



# Art Works

Bi-monthly newsletter from the Vacaville Art League & Gallery

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2009

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-Sat, noon-4pm

**WEB:** [www.vacavilleartgallery.com](http://www.vacavilleartgallery.com)

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## ON EXHIBIT

### 2009 14th Annual Non-Juried Open Show

**Exhibit opens:** November 20, 2009

**Exhibit closes:** January 9, 2010.

WORK TO BE PICKED UP January 9  
from 10am-2pm.

**Reception:** Saturday, Nov. 21, 7-9 pm  
Please bring finger food to share, if  
you can - If you can't, please come  
anyway!

#### *Silent Auction*

During the Non-Juried Art Show,  
we have prints, paintings or other  
art works open for bidding in a  
silent auction. If you still would like  
to make a donation to the auction its  
not too late. Contact the gallery by  
November 21st.



*Mother Ostrich,  
Mischa Kitain,  
mixed media*

### Open Members Show

**Receiving:** January 5-9, 2010

**Reception:** Saturday, January 16, 6:30 – 9pm

**Exhibit opens:** January 16

**Exhibit closes:** February 20, 2010.

WORK TO BE PICKED UP February 22-27 during regular gallery  
hours

**Guest artist:** Curt Tyner, travelographer, photographs from around the  
world.

### **SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Gallery will close early the Wednesday before Thanksgiving at 4pm and  
reopen Tuesday, December 1st.

Note that the Gallery will be closed December 25th, 26th and 31st.

## Thanks for your support

On behalf of the our staff, dedicated volunteers- and most important the children whose lives are being changed because your support, the Leaven would like to thank the Vacaville Art League and Gallery for your kind support of our recent Wine/Cheese and Art Festival Fundraiser held on October 25th.

The turnout for the event exceeded our expectations for a first time event. The Leaven sold over 160 tickets and participants bought all 70 auction items and at least 1,800 raffle tickets, resulting in over \$16,000 raised at the event, which will keep our center opened for next year.

More importantly, the event allowed The Leaven to connect with an increasingly larger and more diverse population of community members who will be advocates for The Leaven for years to come.

The entire art community was extremely generous in their donation. We would be amiss to not personally thank those Vacaville Art Gallery artist who so graciously donated, including Adrienne Emmering, Marianne Post, Joy Key, Doris Henderson, Kathryn Welter, and of course Mary Rieche who very valiantly coordinated the pick-up of the art items.

Thank you again for making this event a tremendous success, we could not have gotten this far without you.

Sincerely,  
Peter M. Gaudet  
President of the Board  
The Leaven

## UPCOMING SPRING SHOWS

### ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOW

**Runs:** March 7 thru

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. 2-

May 1, works not

selected must be

picked up May 3-7

**Reception:** May 8,

7-9pm

## MEMBER MEETINGS:

**The third Wednesday of the month:  
6:30 p.m. in the gallery.**

Jan. 20, Feb. 17 (note, no meeting in the month of December)

**Thank You to the  
Advocate for the  
Arts for their  
generous support**



2009-2010 VACAVILLE ART LEAGUE & GALLERY

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Karen Hansen, Joy Key, Jim McMenamin,  
Marianne Post, Maricel Townsell, Mingan Tribo

## 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, Surgical Center at NorthBay Vaca Valley Hospital, and Toyota Motors of Vacaville. To take advantage of these opportunities contact Susan White at [vacavilleartgallery@castles.com](mailto:vacavilleartgallery@castles.com)

### Currently exhibiting

Town Square Library: Anthony Toth-Fejel, photography

Ulatis Community Center: Chris Dillon, abstracts

Surgical Center at NorthBay Vaca Valley Hospital: Erin Cockcroft, photography

Toyota Motors of Vacaville: Marianne Post, soft pastel landscapes

## Member's Art News

**Randall Tribo** continues to offer classes through the Vacaville Community Services Dept. at the Ulatis Community Center for students 14 years of age older: *Painting Like the Masters*, Mon. eves; *Drawing Like the Pros* Thurs. eves. For ages 50+ at the McBride Center **Sandy Imperatori** teaches *Painting With Watercolors* and **Parvin Ghoddosi** teaches *Painting with Acrylics*. For more information on these classes: [http://www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/community\\_services/](http://www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/community_services/)

