

Vacaville Art League & Gallery

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership

Membership is open to anyone 14 years of age and over. Dues are paid annually with the fiscal year beginning in July and ending the June of the following year. Prorated memberships are available to first time members. (*Refer to Policy and Rules for classes of membership rates*).

Our Mission

The Vacaville Art League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of the visual arts. Our purposes are: To create an atmosphere that encourages community participation in the visual arts. To provide artists with exhibition space and opportunities to share and develop creative skills. To stimulate and educate members of the community by bringing an awareness and appreciation of fine art through exhibitions, shows, workshops, classes and demonstrations.

History

The Vacaville Art League was formed in 1963 with over 100 people attending the first meeting. However, there was no facility to meet in, nor a place to display the artists' work. In May of 1965, the city agreed to lease the circa 1880's Segura home to the art league, but the old Victorian needed much work. Many of the members rolled up their sleeves and prepared the building. Fund-raising projects generated enough money for the materials needed. Local businesses generously gave many supplies. On March 16, 1968 the Vacaville Art Gallery opened its doors for the first time.

Art League Board and Staff

The Vacaville Art League is organized under an elected board of directors; all board members maintain current membership with the Vacaville Art League. The VAL Board of Directors sets policy and governs the organization. The Vacaville Art Gallery staff consists of a Gallery Manager and Gallery Assistants.

Board/Member Meetings

Meetings are monthly and are conducted at the gallery at 7 pm (6:30 during winter months Nov.-Mar.) the third Wednesday of the month. Please attend these meetings as this is where the latest information and ideas are shared. Demonstrations or talks are scheduled at the conclusion of business as time permits.

Gallery Exhibits

The Vacaville Art Gallery changes exhibits every 4-6 weeks. Shows ranging from members' exhibits (*refer to screening policy*) to juried and non-juried open exhibitions by guest artists.

Opening Receptions

There is a reception for each exhibit (exception is Annual Student Show) which gives the artist the opportunity to meet and talk with the public and other artists. The receptions dates and time vary depending on the exhibit and artists involved.

Gift Shop

The Gallery has a gift shop which sells a wide variety of works created by Vacaville Art League members. A special membership rate is offered for members only wanting to display items in the gift shop. (*Refer to Policy and Rules for guidelines*)

Other Venues

The VAL member has the opportunity to show at other venues located within and outside the city of Vacaville. Contact the gallery for more information.

ArtWorks

Members receive the Vacaville Art League's newsletter *ArtWorks*. This bi-monthly newsletter keeps the members abreast of league news, announcements, and local calls for entry and gallery exhibit information.

Website

The VAL website is where up-to-date information is available for members and non-members. Members have the opportunity to link their personal website to the VAL website for free. For a nominal fee a personal website can be created with samples of artwork and an artist statement/bio. Monthly exhibits, special events, calls for entry, downloadable application forms, current newsletters and more can be found at:

www.vacavilleartgallery.com

Artist Information

Files are maintained of members' work by the Gallery Manager and is available to curators, collectors and the general public. Artists should submit a bio and/or statement along with samples of work, either slide or photograph, to the gallery.

Volunteering

Part of what makes the Vacaville Art League unique is how the members support VAL. Volunteers are critical to the success of the Vacaville Art League and we ask each member to volunteer. Volunteer opportunities include fundraising, community service, Juried and Non-Juried Exhibits, calling and mailings. Contact the gallery to join one of the volunteer committees.