



**December  
2018  
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# *Local Arts Events*

*A Newsletter Featuring Events of Interest to  
Artists, Writers, Photographers & Crafters of the  
Central Valley & Central Coast*

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# Quote of the Month

- *“The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated in quotations”. – Benjamin Disraeli*

## Shows / Meetings / Events

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### DECEMBER

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**All December Dates are subject to cancellation. Please check each website carefully for date confirmations.**

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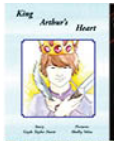

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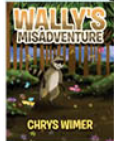
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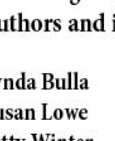






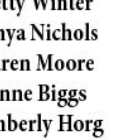








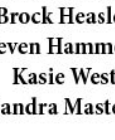
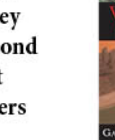
















**A Book Barn Invites You To Join  
Us For Our December Book Festival!**

**Saturday, December 1st  
11a.m. – 2p.m.  
640 Clovis Avenue**

**This book signing will feature several local  
authors and illustrators, including:**

Lynda Bulla	Shelly Kruse
Susan Lowe	Jon Latham
Betty Winter	Gloria Getman
Tanya Nichols	Janice Stevens
Karen Moore	Pat Hunter
Anne Biggs	Lupe Muro
Kimberly Horg	Tom Morton
Gayle Taylor Davis	Brock Heasley
Roh Morgan	Steven Hammond
Marilyn Meredith	Kasie West
Kathy Gorman	Sandra Masters

Stop by on Saturday, December 1st any time between 11a.m. - 2p.m. to attend this event! We have local authors of all genres attending, from picture books, to YA, to romance and even nonfiction. You'll be able to purchase signed copies of whichever titles you'd like and talk with the authors in person. This event is entirely free of charge and open to all ages. There will be a drawing at the end, with a door prize!

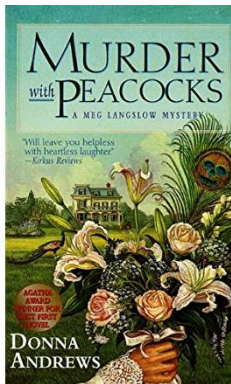
Sorry this announcement is late—it wasn't received in time to make the November newsletter which needed to be in by Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, but I'm sure the Book Barn still has some of their books. Shop for Christmas!

# Book Review

By Gail Daley

<https://wordpress.com/posts/gaildaleysfineartblog.wordpress.com>

If you would like to submit a book review for publication, please send the text, and a link to the book to: [Localartevents@art-tique.org](mailto:Localartevents@art-tique.org) ATTN: Book Reviews for Publication



## Murder, With Peacocks (Meg Langslow Mysteries) (Hardcover)



This was Donna Andrews first novel and she came out of the starting gate with a bang . I can't say how many times I laughed out loud when reading it. Some of those scenes were too funny for words.

Meg gets tagged as maid of honor in three weddings: her mother is marrying again, her brother for the first time, and her best friend who keeps trying to set her up with her grooms brother who Meg can't stand. Unfortunately for the Maid of honor, all of the weddings take place around the same time in her home town, and somehow she ends up organizing all three of them. Her struggles to

keep her crazy family and friends on track for the weddings while contending with a murder, brides who don't show up to pick out their dress, a bride who wants peacocks at her wedding, her father who insists on playing amateur detective, a cousin who keeps showing up for events in his gorilla suit and other manic things is hilarious.

This was a true cozy mystery; all the graphic aspects of the murder took place off stage. The mystery was believable too! I have read all of the series many times and will continue to do so as long as Andrews continues to write them.

