



Art news

Fall 2012

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.**
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CELEBRATE AGRICULTURE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION - 2012

with the arts

Artists from throughout the Central San Joaquin Valley and some from the Pacific Coast gathered for the awards and recognition event for the 19th Annual Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts on Oct. 4th at Circle Gallery.

The exhibition this year was divided into two divisions - Photography and Fine Arts.

Awards presenters represented the generous sponsors of this unique art competition. James Unti began the awards presentations by announcing and awarding prizes to the winners of the Photography Division, which celebrated the "human factor" in agriculture. Ramona Frances' "Farmer's Hands" took Best of Show in Photography. Wendy Alexander won First Place with "Grape Picker" and Nina McDonald took Second Place with "Garlic Harvest."

The Fine Arts division included six categories, each with winners and a best of show in the division. Patricia Allen of Oakhurst won the Best of Show award with her watercolor, "Summer Vineyard." Diane Kirk, of the Andrew family, long time supporters of The Arts in Madera County, presented the Best of Show award.

John Lasgoity, on behalf of the Madera Co. Farm Bureau, presented the Fruits and Nuts first place award to Ranita Brazell of Fresno for her watercolor, "Almost Apples." Second place went to Kate Jackson of Merced for her alcohol ink and pencil, "Mixed Fruit & Nut tree."

In the Vines and Vegetables category, Andrew and Laurel Quady of Quady Wines announced first place winner, Kay Peters Sermon of Fresno, with her "Oh, Ann's Cucumbers" and second place winner Kathleen Mattox for Sanger with her watercolor, "Stir Fry."

In the Irrigation, Field and Row Crops category, Anna Brooks, Gov't Relations Representative from PG&E, presented Sue Porter of Fresno with first for her watercolor, "Dinkey Creek." Dean Dallin placed second with a watercolor, "Nature's Source."

Madera's Mayor, Brett Frazier, presented the awards for the Pomegranate Festival category. Mary Karlton of Santa Cruz won the first place prize with an acrylic "How Are You, Mi' Lord." Second place went to Sue Porter for her watercolor, "Pomegranate Blossoms."

Carl Janzen, representing the Madera Irrigation District, announced the Farm Machinery and Structures category's first place winner, Fresno's Jim Etherton, for his colored pencil "Bolls to Bale 1947." Second place went to Ranita Brazell for her watercolor, "Abandoned."

Jim DeSantis of the Fresno Regional Foundation presented the winners in the Dairy, Live-stock and Poultry category. Susan McCline of Fresno won first place with her acrylic "Weeder Geese," Michael Rhoads of Raymond won second place with his hand-tooled silver and leather "Dancing Chicken Spur Conchos."

MCAC has high praise for all of our participating artists and the generosity of the local sponsors of the event. \$4500 in prize money was awarded this year.

And without volunteers where we all be? So thank you also to Ranita & Brian Brazell, and Ramona Frances for their help with this year's event.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Dr. Julie O'Kane, MCAC Board President

Enjoying & promoting The Arts in and around Madera County

The Madera County Arts Council continues to provide a variety of top quality services and programs for our citizens. We are able to continue through great support from our members, the community, sponsors and a very active Board.

Thank you all for stepping up to help and support maintaining a presence for the arts in Madera County.

In June we ventured to the Caribbean for our annual Gala for the Arts. This year we reached a new goal in fundraising and recognized several leaders from the community for the contributions to the arts. Those who attended (several in costume) had a great time.

This past summer we partnered with the City of Madera to offer art classes for children at the John Wells Center. The children love the experience and we are very pleased to be able to provide this opportunity. We have agreed to add to our partnership by providing art classes during winter break this year.

We are currently working with Madera Unified School District to add the arts as part of their after school program. This service helps keep the visual arts alive for youth. In addition, we are working with several schools in the County to provide the artists in the schools program during the school day through funding provided by school site parent groups. This is very encouraging support for the arts in difficult budget times for schools. We continue to search for funding

sources to support the schools' desires to offer the arts to all students.

Our annual Celebration of Agriculture through the arts exhibit is now on display at the Gallery. This year we added a photography category to depict the human side of agriculture. This is a great show. We hope you can stop by to see it. Special thanks to Steve Barsotti for donating additional space for our expanded display.

We are planning our 30th anniversary celebration. The celebration will be held on March 23, 2013 at Hatfield Hall in Madera. Our goal is to celebrate the fine work that has led us to this point, to reacquaint the community with the value of arts in the community, and to set out a future plan which would ignite the community to build on our past and provide new opportunities for the people of Madera. You will want to be there.