**David Nasater** had two images ("Morning Hay" and "It Stands Alone") accepted in the Sacramento Fine Arts Center annual photography show *Moments in Time*. He is also showing at The Pence Gallery's annual Holiday Market from Nov. 28 through December 23. The Pence Gallery is at 212 D Street in Davis.

**Marianne Post** begins a new series of soft pastel classes at the School of Light & Color in Fair Oaks, CA. Jan 7th. (Thursday evenings 6:30 to 9:00 pm.) Students at all levels are invited to learn how to paint with soft pastel using a variety of techniques. For more information go to [www.schoolofflightandcolor.com](http://www.schoolofflightandcolor.com)

# Vacaville Art League and Gallery Welcomes New Manager

Hi. I'm Susan White, your new Gallery Manager. I have always been surrounded by art. The walls of our home became my father's canvas and as a child I was drawn into his scenic paintings. His art made me curious about a much larger world, making me curious about life in foreign lands beyond the Atlantic Ocean, beyond the shores of southern Florida. I believe my father's love for art is the reason my environment is so important to me - so you can imagine how thrilled I am to be spending my days in this Gallery surrounded by all your inspiring art.

So it seems my family has a thread of art running in our DNA. My grandmother hand painted teacups in England. My father had a clear vision as a painter. My vision is through Photography, leading me to study at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and Napa College. My daughter, Sandi Sullivan, graduated from UC Irvine putting her degree in Fine Arts to work in scenic set design with local theaters and as an independent contractor with Disney Studios. My son, Cody Marshall White, currently attends California College of the Arts majoring in painting and drawing.

Growing up in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, I was surrounded by flat land, the ocean, sand, gators, and every day was summer. Moving to Vacaville in 1983 after marrying John White (retired City of Fairfield Police Sergeant) was quite a change with rolling hills, cows, and seasons. Ironically, the very first place I visited when I moved to Vacaville was "the little blue house on the hill" and my first purchase was the piece of ceramic that now holds pencils on my desk in the Gallery.

Our family has hosted and shared our culture with 16 full-year exchange students from all over the world, and we have been fortunate enough to experience their culture by visiting many of their homes. ("All art is an individual's

expression of a culture. Cultures differ, so art looks different." Henry Glassie)

As a 12-year breast cancer survivor, I enjoy volunteering for the American Cancer Society through their Road to Recovery and Reach to Recovery programs and have been involved with the Vacaville Relay For Life since its inception 12 years ago. I am also an ACS Legislative Ambassador and serve as Co-Chair for the Solano County Tobacco Education Coalition.

In our spare time, John and I love to travel, sail, and snorkel. And now that my children have moved out, I am learning to make mosaics out of all the broken dishes I have saved over the years!

For the past several years, I have served as the Program Director for the Solano Asthma Coalition. Solano County has the highest rate of asthma in the State of California and the Coalition's main objective has been to educate schools on the importance of using green cleaning products and reducing asthma triggers in the classroom.

Now that you know a little about me, I would love to know more about you. During the past week, I have met some members who have brought in work for our Non-Juried Art Show opening November 20th and I look forward to meeting all of you at the reception on November 21st.

Thank you to the Board for allowing me the opportunity to be your new Gallery Manager. I look forward to assisting all our members and helping the Gallery grow. My goal as Gallery Manager is to share the "best kept secret" in Vacaville with our community.

My special thanks to Estelle for sharing her expertise and mentoring me over the past few weeks.



*Estelle Kirkendall, assistant manager (seated) works with new gallery manager, Susan White.*

*Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.*

*-Demosthenes*

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**Deadline for newsletter information is January 27th.**

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