# Art Classes / Workshops

**SEE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WRITERS.** Courtesy of the Aerogramme Writers Studio:  
<http://www.aerogrammestudio.com>

**WORKSHOP:** Sign up for **Jana Botkin's Pencil Drawing Workshop**. This is another opportunity to work on and perfect your drawing skills, and is designed for all skill levels. All supplies will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own. Each workshop is \$35 and the next workshop will be on **Tuesday, November 21, at the same time**. For more information and registration forms, please visit <http://www.artsvisalia.org/education/adult-classes/> or call us at (559) 739-0905.



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**A Book Barn Presents...**  
**Learn & Play With Alcohol Ink**  
**Saturday, December 8th, 2p.m. - 4p.m.**



Demonstrations will be given by local artist, Maxine Fuentes. She teaches classes at Allards Art store and is hoping to share this unique art form with others.

This class is entirely free of charge and open to all ages.

Please bring your own apron.

Gloves and art supplies will be provided.

Please call (559) 297-9052 to RSVP.  
Seating is limited.

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**CLASSES--PIANO & ACCORDION LESSONS** at Palmer's Piano & Accordion Studio, Sarah Sivas, Owner /Instructor. Located at 5781 E Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, CA 93727. For more information and pricing, contact Ph 559-905-5987 or [palmerspianostudio@icloud.com](mailto:palmerspianostudio@icloud.com). [www.palmerspianostudio.wix.com/lessons](http://www.palmerspianostudio.wix.com/lessons)

**CLASSES-- MCCOY'S ART STUDIO CLASSES** 1432 Clovis Ave **Clovis, CA 93612 (559) 298-7965** will cover instruction on color theory, composition and Oil technique's. **Day Classes Offered:** Wednesday--



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9:30AM - 12:00PM. Thursday 9:30AM --12:00PM - 1:00 - 3:30 PM, Friday -- 1:00PM-3:30p Saturday -- 9:30AM - 12:00PM **Night Classes:** Thursday Evening 6:00pm-8:30p **NOTE:** The classes are continuous all year long. We usually take two weeks off at Christmas, and one week at Thanksgiving. A one-week notice would be appreciated when quitting a class. When you stop your classes, all make up classes become void. If you have any other questions please call us at 559-298-7965. Check my Web Page at [www.artwithlindamccoy.com](http://www.artwithlindamccoy.com) **Permanent Students** --Are Students who come on a regular basis, the same day and time each week and pay for all classes even if they miss one. They may make-up the class on another day in a specified amount of time. The cost of this class is \$18.00 per session. **Alternate Students:** A student who comes whenever there is an opening and only pays for the classes they attend. Classes are \$20.00 for each session.

**CLASSES IN JEWELRY MAKING** by Frances (Fenya) Lediaev --I teach classes on wire-sculpted jewelry. Available after 5pm and Saturdays. Phone: 559-341-0919 [artwirejewelry@hotmail.com](mailto:artwirejewelry@hotmail.com)  
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**CLASSES AT THE BAA ART CENTER** (Bakersfield Art Association Art Center), 1817 Eye Street. **Summary:** Classes are available in Drawing, Watercolor, Oil, Acrylic, Pen and Ink & Color Theory for beginners and advanced, adults and children. <http://www.bakersfieldartassociation.org/> E-Mail: [baartcenter@gmail.com](mailto:baartcenter@gmail.com) Phone: 661-869-2320

**CLASSES WITH M LY: Portrait drawing for beginners" class with Ma Ly** at Fresno Adult School <http://www.facebook.com/events/265429620182196/> **Paint in Acrylic for Beginners" class with Ma Ly** at Fresno Adult School <http://www.facebook.com/events/337761882916664/> **Info and schedule for classes at Michaels with Ma Ly** <http://www.facebook.com/I/IAQETd222AQHpdtFKP8KGWnoX-oCPBUjTnIsWykM-lhGz-g/www.artclassatmichaels.webs.com>

