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VACAVILLE ART LEAGUE & GALLERY

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS

VAL Members Took Several Awards at the Annual FVAA Juried Show!

City Purchase — Vida Gruendell

Second Place, watercolor—Vida Gruendell

Third Place, watercolor—Margaret Simpson

Third Place, Drawing — Adrienne Emmering

Merit Award, Drawing—Beth Swilling

CONGRATULATIONS

To Alice Micheltorena won the Fine Arts Merit Award at the California State Fair.

SHARE THE ART

Artists, reveal your TALENTS, and SELL YOUR PAINTINGS!

Exhibit spaces are available at **two locations:**

JACKSON MEDICAL SUPPLY
506 Main Street, in downtown Vacaville

JACKSON MEDICAL SUPPLY
604 Main Street (in Woodland, California)

For consideration and further information, call **Margie**, at **707-446-7014**

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Quarterly newsletter for the communities we serve

ArtWorks is a quarterly newsletter published by the **Vacaville Art League and Gallery**, dedicated to the development and promotion of the Visual Arts.
See our web site at http://vacavilleartgallery.com

Gallery located at: **718 Monte Vista Avenue, Vacaville. Phone: 707-448-8712.**
Hours: 12-4 Tuesday thru Saturday.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

The Vacaville Art League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of the visual arts.

It's purposes are: to create an atmosphere which encourages community participation in the visual arts,

To provide artists with exhibit space and the opportunity 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.

2004 Vacaville Art League
Board of Directors

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"Kent makes me feel interested in the way he depicts nature.... controlling light through color and design."

—Don Birrell, commenting on Rockwell Kent

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I reflect on this past year, I realize that so much of the heart of the Vacaville Art League is in the hands of the great artists among us. Equally important are our gallery manager, Lori, and her assistant, Amy. Together, they have made the gallery what it is today.

I look forward to the coming year. We have some fun and exciting shows and events planned. Make yourself a part of the visual art experience—participate actively, or attend our shows and events. There is and always will be something here for you!

—Vida Gruendell

NANCY KEMMER FEATURED

VAL is currently featuring works by Nancy Kemmer. Based in Fresno, California, Nancy specializes in watercolors, and has participated in many local solo and group presentations. In 2003 she won Best of Show awards at the Dixon May Fair and the San Joaquin County Fair. Recently, after an extended hiatus from fine art, she returned to painting. She now specializes in both studio and plein air painting. She also had a one-woman show at the Solano County Cultural Center in Vacaville.



Canning Day
Watercolor
Nancy Kemmer
Winner, Best of Show, Madera District Fair, 2003

Reception: Sunday, February 1st, 1 p.m.—5 p.m.
Show runs to Saturday, February 28th.

March: ***Ego (e'go; eg'o) 1. The entire man considered as union of soul and body.***
Introspective, mixed media self-portraits by gallery members. Reception: Friday, March 5th, 7—9 p.m.
Show runs thru March 26th

April: ***Annual Juried Show***
All media welcome—get ready with your artwork for our annual juried show!

May: ***Bill Smith and Elwyn Freeman***
Acrylic and oil painting and ceramics.

June: ***"Heavy" Collage (Member's show)***
Exhibit emphasizes use of larger, thicker objects (fabrics, wood, 3-D objects) in collage formats.

ULATIS COMMUNITY CENTER—

1000 ULATIS DRIVE, VACAVILLE, CA.

January 2004: Amy McElwain, mixed media artist. With strong and inventive mixed media work, Amy has the freedom to experiment with various materials. Drawn to the idea of collage, she is largely self—taught. Ms. McElwain is an executive board member of the Vacaville Art League, and is also a member of the Valley of the Moon Art Association. Her work has been shown in the Contra Costa, Solano, Sonoma, and Napa County areas.

February 2004: African American Artist's Month

March and April, 2004: Acrylics and quilts by Mary Barry

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join us at our monthly meetings . . . .

January 21st, 7 p.m. Program: TBA

There will be no February meeting.

March 17th, 7p.m. Program: TBA

A CALL TO ARTISTS:

Please prepare for our new "Ego . . ." show in March. The show will focus on self portraits—we look forward to seeing every member show us a self portrait, in any medium! **Artworks must be at the gallery by Feb. 28.**

Questions call Lori at 448-8712.

IMPORTANT—ANNUAL JURIED SHOW SCHEDULE, APRIL 2004

Receiving/entry:	**April 2, 3, 4 12—4 p.m.**
Jury:	**Monday, April 5**
Opening Reception:	**Friday, April 9, 7—9 p.m.**
Show:	**April 10—30**
Pick up work:	**April 30 , 4—5 p.m.**
	and May 1st, 12—4 p.m.

WE'RE MOVING TO OUR OWN GALLERY ON MONTE VISTA AVENUE FOR OUR SHOW!



Juror and artist Gregory Kondos comments on accepted artworks with Judy Neal, Pam Frey Carolyn Page at the Vacaville 2003 Annual Juried show

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PLEIN AIR PAINTING

Do you enjoy working with other artists, does nature inspire you? Do you want to expand your painting skills? Join with other members in our new monthly paint outs! We will paint at a different site each month. The paint outs begin February 2004.

Our California plein air tradition began to be recognized about 100 years ago and the Vacaville region has the most varied landscapes a painter could wish for. Painting with a group is part of the experience. Artists can share their work and learn new techniques as they go. Locations will be within 30—60 miles from the Vacaville gallery. Sites and scenery will be varied, so artists will have a variety of landscapes to work from. Parking, bathrooms and water facilities will be available. The sessions will last a half day.

Questions or suggestions, contact Lynne Cunningham by e-mail at lhcland@earthlink.net, or leave a message for Lynne at the gallery. The first paint-out will kick off at the gallery on Sat., Feb. 28th at noon, at the home of Alexis Koefoed. The Koefoeds have 55 acres on Pleasants Valley Road in Vacaville. Their farm is scenic, with creeks, rolling hills, orchards, barns and cattle. Info and map are available at the gallery, or contact Lynne. Note: rain will cancel the meeting! (That's *rain*, not fog!)

If you know of a good painting site, please obtain an info sheet from the gallery, or via e-mail from Lynne at lhcland@earthlink.net.

THANK YOU VIDA GRUENDELL

Vida has worked so hard, spending hours and hours painting our gallery steps, doors, frames and railings.

She has also made our studio rental area clean and presentable after all repairs were completed. Thanks again for her boundless support for VAL.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

2004

President:	Vida Gruendell
1st Vice President:	Dudley Owens
2nd Vice President:	Gail Robinson
Secretary:	Richard Gideon
Treasurer:	Amy McElwain

BOARD MEMBERS

Paul Goble
Jim McMenamin
Adrienne Emmering
Ron Gallus
Bill Smith
Ginger Valentine
John Benz
Steve Duncan
Mary Neri King

Small works done in a Big Way by gallery members.
Reception: Friday, January 9th, 7—9 p.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Hartley	Photography
Mark Jezierny	Acrylics and oils
Diana Childress	Mixed media
Shahin Golestromi	Mixed media

Show runs to January 23rd.

MEMBERS—

Please send your bio, artist's statements, and photos of your work for your file in the gallery and for our website! Send a brief art bio and 2-3 photos of your artwork. This is a reference for businesses and individuals. Bring this info to the Gallery, or scan the photos and send them to: ***rongallus@netscape.net.***

GALLERY EXHIBITS

January:
Small World

February:
Student Art Show