

**Support for the arts is an investment in
economic well-being and quality of life.
The Arts Mean Business!**



2017 is drawing to a close and what a ride it has been!

It is time to say a huge THANK YOU! to our donors, members, artists, art instructors, staff members, board members and everyone else who believes in us and what we do.

It is time to thank the Elaine Secera Trust for her planned gift of nearly \$3 million to build a Cultural Arts Center. It is time to thank the City of Madera, the County of Madera and the Madera Unified School District for ponying up the money to hire Paul Halajian Architects to plan for not only the beautiful center you see in pictures to the left, but also for revitalizing Downtown Madera and restoring the 100 year old library building.

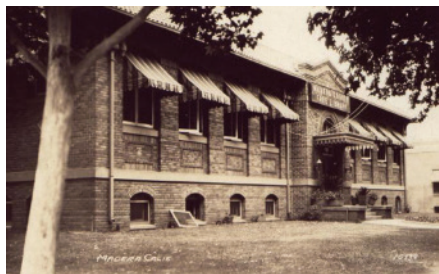
It is time to thank Evelyn Ducoff's estate for remembering us in her last will and testament and for all donors past and present who have the foresight to realize their planned gift can and will have a profound impact on our community, our county and those who live, work and visit it.

The arts attract audiences, spur business development, support jobs, generate government revenue and are the cornerstone of tourism.

Left: Concept drawings of the proposed Cultural and Performing Arts Center. Top: Freeway side; Center: front entrance on Yosemite Avenue across the street from the Historic Courthouse; Bottom: Outdoor cafe at the corner of Yosemite and G Streets

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Restoring a Madera Landmark

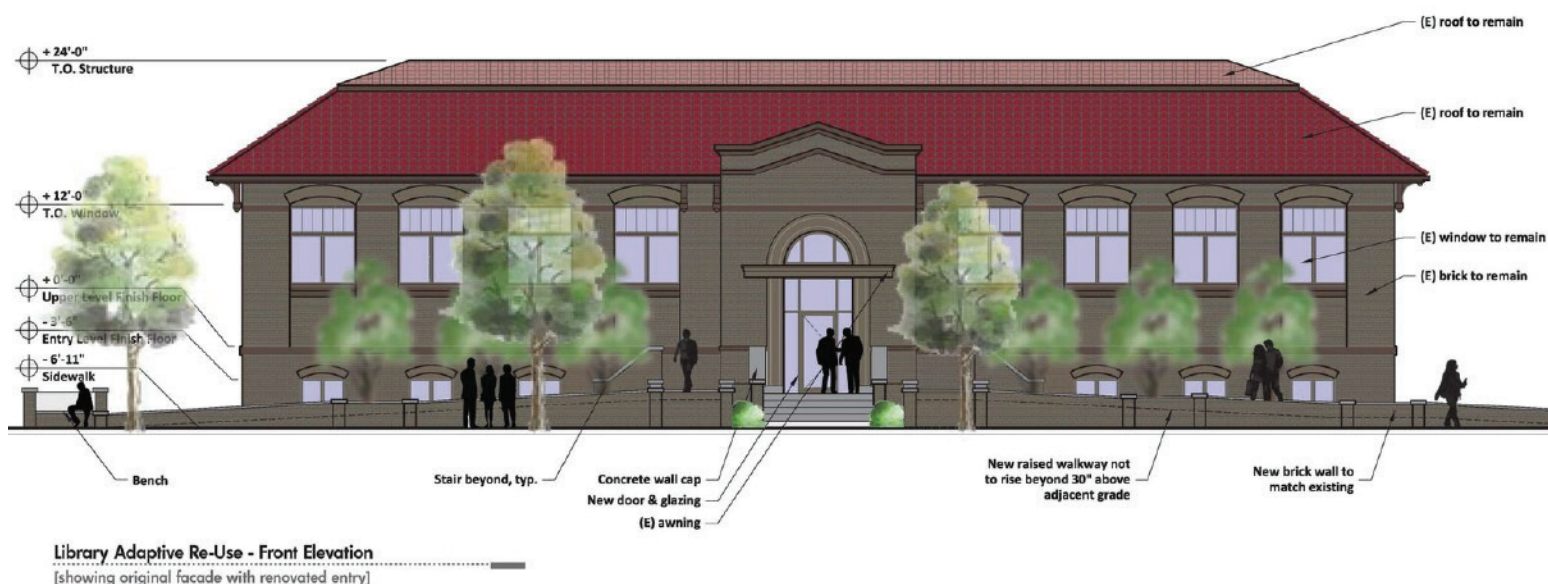
Part of the plan for the Cultural Arts Center is the renovation of the 100-year-old Historic Madera County Library. This beautiful 7000 square foot building has been sitting vacant and neglected for far too long.

The biggest obstacle to the Madera County Arts Council's mission is our woefully inadequate 1400 square feet of space. For 7 months our landlords allowed us use of a vacant storefront to expand our programs. We were able to offer painting classes to children and adults, workshops for seasoned and beginning artists, a performance space for the County finals of the national Poetry Out Loud competition and a gallery space to showcase the art of our youth from all over our county. I want to sincerely thank our landlords for allowing us use of that space, as it demonstrated there is a very real need for our services.

Unfortunately, since the space became unavailable on May 1st, those new programs came to a screeching halt.

Step one of creating a Cultural Arts District is the renovation of this building. It will increase our space 5 fold and will include a spacious gallery, gift shop, event kitchen, large classroom space, a kiln and potters wheels, a coffee/internet bar and individual artist's studios.

We are about to embark on a capital campaign to make this first phase happen. There will be naming opportunities. If you are interested in helping or would like to talk about leaving a legacy or planned gift, please contact Rochelle at the Madera County Arts Council 559-661-7005.