As I begin my second year as President of the Board, I look forward to working with the Board and community to build new programs and services based on the needs and interests of our community. Please let us know your thoughts and ideas. We want to provide top quality and can only do that with the support of our membership.

Enjoy the Fall and come out to an MCAC event like the Holiday Art Affair on November 17.

Come see what's new at the 6th Annual ...



Saturday, November 17th

10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Circle Gallery

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Madera, CA 559-661-7005**

**The Blackberry Blossom Ensemble
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throughout the day.**

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Campfire USA will be joining us to sell their
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**Refreshments will be served in the Gallery as you
browse the current selection of artists' works.**

*"StirFry" by Kathleen Mattox,
available at Circle Gallery*

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Physician Appreciation Reception and Art at Cedar Creek Senior Living

On October 17th the Madera Arts Council collaborated with the Madera Chamber of Commerce, Cedar Creek Senior Living, Madera Community Hospital and the Madera Community Hospital Foundation to create a very special October Mixer.

“The Physician Appreciation Reception and Art Exhibit” was dedicated to the important role that our local physicians have here in Madera. Their dedication to providing quality health-care in our community is deserving of our gratitude. Special Recognition of MCH Chief of Medical Staff Dr. Mojadaddi.

In addition to the lovely setting, food, wine and company, the evening was made truly unique and special by the addition of the display of award winning artwork from the MCAC’s “Celebratie Agriculture with the Arts”. Residents and guests alike were able to enjoy the artwork as they mingled and celebrated.



L-R – Marie Basila, Basila Construction, Valerie Vogel, MCH; Martin Vale Cedar Creek ED; Dr. Mojadaddi, MCH Physicians’ Chief of Staff; Bret Mercer Chairman of the Chamber Board, Debi Bray, Madera Chamber



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We are excited to present this extraordinary art exhibit. Pathways - What does this word conjure in your imagination? Join us in an exploration of the idea of Pathways and how they exist in our lives.

"Sierra Art Trails is a California non-profit arts organization dedicated to supporting artists and artisans, promoting art education, and benefiting our communities through cultural tourism."

Art BYTES

We're working at MCAC to become more digital and media social. We plan to share some of our favorite art information and education links in the future both here and on our website.

Two ways you can help:

1st - Friend us on Facebook at Madera County Arts Council.

2nd - Send your email address to mcacstaff@maderaarts.org so we can share information on events, classes or calls for entries between newsletter publication dates.

TAKE THE VALLEY ARTS CHALLENGE!

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valleypbs.org/valleyarts
and take the Challenge.

Simply visit the link above, go to the right of the screen, scroll down and add your comment (short or long) regarding the Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts Exhibition. The arts organization that receives the most comments will receive \$5000 in promotional announcements on ValleyPBS!

Below are just a very few comments some of the visitors to the MCAC Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts Exhibition:

...great job, Madera County Arts Council!
- Erika D.

Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts competition and exhibition brings artists from all parts of the valley and from the CA coast as well. The work selected...and the connection to the agriculture industry which fuels our valley is remarkable. This event has grown to become one of the "must do" events of the year for artists and aficionados alike! - Kate Jackson

... a great venue supporting area artists as well as our precious Valley agriculture. This was my first year to participate and I was honored to have my art included with that of so many great artists. Everything about this show from the lighting to the gracious reception was top-notch. Thanks to everyone who contributed toward making it possible. - Jim Etherton

...an outstanding cultural event and I am proud to be one of the accepted artists in the show. The opening reception was a huge success, and the show runs until November 17 at Circle Gallery in Madera.
- Patricia Allen

Experience Art In Madera Tour

Sat., Nov. 17, 10 - 5 • Sun., Nov. 18, Noon - 5

Enjoy these nine Madera venues offering a wide variety of local art and crafts. Perfect for holiday giving!!

Home Gallery of Annette Nordine

801 Claremont Dr.

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with engraved silver, vintage cowboy gear, books and palm hats.

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6th Annual Holiday Art Affair

Madera County Arts Council Circle Gallery
North Point Center, 1653 N. Schnoor

30 fine artists, crafters, entertainment & food vendors
(Sat. only 10-4)

Vineyard Restaurant

605 South I Street • (Sat. only)

Photography by Ramona Frances
Paintings by Claudia Fletcher

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Drawings by Elizabeth Castro

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500 N. Westberry Blvd. • (Sat. only 10-2)

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Original oils by Joe Vega

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