**CLASSES-- SAMMY GONZALES AT CALIFORNIA ARTS ACADEMY:** Join a drawing or painting class that fits your level from beginning to advanced, ages two to ninety nine. Do you have a teenager interested in Anime/Manga? Sammy teaches that too, but register early because this class fills quickly. Classes are available year-round, with each semester culminating in an Art Hop Student Show. For more information contact California Arts Academy <http://calartsacademy.com/>, or email Sammy at [Sammygart@gmail.com](mailto:Sammygart@gmail.com). (559) 222-6539 Class Location: 4750 N. Blackstone Ave Fresno, CA 93726

**CLASSES-- POTTERY CLASSES:** Jim and Sandy Gregory in Reedley are retired teachers and will be starting pottery classes in their home "studio" for adults and children. Jim has been in the Reedley High School Art Department for over 30 years and teaching night classes at Reedley College. They work with clay slabs and the potter's wheel. He has a wide selection of samples done in various methods including Raku from Japan and Southwestern Native American style where he attended workshops in Taos, New Mexico. He does custom items for special orders from lamp bases to dinnerware and even mug orders for the local fun-run in Sanger. For more information: Jim and Sandy Gregory, 804 Street, Reedley, CA Phone 638-6084 or 647 3092....

**CLASSES-- DOOR ART GALLERY: Gary Langdon Oils (all levels)** . Door Art Gallery 3073 W Bullard, Fresno, CA 93711 Ongoing: Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Fridays 9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$60.00 per month. For more information or registration, call Gary 708-6823. **Suzie Stach (Pastels)** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Door Art Gallery 3073 W Bullard, Fresno, CA 93711. For registration and information, call Suzie Stach 271-9514. **Life Drawing & Painting** (self-directed –no instructor) . Tuesday 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. or Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – Noon. \$10.00 per session or \$35.00 per month. Door Art Gallery 3073 W Bullard, Fresno, CA 93711 559-261-161

# Want Ads

**STUDIO 360 – PLACERVILLE.** SHOW YOUR ART ON MAIN STREET, Art Studio 360 has several openings for artists to join their Co-op group. They will celebrate their 1st year in February. Located at 360 Main St. Placerville. Contact Joyce Bahnsen for more information, 530-626-3429.

**GOLD COUNTRY ARTISTS' GALLERY.** in Placerville currently has openings in a variety of media to join the gallery. For more information, visit their [website](#) or contact **Craig Koski, 530-306-3515.**

**GEARBOX GALLERY** is an artist-run contemporary art gallery located at 770 W. Grand Ave, Oakland, directly below the well-established [Transmission Gallery](#) and across the street from [Aggregate Space Gallery](#). GearBox is dedicated to showcasing the work of a broad range of regional contemporary guest artists alongside the work of member artists in an artist-run space. As a member of [Oakland Art Murmur](#) we participate in the famous First Friday Art Walks and other OAM events. GearBox now has an opening for an artist member. Join us in showing your work, the work of your contemporaries and fostering community and education through intellectual and cultural exchange focused on the visual arts. An application form with more details is available here: [Application](#) Submit your application and portfolio information to Jules Campbell at: [membership@gearboxgallery.com](mailto:membership@gearboxgallery.com) or contact her with your questions about participating in an artist-run space.

**TIMBERLINE ART GALLERY LOOKING FOR ARTISTS:** With its recent expansion, the Board of Directors of Timberline Art Gallery, located on Gallery Row in Oakhurst, is announcing its search for regionally recognized fine artists. Interested artists (any media) who need exhibition space and/or representation by a fine arts guild are encouraged to apply for membership. Information about the gallery: [www.timberlineartgallery.com](http://www.timberlineartgallery.com). Contact: Timberline board president, Zygmund Zee, 683-3345. Submitted to Art-tique by Sandra Lee Scott, Timberline Gallery member [559-760-1058](tel:559-760-1058)

**CMAC, THE COMMUNITY MEDIA ACCESS COLLABORATIVE** that opened on the second floor of the old Met building is looking for artists. Linda Caine went to the opening, and was very impressed with the whole concept and the center. They also need artists to hang paintings for a month at a time in their studios. There is a LOT of hanging space, and many of the walls will be able to take large pieces of work. If you watch the changing photograph banner on the top of their website, you'll see some of the hanging spaces – have a look at: <http://cmacfresno.org/> . They have someone for July, and Linda Caine will be exhibiting in August, but they're booking exhibitors for other months now. For more information, contact: Hope Melgoza, the woman who arranges the exhibits, so if you're interested please give her a call at 266-2622.

