



Art Works

Bi-monthly newsletter from the Vacaville Art League & Gallery

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2010

The Vacaville Art League and Gallery is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of the visual arts in our area.

GALLERY IS LOCATED AT:

718 E. Monte Vista Avenue
Vacaville, CA 95688
(707) 448-8712

HOURS: Tues, Thurs, Fri, noon-4pm
Wed, noon-7pm, Sat 10am-2pm

WEB: www.vacavilleartgallery.com

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EVENTS

Back by popular demand, Tesia Blackburn of Golden Artist Colors Lectures, is scheduled for SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1-4pm. This lecture is FREE to VAG members, and \$5 for non-members. To register, please call or email the Gallery.

FREE GOLDEN LECTURE: The Golden lecture/demo is a two-hour free educational presentation on acrylic paints, gels and mediums: an advanced technical explanation of acrylics, and their inherent possibilities. It covers information about the different types of pigments, different viscosities and types of paints, grounds and color mixing. Various gels and mediums are demonstrated. You will learn how to extend paint to save money, and how to mix paints with gels to create unique textural surfaces. Learn how to use different products to make surfaces for watercolors, graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, oil and soft pastels. Techniques for the use of iridescent and metallic paints will be shown. The lecture covers lightfastness, priming techniques, and health and safety concerns.

Free Packet of Literature and Samples

ON EXHIBIT

OPEN MEMBER SHOW,
featuring **Curt Tyner**, travelographer, photographer
from around the world
January 16-February 20

UPCOMING SPRING SHOWS

ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOW

Runs: March 7-April 17
Receiving: Sat, Feb. 20 and
Mon.-Sat., Feb. 22-27,
during regular gallery hours
Reception: March 7, 1-4pm

JURIED ART SHOW

Runs: May 8-June 19
Receiving: Apr. 27-May 1,
works not selected must be
picked up May 3-7
Jury Day: May 2
Reception: May 8, 7-9pm
Jurors: pending confirmation



*"Day at the Lake" by Leslie Molera
City Purchase Award, Juried Show 2009*

From Our President

Fellow Members,

As we start the new year with a bleak economic outlook for the near future it will be a struggle for all the arts groups to stay afloat. We must work extra hard to keep our gallery going. I would like to see more members stopping by the gallery and offering some kind of help as it seems the same few folks are always there fixing things and hanging the shows. It is also very important we all make an effort to attend the receptions for our fellow artists. Not many familiar faces at the last party! We have such a treasure in our gallery we must pull together to make sure we keep it going. There will be some exciting shows coming up so I hope to see alot more of you in 2010!

Dudley Owens,
President

Chance favors the prepared mind!

Congratulations to the Winners of 2009 Non-Juried People's Choice Awards

1st Place



*1st Place (\$100) – Lori Borchers – “Wild Things”
Lori is a new VAG member and attends Randy Tribo’s Drawing Like the Pros class.*

2nd Place



*2nd Place (\$50) – Nathan Stewart – “Walking on Sunshine”
This is the first time Nathan has ever exhibited his artwork. Nathan is a student at the International Academy of Design and Technology, Sacramento.*

3rd Place Tie



*3rd Place (\$25) – Madi St. John – “Water Off a Feather”
Madi is a freshman at Buckingham Charter School*



*3rd Place (\$25) – Laura Cochran - “Space Odyssey”
This is the first time Laura has ever exhibited her artwork.*

GET INVOLVED It's a win-win situation

With our Student Art Show and Juried Art Show just around the corner, we are looking for your help. VAG is YOUR gallery and we appreciate YOUR involvement. As a volunteer, you give and you get. Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community. But did you know that it can have many benefits for you too? Here are some reasons to volunteer:

Learn or develop a new skill: Volunteering is the perfect vehicle to discover something you are really good at and develop a new skill.

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." The possibilities are many.

Be part of your community: No man or woman is an island. We sometimes take for granted the community that we live in. Volunteering is ultimately about helping others and having an impact on people's wellbeing. What better way is there to connect with your community and give a little back? As a volunteer, you certainly return to society some of the benefits that society gives you.

Motivation and sense of achievement: Fundamentally, volunteering is about giving your time, energy and skills freely. Unlike many things in life there is choice involved in volunteering. As a volunteer you have made a decision to help on your own accord, free from pressure to act from others. Volunteers predominantly express a sense of achievement and motivation, and this is ultimately generated from your desire and enthusiasm to help. It may be true that no one person can solve all the world's problems, but what you can do is make that little corner of the world where you live just that little bit better.

New interests and hobbies: Sometimes we do get locked into the "rat-race" of life and volunteering can give that escape from everyday routine and create a balance in our lives. Finding new interests and hobbies through volunteering can be fun, relaxing and energizing. The energy and sense of

fulfillment can carry over to a work situation and sometimes helps to relieve tensions and foster new perspectives for old situations. Sometimes a volunteer experience can lead you to something you never even thought about or help you discover a hobby or interest you were unaware of. You can strengthen your personal/professional mission and vision by exploring opportunities and expanding your horizons.

New experiences: Volunteering is a brilliant way to get life experience. Whether you build a library or mail flyers to raise awareness for a local charity, you will experience the real world through hands-on work.

Meeting a diverse range of people: Volunteering brings together a diverse range of people from all backgrounds and walks of life. Both the recipients of your volunteer efforts and your co-workers can be a rich source of inspiration and an excellent way to develop your interpersonal skills. Volunteering also offers an incredible networking opportunity. Not only will you develop lasting personal and professional relationships but it is also a great way to learn about people from all walks of life, different environments, and new industries. Networking is an exciting benefit of volunteering and you can never tell who you will meet or what new information you will learn and what impact this could have on your life.

Send a signal to your employer, teachers, friends and family: People pay attention to your life outside the environment in which they have direct contact with you. For example, your employer would be interested in the activities that gives you a good work-life balance, just as academic institutions are interested in your extra-curricular activities. Volunteering reflects and supports a complete picture of you, and gives real examples of your commitment, dedication and interests. Show people what you are passionate about and maybe you will inspire them too!

If you are interested in helping at the Gallery, please contact me (vacavilleartgallery@castles.com). Thank you, Susan.

Deadline for newsletter information is March 5th.

E-mail Gallery Manager: vacavilleartgallery@castles.com

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VENUES FOR VAL ARTISTS!

Vacaville Art League artists have a number of locations to display their work: The Town Square Library in downtown Vacaville, Ulatis Community Center, Surgery Center at NorthBay Vaca Valley Hospital, and Toyota Motors of Vacaville. To take advantage of these opportunities contact Susan White at vacavilleartgallery@castles.com

Currently exhibiting

Town Square Library: Anthony Toth-Fejel, photography

Ulatis Community Center: Tammy Hart, abstracts

Surgery Center at NorthBay Vaca Valley Hospital:
Marty Guzman, photography; Chris Dillon, abstracts

Toyota Motors of Vacaville: Anne Kohutanycz, photography
Anthony Toth-Fejel, photography

MEMBER MEETINGS:

The third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. in the gallery.
Feb. 17, March 17

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VAL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS (JUNE 2009 THROUGH THE PRESENT)

Lori Borchers, Vacaville, CA
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