces from the Musée D’Orsay

Saturday, November 6, 2010
7:30 am - 9:00 pm

$80 for members  $90 for non-members
(On line payment option available)

Includes bus ride, museum entrance, continental breakfast and afternoon snacks and wine.

Contact Pam Beecher or Nancy Burckert at 661-7005 or pbeecher@maderaarts.org

Deadline to purchase tickets: October 30

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESK

Supervisors Cut the Arts Council from the County Budget!

It was a sad day in August as the Madera County Arts Council director and a room full of supporters faced the county supervisors and heard about their $8 million deficit causing the axe to fall on matching grant funding for our 27-year old arts agency. As taxpayers, we certainly understood that cuts needed to be made in the county budget, and we appreciate county support of the arts council for 27 years. I immediately thought about my employees who count on their jobs to pay the mortgage and buy groceries, then I thought about all the children for whom we provide art lessons, and all of our other programs, worrying about what we would need to cut. I feel proud of all of our accomplishments this past year such as 12,000 students receiving art lessons from the ARRA federal stimulus grant funds or in the after-school programs all around our county; a free Arts, Cultural Heritage and Tourism Workshop for artists and businesses affected by tourism, our county-wide Poetry Out Loud program, the Concerts in the Park performances each summer and our fabulous Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts exhibition. Most of these accomplishments are funded with grant monies that were spent in Madera County. Our latest joint venture is the development of an annual Jazz Festival - in partnership with the Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce - for the purpose of promoting arts and tourism.

Each county in California has an arts council office (except for four very small counties) whose purpose it is to reach out with grant monies and ideas for promoting the arts in our state. The Arts Council is funded by the arts license plates designed by Wayne Thiebaud in 1993; they were the first specialty plates in California. Anyone purchasing these plates helps support arts grants that come back to each county in the form of grant money for county arts councils.

Not all receive matching county funding and I am now – like directors in other counties – responsible for coming up with the funds to keep our matching grants in place. Fortunately, others have stepped forward since the County Supervisors delivered the bad news of their huge looming deficit. Supporters have been coming out of the woodwork to encourage us by offering support and free office space and donations that will get us through this crisis. They believe that our county should have an arts council and that the arts bring something irreplaceable to our economy and education. Believing that access to the arts for all can completely revitalize a community, and that participating in the arts holds the power to actually make each of us a better person is what unites the arts community.

I’ve found it somewhat liberating lately to discover that I’m not alone in my office fighting to promote arts education and arts programming for our county – an army of supporters is out there ready to step up and donate, fundraise, and encourage our cause. It is truly the artists of this county and their creative ingenuity that I work for, and they have chosen to protect the Arts Council. Thank you artists and arts lovers; I always believed in you, but it melted my heart with joy to discover that you also believe in me. WOW!

THANKS TO OUR NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS FOR THIS QUARTER

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Fun in the Foothills!

GOLDEN CHAIN THEATER presents “GREATER TUNA”
October 2-24, Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

The play is set in Tuna, a mythical small town in West Texas, where everyone listens to Radio OKKK, all 275 watts of it. Topping the headlines is the winning entry in the American Heritage Essay Contest, entitled: “Human Rights, Why Bother?” Tuna’s residents include a variety of eccentrics, bigots, and oddballs. There’s Aunt Pearl, who poisons the town’s stray dogs; Vera Carp, the richest woman in town and vice president of the Smut Snatchers Club, and Didi Snively, a gun shop owner, who decorates her Christmas tree with hand grenades. Don’t miss this explosion of fun and laughter! Reservations: 559-683-7112

Poetry Out Loud

Mary Lee Gowland is heading for new adventures in Texas. We were fortunate to have her organize the first four successful Poetry Out Loud competitions at Yosemite High School. This national competition sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, and the California Poets in the Schools, will now be coordinated by the poet Anne Molin. Anne teaches poetry in our artist-in-the-schools programs and has agreed to assume Mary Lee’s responsibilities. We look forward to another great competition between the high schools.

Sierra Art Trails 2010
October 2 and 3

The 8th annual Yosemite Foothills Open Studio Tour takes place this year on October 2 and 3. Admission price for the event is $18 for two adults and includes the annual Sierra Art Trails catalog. Your catalog is your “Ticket for Two” for the event. To purchase a catalog, go to www.sierraarttrails.org for locations.

The Art Trails Catalog includes a list of artists, their locations, and a detailed map to get you there. The catalog is a valuable reference guide, and an excellent directory of artists and crafters working in our area. Purchasing the catalog not only allows entry into all Art Trails sites for the event weekend, but also supports the events and the artists who participate.

Wine and Chocolate Festival - October 9-10

Drop by the Oakhurst Community Park for wine tasting and chocolates. Dip fresh fruits into warm melted chocolate. Purchase heavenly chocolate concoctions, and shop from the many wonderful vendors and craftsmen. Get a jump on your holiday gift giving. We invite you to dance along with local dance groups.

September is California Wine Month!

Many Madera vintners are offering complimentary wine tasting and/or discounts to celebrate California Wine Month. Go to www.maderavintners.com to print off your coupon for participating wineries.

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Timberline Art Gallery Workshops

40982 Highway 41, Oakhurst, Reserve your place by calling 559-683-3345

October 9-10 - Watercolor Class by Ronna Adler
November 13-14 - Spirit Figure Class by Julie Mitchell
December 14 - Making Artists’ Holiday Cards, artist to be announced

Holiday Art Affair - November 20

The annual Holiday Art Affair is on November 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of the Madera County Arts Council at 1653 N. Schnoor Avenue in Madera. Join artists, community groups, and students for a day of arts and craft sales before the holidays.

