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The Redwood Art Association is a community dedicated to the creation of art as an important and indispensable part of life and the economy of Humboldt County

Art as Community

When the RAA Board of Directors crafted our new vision and mission statement, we very specifically chose to speak of ourselves as a “community” of artists rather than an “organization,” not really knowing where that would take us but believing it was an important shift in our becoming a more member-oriented association.

It therefore seemed appropriate to choose “Art as Community” as a theme for our Summer Exhibition, typically a fun show without judges and awards.

Part of celebrating community will be appreciating the folks who work to make our exhibitions possible. At the Private Reception for our Members before the August Arts Alive, we plan to use that time to thank all those who helped make our Summer Exhibition a success. We will have come together as a community to make the show happen.

As you see from our calendar of events on page 2, we have a busy schedule in store

including some very social and community-like events:

- Two exhibitions
- Two Private Preview Receptions before Arts Alive!
- Three Arts Alive!
- Art in the Garden (the RAA annual fund-raiser)
- A meeting with our Fall Exhibition judge
- A membership meeting.

Renting the Cody Gallery makes it possible to create our home for a three-month period. This allows us to schedule our events in advance as well as plan a long-overdue membership meeting.

This busy three months may hold some new and interesting experiences for all of us. The RAA Directors invite you to mark your calendars and participate in all of our activities. Let’s have a fabulous time together!



Linda Wise with Grazing Horse, her sculpture of welded junk metal at the Spring Exhibition.

Spring 2008 Exhibition and Award Winners

The Redwood Art Association’s spring show held at the Morris Graves Museum was a success by all accounts. The show was judged by George Rivera, of the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara, California.

George has visited here previously as a judge and is taken with Humboldt County’s arts community. Mr. Rivera believes that the significant natural beauty of our area and the relative calm provides a reflective and serene environment that generates uniquely creative works.

In judging George was looking for images that touched him at a deeper level, beyond technique. In his own words the depth is the “experience of something deeper (that) goes to the intent, the message, to the idea shared by the artist. It enables us to see and feel our experiences on a deeper level, sometimes comfortably, sometimes not.”

The Best of Show Award (\$500) was given to Jim McVicker for his oil on linen entitled “Edward”. Best of Show Photography was William S. Pierson with his photograph entitled “Lerici Breakwater Mandala”. Other awards went to Ron Berman, Derek Bond, Lorena Boswell, Donna K. Bush, William Cody, Daniel Frachon, John Jameton, Akassia Mann, Eric Mueller, Kathy O’Leary, Walt Padgett, John Palmer, Leslie Reid, Yvonne M. Reynolds, Stock Schlueter, Boshia Struve, Alicia Tredway and Adrienne Werth. Overall \$2,560 in prizes were awarded.

The April 5th Arts Alive was well attended and the members Private Preview & Reception from 5-6pm created an appropriately festive

setting for socializing and award giving. In the opinion of many, the exhibition and the reception in particular provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the vibrant community of artists that makes up the Redwood Art Association.



Calendar of RAA Events

Entry Day, Art as Community, 50th Summer Exhibition
527 4th Street
Saturday, July 26, 10am – 4pm

Art as Community 50th Summer Exhibition
527 4th Street
July 31 – Sept. 6
Gallery Hours,
Wednesday – Sunday, noon – 5pm

Arts Alive! & Members Preview Reception
Saturday, Aug. 2, 5 – 6pm
Gallery Open 6 – 9pm

Art in the Garden RAA Annual Fund-Raising Event
In the garden of Lynne & Bob Wells
Sunday, Aug. 24, noon – 4pm

Arts Alive!
Saturday, Sept. 6
Gallery Open 6 – 9pm

Pick Up Day for Summer Exhibition
Sunday, Sept. 7, noon – 4pm

RAA Membership Meeting
527 4th Street
Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 – 8:30pm

Entry Day, 50th Fall Exhibition
527 4th Street
Friday, Sept. 12, noon – 7pm

Meet the Exhibition Judge
Sunday, Sept. 14, 2pm

Arts Alive! & Members Preview Reception with Awards
Saturday, Oct. 4, 5 – 6pm
Gallery Open 6 – 9pm