**ART HOP OPPORTUNITY:** Hi! My name is Amber Donabedian. The date of art hops is the first Thursday of the month. The address will be for the Babylon club, which is 1064 N. Fulton st, Fresno CA 93728. **Contact Info:** The phone number will be for the Babylon club also which is (559) 495 ~ 0852 & the email is going to be [a.d.photography@hotmail.com](mailto:a.d.photography@hotmail.com) I am looking for all types of artists! Thanks again! Amber Donabedian

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# Linking Around

## THIS MONTH THE NEWSLETTER RECOMMENDS:

### 1. **Choosing an Illustrator** [When Self-Publishing](#)

[www.underdown.org/finding-an-illustrator-self-pub.htm](http://www.underdown.org/finding-an-illustrator-self-pub.htm)

Of course, this is not the way things are done in traditional publishing, where the publisher matches an illustrator with a manuscript, and illustrators expect to be able to develop their illustrations and the flow of the book on their own, or with the help of an art director.

### **How to Illustrate a Children's Book: 14 Steps** [\(with Pictures\)](#)

<https://www.wikihow.com/Illustrate-a-Children's-Book>

May 14, 2018 · The colors of a children's book can contribute as much to the mood and feel of the work as design of the drawings, so make sure to consult with the author concerning the book's hues. Bright, vibrant colors often convey cheerful emotions, while dark amber and dark blues can give your illustrations a more somber feel.

### **Sell Art Online and Raise Conversion Rates** - <http://blog.artstorefronts.com/features-sell-art-online/>

It's really helped provide some clarity to other artists and photographers I work with, namely, about how people buy art online...and what type of buying experience is being used by the leading players in the industry like Ugallery.com, Saatchi Art, and Art.com.

Justine Horn

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**Clovis Fall Art Show Reception & Awards Ceremony**

# Group Websites

## **ADAS (Alamo Danville Artists' Society)**

<http://adas4art.org/>

Exchange of creative ideas  
Art Demonstrations  
Workshops  
Critiques  
Juried Art Shows  
Art In The Park Festival

## **Alliance of California Artists**

<http://www.allianceofcaliforniaartists.com/>

Art Demonstrations at the general meetings Workshops  
Art Sale in April  
Juried Shows throughout the year

## **Art-Tique** <http://www.art-tique.org/>

Community Art Exhibits at Local Libraries  
Local Art Events Newsletter

## **Art Center Morro Bay**

<http://www.artcentermorrobay.com/>

Workshops  
Classes  
Shows

## **Arts Visalia** <http://www.artsvisalia.org>

Adult & Children's classes & workshops  
  
Art Shows & exhibitions

## **Bakersfield Art Association**

<http://www.bakersfieldartassociation.org/>

E-Mail: [baartcenter@gmail.com](mailto:baartcenter@gmail.com)  
Phone: 661-869-2320  
Classes & Workshops  
Art Around The Town  
Featured Monthly Artist

## **Carnegie Arts Center -**

[www.carnegieartsturlock.org](http://www.carnegieartsturlock.org).