Food and youth choirs will provide a festive atmosphere.
PBS Launches New “PBS Arts” Site to Expand Arts Content

PBS President and CEO Paul A. Kerger recently announced the launch of PBS Arts, a new website that offers Americans the opportunity to experience the arts and explore the creative process through special virtual exhibits, videos from PBS national and local programs and interactive features. The website, http://www.pbs.org/arts/, brings more of the arts into the lives of millions of Americans.

Launch of Nonpartisan “Arts in the Governor’s Race”

From their website: “The Arts in the Governor’s Race” project is building a statewide army of citizen activists who will help send the message to the gubernatorial candidates that the arts are important to California’s future, and urge the candidates to support arts-friendly public policies that:

• Increase public funding for nonprofit arts organizations in order to better serve their communities
• Ensure that every child has the opportunity for a comprehensive, high quality arts education in grades K-12
• Nurture an environment to allow individuals and families affordable access to all forms of the arts.

California Arts Advocates is a main sponsor.

Join us. Support us. Post a question or topic for discussion in our forums. Most importantly, be a voice for the arts in the California governor’s race. See: http://www.caarts.org/.

Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts

Poultry: First place: Grace Rankin for Well, Cock-A-Doodle-Doo (watercolor); Second place: Kathleen Mattox for Fowl Weather Friends (watercolor and pen); Third place: Janet Morita for Feathered Friends (mixed media)

Vegetables: First place: Kate Jackson for On Golden Squash (watercolor); Second place: Teresa Sorensen for Bountiful Harvest (watercolor); Third place: Hilda Vandergriff for Pumpkins (pastel); Honorable mention: Carol Zupp for Snake in the Old Man’s Garden (watercolor)

Vines: First place: Kate Jackson for Passion Grapes (watercolor); Second place: Chieko Delgado for Blessing from the Sun (watercolor); Third place: Chella for Azores Revisited II (watercolor)
Call for Artists

Yosemite Renaissance XXVI

Deadline to enter is November 13, 2010. Yosemite Renaissance is an annual juried competition/exhibition intended to encourage diverse artistic interpretations of Yosemite. Entries should be recent works of the landscape, environment, wildlife, and people of Yosemite or the Sierra Nevada. Entries may be in any fine art medium including: painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, textile and sculpture. Entry fee is $15 per entry; artists can submit up to 8 entries each. Cash awards of at least $4,000 with possible purchase awards. Visit their website at www.yosemiterenaiscence.org which includes the Prospectus and Entry Form.

Yosemite International Jazz Festival

Yosemite International Jazz Festival: The Oakhurst Area Chamber is organizing an annual jazz festival that will be held along Highway 41 in the fall of 2011. The festival is designed to create a tourist destination in our county. You can become a founding sponsor of this event by contacting Kathy at the Chamber, 559-683-7766 or kmccorry@oakhurstchamber.com

Calendar...

Vision Academy

October 2  Workshop: Scented Garden Tea Party (using herbs and flowers in cooking) at the home of Sandy Schaefer, Coarsegold. RSVP 642-2287
October 16  Fundraiser for the Vision Academy - donation of $5. Chamber Singers, Singing Through the 60’s, will be held at the New Community United Methodist Church in Oakhurst at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to Vision Academy scholarships.
November 27  Chamber Singers at Tenaya Tree Lighting; Tenaya Lodge, 6-7:30 p.m.
December 4  Chamber Singers at Oakhurst Tree Lighting; Ditton Realty, 5-6:30 p.m.
December 5  Chamber Singers all day, Christmas at Fresno Flats, Oakhurst
December 5  Chambermaids singing at the Boys & Girls Club 8th Annual Tree Auction event, Oakhurst

Fall Into The arts –

October 2  North Fork Fall Festival - Craft Fair  8-3 pm
October 2  Workshop: Scented Garden Tea Party in Coarsegold  559-642-2287
October 2-3  Sierra Art Trails, Oakhurst
October 2-3  Chukchansi Pow Wow, held at Chukchansi Casino
October 2-24  Golden Chain Theater, Oakhurst - Greater Tuna
October 9-10  Fall Wine & Chocolate Festival, Community Park, Oakhurst
October 9-10  Watercolor Class by Ronna Adler at Timberline Art Gallery, Oakhurst
October 16  Vision Academy Fundraiser, 7 p.m., New Community United Methodist Church
October 16  Coyote Drama Company
October 23  Coarsegold Historical Soc. Wlking Tour of Raymond  10 a.m.
October 29-31  Bass Lake Arts & Crafts Fair, Pines Village
November 6-December 5  Water Source of Life Exhibition, Stellar Gallery, Oakhurst
November 13  Reception for Water Source of Life Exhibition, 4-9 p.m., Stellar Gallery, Oakhurst
November 13-14  Spirit Figure Class by Julie Mitchell, Timberline Art Gallery, Oakhurst
November 20  Holiday Art Affair, Parking Lot at MCAC, Madera  10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
November 26-28  Bass Lake Arts & Crafts Fair, Pines Village
December 4  Trees for Charity Rotary Event, Madera District Fairgrounds
December 15  Making Artists’ Holiday Cards, artist TBA, Timberline Art Gallery
December 18  Fresno Grand Opera Chorus: Christmas on Van Ness

Spread the Word... Become an MCAC Member!

Please join us! Membership in the Madera County Arts Council starts at $30 a year and entitles you to quarterly newsletters including an arts and culture calendar, invitations to all openings and events, plus a 10% discount in the Circle Art Gallery. Due to recent budget cuts we need new members. Help save the Arts Council and its programs by going to www.maderaarts.org and joining us on pay pal!

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