50th Fall Exhibition
527 4th Street
Sept. 18 – Oct. 18
Gallery Hours, Wednesday – Sunday, noon – 5pm

Pick Up Day for Fall Exhibition
Sunday, Oct. 19, noon – 4pm

Officers and Board of Directors

President:	Roy Grieshaber
Vice President:	Robert Haynes
Secretary:	Martha Haynes
Treasurer:	Sara Starr
Past President:	Julia Bednar
Board Members:	Jack Sewell
Brenda Bryan	Diane Williams
Robert Fasic	Murline Georgeson
Eric Furman	Michael McCoy
Betty Littlefield	Hal Work
Karen Berman	

RAA Newsletter by Diane Williams
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Staying in Touch with Email

For the first time we have included email addresses in our membership records as a way to help facilitate communication with our members. We have email addresses for about 70 percent of our members.

Until now, we have used email only to remind you of pick up days at the close of our exhibitions. In the future we will be exploring how email might help us in tasks such as finding volunteers, sending you our newsletters, reminding you of upcoming association events, etc.

We will treat your email address with the same level of sensitivity as we treat your address and phone number, using it only for communication regarding RAA matters or something we are reasonably sure would be of wide interest to our members. Should you want to have your email address removed from our records, simply reply to any email from us with that request.

Hagopian Gallery Schedule

July - August 2008
Digital Darkroom Exhibition III
(curated by Diane Williams)

September - October 2008
Redwood Camera Club Annual Exhibition
(curated by Sharon Falk-Carlson)

November - December 2008
Weather-Themed Exhibition
(curated by Murline Georgeson & Julia Bednar)

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The Spring Best of Show Award (\$500) went to Jim McVicker for his oil on linen entitled "Edward." The award was presented by Michael McCoy and Diane Williams, Exhibition Co-Chairs

Art in the Garden

Featuring sweets, wine and
plein air artists in action

In the spectacular gardens of Lynne & Bob Wells

Sunday, noon - 4 PM

August 24, 2008

Purchase your advance tickets now!

Please see enclosed flyer for more information

Volunteering = Reduced Entry Fee

Art in the Garden is going to be an exciting day of art for all concerned. It is also going to be a huge success. However, to get to that place of success requires the help of at least three dozen committed volunteers. Those who do volunteer will have their entry fee reduced by \$5.00.

We will need help at the entrance where people will show their ticket or pay to enter. We will need people to staff the refreshments tables. We will need volunteers to room sit in the house. We will need volunteers to wander the garden to offer assistance to the artists or to answer questions. We will need people to manage parking. Each one of these assignments would be for an hour. The rest of the time volunteers would be free to enjoy the art, the garden, the refreshments, and the people. If you would like to offer your assistance on this exciting day, please call Martha Haynes (826-2884) and sign up for the area in which you would like to work. Call now so you get to work where you want to work.

Redwood Art Association Building Trust Fund

Sometime around 1969 the Redwood Art Association inherited a house in the old town area of Eureka...left to the RAA by a generous benefactor. It was intended to provide a permanent home for the RAA. However, at some point it became apparent to the Board of Directors that the RAA would not be able to provide for the upkeep and maintenance needed on the building and so the decision was made to sell the property and invest the money for a future time when the Redwood Art Association could establish a permanent home more fitting as a gallery space.

The money was invested for a number of years in local banks. Then in 1997 the RAA Board of Directors decided that the safest and smartest way to invest our funds was to transfer them to the Humboldt Area Foundation to manage the money. We held a strategic planning session in order to define our vision for the fund. The statement that we decided to use is the following:

“The Redwood Art Association was founded in 1956 to promote visual arts in the community and to support and encourage artists. The trust fund was established for the purpose of creating a large visual art gallery...a community gallery that would include office, storage and meeting space to be used for local art exhibits and for special exhibits from our of the area.”