Adult & Children's Classes in Art & Dance  
Workshops

## **Clay Mix** [www.claymix.com](http://www.claymix.com)

Classes  
Events  
Studio Space

## **Clovis Art Guild** [www.clovisartguild.com](http://www.clovisartguild.com)

Art Demonstrations at the general meetings  
Fall Art Show (November)  
Old West & Rodeo Art Show (April)  
Miniature Art Show (July)  
Annual Art Yard sale  
Members Pages On Web site

## **(FAC) Fresno Arts Council Historic Tower** <http://fresnoartscouncil.org/>

Multi-Artist Gallery Art Hop & Jazz Hop  
Eatin' On Eaton at the Fresno Water Tower

## **Fresno Art Hub**

<http://www.fresnoarthub.com/>

Workshops  
Classes  
Art Shows  
Rents wall space in the Gallery

## **Livermore Art Association (LAA) & Pleasanton Art League (PAL)**

<http://www.livermoreartassociation.org/>  
<http://www.pal-art.com/>

Monthly Art Demonstrations (alternates between locations)  
Art Shows  
Retail Gallery  
On Line Gallery  
Video Tape art instruction library



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### **Madera County Arts Council**

<http://www.maderaarts.org/>

Celebrate Agriculture With the Artist -  
Exhibit and competition  
Circle Art Gallery

### **Partners N Art**

<http://partnersnart.yolasite.com/>

Brings Artists & Business together  
Art Walk Borders Bookstore Exhibit

### **Photo Collective**

<http://www.photocollective.org/>

Photography Outings (field trips & photo walks)  
Workshops  
Annual Showcase

### **PAA (Placerville Arts Association)**

<http://www.placervillearts.com/>

Classes & Workshops  
Mother Lode Art Show  
Fall Art Tour

### **San Joaquin Clay & Glass Association**

<http://www.sjcga.com/>

Annual Spring Sale (May)  
October fall Workshop  
Annual Fall Sale (November)

### **Santa Cruz Art League**

<http://www.scal.org/>

Shows & Exhibits  
Classes & workshops  
Ties to Poetry readings & Local Theatre

### **Society of Western Artists (local chapter)**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Society-of-Western-Artists-San-Joaquin-Valley-Chapter/223715287698387>

Art Shows  
Meetings & Demonstrations

### **Sierra Art Trails**

<http://www.sierraarttrails.org/>

Exhibits: Pathways  
Sierra Art Trails  
Our Wild Lands  
Water, Source of Life  
Going Deeper, Reaching Out

### **TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CLUB**

<http://www.trivalleywriters.org/>

Blog  
Anthology: *Voices of the Valley: Word for Word*  
Winterfest  
Writer's Conference  
Contests for adults and high schoolers

### **YOSEMITE WESTERN ARTISTS (YWA)**

[www.yosemitewesternartists.com](http://www.yosemitewesternartists.com)

Art Demonstrations at the general meetings  
Weekly Live Model Group  
Rotating exhibits at satellite locations  
Annual Tri-County Open Competition and Exhibition  
Plein Air Outings

### **Write Mindful**

<http://www.meetup.com/WriteMindful/>

Poetry workshops  
Writing workshops  
Meditation

# The Good News

We would like to fill this space with good news about *you* and your work. Did you get accepted at a major show you have been trying to break into? Did you sell a painting or other piece of art? Are you being honored by the community? If you have good news you would like to share, please send it to the newsletter with the tag line "The Good News"