Join Us!



You never know who you'll meet
(or what you'll eat) at an opening
reception at the Madera County
Arts Council's Circle Gallery!



Book your private Bottles and Brushes Paint Night or
Paint Parties for kids
and adults , or attend
one of our public events.
Follow us on Facebook
and check our website at
www.maderaarts.org..

The Madera County Arts Council provides donors, advocates and volunteers the organization they require to make a difference in the lives of our residents and visitors by creating access to art and culture through our diverse programs and services.

Stumped for gift ideas?

Give the gift of Membership to the Madera County Arts Council!

We also have Gift Certificates available for goods or services and for Roger Rocka's Musical Theater.



Please include us in your year end giving.

- Gifts of cash are allowed as a tax deduction; charitable contributions of up to 50% of your adjusted gross income can be used to help reduce your 2017 taxes.
- If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can direct charitable gifts of up to \$100,000 per year from individual retirement accounts (IRAs) on a totally tax-free basis, and these amounts can count towards your required minimum distribution for the year.

Leave a Legacy
with a Planned Gift

We always encourage you to consult with your advisor when making significant financial decisions.

Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	} (\$5.00 per month)
Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	
Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	(\$12.50 per month)
Business/Investor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	(\$20.83 per month)
Benefactor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	(\$41.67 per month)
Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$750	(\$62.50 per month)
Director's Circle	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 & up	(\$83.33 per month)

We now offer monthly dues to be automatically invoiced by email or charged to your credit card starting at only \$5.00 per month!

You can also opt to have your annual membership automatically invoiced by email or billed to your card. See below.

Please Join Us!

All members receive a 10% discount on gallery purchases, art classes and workshops and will receive newsletters and our annual report. Providing your email address allows us to give you advance notice of events.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____ Yes! Send me email notifications ☐

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I authorize Mader Co. Arts Council to charge my credit card for agreed upon purchase:

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Thank you for making this possible!



Cancer Survivors' Free Paint Party in April



Youth Art Month featuring Sidewalk Chalk Drawings



Night at the Theater Pre-Party at Circle Gallery then off to enjoy "Legally Blonde" by Madera South Theater Company.



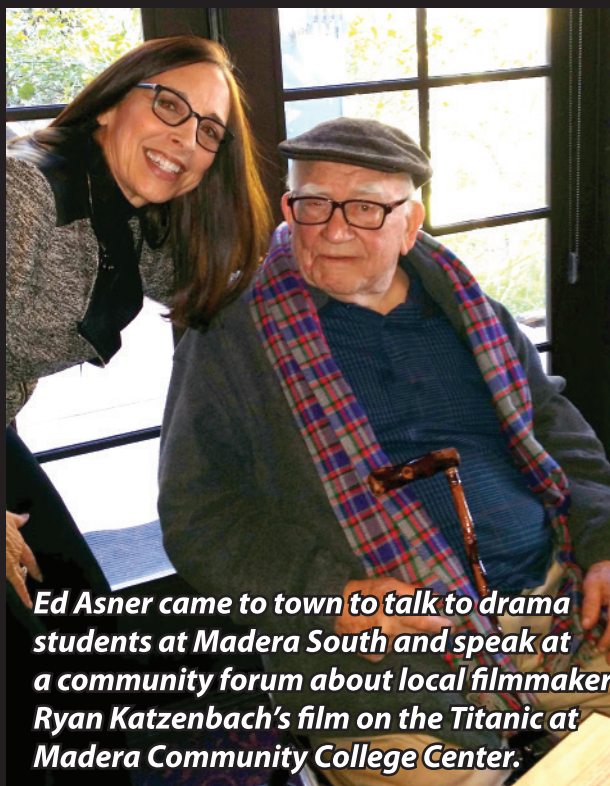
The Pom Fest Rocks! Two of our budding artists show off their painted rocks.



Folklorico dance class at Virginia Lee Rose School.



Several areas of creativity were sparked when students wrote stories, then designed and created masks to illustrate them at MLK middle school.



Ed Asner came to town to talk to drama students at Madera South and speak at a community forum about local filmmaker Ryan Katzenbach's film on the Titanic at Madera Community College Center.

A note from our Executive Director:

I have been at the helm of the Madera County Arts Council and Circle Gallery for just 18 months and am honored to be a part of a project that will change Madera forever. Building a Cultural Arts Center has been dear to my heart for decades. Until the Elaine Secera bequest of nearly \$3 million, there was little hope of getting it done. Her bequest gave us a voice to bring together the City, the County and the Madera Unified School District to provide funding for the design and planning phases. We have spent the better part of a year working closely with the architectural team of Halajian and Associates, along with their urban planners, landscape designers and theater design experts on a master plan for a Civic Center of which we can all be proud. Please join us in making this happen!



Rochelle Minneti Noblett

Upcoming Events

- **Abstracts & Patterns Artists' Reception, Thursday, January 11th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**
- **Bottles & Brushes Paint Nights to resume in January. Check Facebook and our website for details. www.maderaarts.org**
- **Madera County Finals, Poetry Out Loud, a National Competition for Secondary School Students, February 10th**
- **March is Youth Art Month. Details will be posted on Social Media.**
- **September 13th Opening Reception 25th Annual Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts.**



**Save the Date! May 26, 2018
Gala for the Arts**

Thank you!



- **THANK YOU for promoting art education throughout our county**
- **THANK YOU for supporting our individual artists and local arts groups**
- **THANK YOU for helping us serve all generations and multi-cultural groups**
- **THANK YOU for being part of the partnership between public and private financial support.**
- **THANK YOU for playing a role in the economic development of Madera through the promotion of the arts.**