As we continue to develop our long-term plans, we recognize the assets in this fund and our ability to grow the fund are essential to the possibility of creating a permanent venue for the RAA. The proceeds from Art in the Garden are dedicated to this fund.

New and Renewing RAA Members during the period January - April 2008

Sustaining Members	Julie Doerner	Ralphie Hendrix
David Ploss	Barbara Dolan-Wilkinson	Victor Hernandez
Regular Members	Alvan Dunlap	Jack Hopkins
Julia Bednar	Winnie Edmondson	David Howell
Joan Bennett	Barney Elking	John Jameton
Karen Berman	Judy Evenson	Marie Kelleher-Roy
Susan Bloch	Bobbie Finster	Thomas Klapproth
David Boston	Nancy Flemming	Suza Lambert
Lorena Boswell	Nola Flynn	Carol Lauer
Kellie Jo Brown	Jac Forthun	Edie M List
Pat Cahill	Jane L Frey	Betty Littlefield
Gina Campbell	John Gibson	Jim Lowry
Jeannette Carroll	John Gilda	Elsie M Mackey
Rena Christensen	Shawn Gould	Don Mahler
Kristi Clark	Sara Hallin-Lundstrom	Akassia Mann
Roger Clark	Kay Harden	Marilyn Martino
William Cody	Jean Hawkins	Pam Mather
Waldo S Cook	Robert E Haynes	Janita McClay

Supporting Art Education

The RAA recently awarded two \$475 scholarships to talented art students at College of the Redwoods as part of our continuing commitment to education, art and community.

One scholarship was awarded to Brad Frost of Ferndale, a 51 year-old single parent of young children and a Digital Media Major who will graduate from CR in Fall 2009. Brad's goal is to start a local cartoon studio to fulfill his dream of creating and producing cartoons. He wants to tap into the vibrant local art community, providing jobs and creating quality entertainment for a world that desperately needs a good laugh.

The second \$475 scholarship was awarded to Courtney Smith of Eureka, a 20 year-old Fine Art Major also planning to graduate from CR in 2009. Courtney has experimented with many art forms including drawing, painting, three-dimensional, digital media and photography. She plans to transfer to the art program at Southern Oregon University and then have a career in art that combines her love of photography and digital media with her love for traditional forms of art.

The RAA maintains this scholarship fund in support of our mission to provide resources for education and to encourage young and emerging artists.

It is a perpetual fund in that scholarships are awarded only from interest in the account. Contributions from RAA members and a portion of proceeds from fund-raising activities are added to this fund each year.

This is the first year we are making it convenient for members to support this fund as part of the membership renewal process. Contributing members will be acknowledged annually.



Brad Frost (left), a recipient of one of the \$475 RAA scholarships, with Roy Grieshaber, RAA President, at the CR Scholarship Reception for donors and students on April 10.

Michael D McCoy	Jeanette Pyle	C G Stockwell
Jim McVicker	Jane Ray	Karen Sullivan
Lynne Meece	Camille Regli	Charlotte Swackhamer
Pam Mendelsohn	Leslie Reid	Linnea Tobias
Linda Mitchell	Max Rousselot	Nancy Trujillo
John A Montgomery	Tina Rousselot	R J Wade
Eric Mueller	Barbara Saul	Roberta "Berti" Welty
Theresa Oats	Monica Schill	Sara Westfahl
Sharon Ochs	Rachel Schlueter	Heather Williams
Betty Osborne	Stock Schlueter	Larry Williamson
Walt Padgett	Robert Sellers	Linda Wise
Yvonne Pegoraro	Patricia Sennott	Hal Work
William S Pierson	Jack Sewell	Susan Zink
Mariko Pratt	Ned Simmons	
Tsuya T Pratt	Sara Starr	
Barbara J Pulliam	Peggy Stebbins	

RAA MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 9, 7 – 8:30PM
IN THE RAA EXHIBITION
GALLERY
527 4TH STREET

The Board of Directors cordially invites you to this RAA membership meeting. We intend to start a dialog with you about how we move forward as a more member-oriented association and as a community of artists. Please mark your calendars.

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