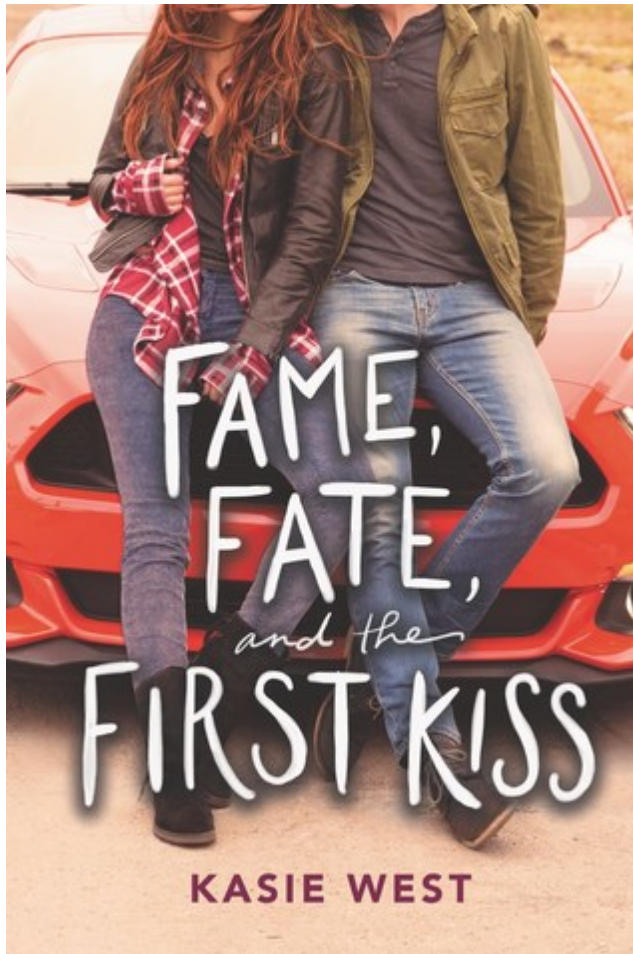
**Congratulations to Mary Ann Ferstl who won Best of Show at the Clovis Art Guild Fall Open Art show.**

Congratulations also to the two artists who sold paintings at the show.



# Showcase Writer

Kasie West



Kasie West is an American novelist that writes Young Adult, Paranormal and contemporary romance literature. She grew up in California and attended Fresno State University graduating with a Bachelor that is totally unrelated to writing. She is best known for the Pivot Point series of novels of which "Pivot Point" first published in 2013 was her debut title.

I was born on October 23rd on an Airforce Base in California because my dad was in the Airforce. This makes me a BRAT (no really, that's what they call children born to a full-time military parent). Most of my childhood, I grew up in a little town called Clovis, which is in central California. I graduated from Fresno State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education because my plan was to become a teacher. Then I got married to a lovely man and we had four children. My dream was to stay home and raise them, so I did. While in the process of raising these amazing kids, I started writing. I didn't know this was also my dream until I tried it and loved it so much. I've always loved to read. I've been reading books my whole life. Some of my favorite authors are Jane Austen and Charles Dickens. My first book, Pivot Point, was published in 2013.

I am the mother of four--three daughters and one son. We live in Central California where the summers try to kill us with their 115 degree stretches. We battle the heat mostly by water skiing:

Which, aside from writing is one of my favorite things to do. My skill level on a wakeboard does not match my passion for the sport. I would claim that maybe I can get better at it, but I'm too

chicken. I don't want to get injured (this means I'm old).

I graduated from Fresno State University with a BA degree that has nothing to do with writing. I earned my masters in Junior Mint eating (which is awarded after eating your millionth King Size box....I'm now working on my PhD). I love sappy alternative rock ballads and reading way past my bedtime.

Web site: [www.kasiewest.com](http://www.kasiewest.com)

The easiest way to communicate with me is on twitter: [www.twitter.com/kasiewest](https://twitter.com/kasiewest)

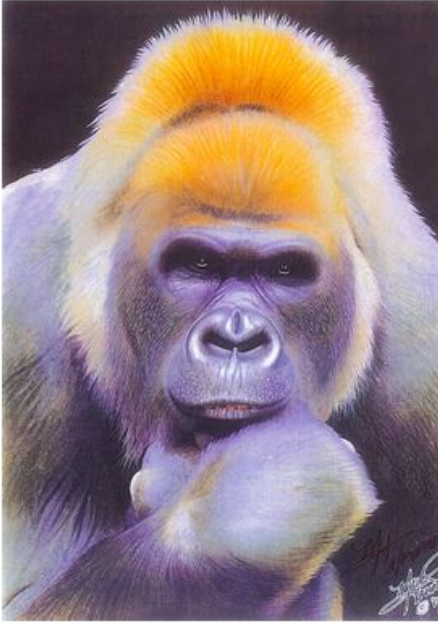
I try to respond to all tweets. :) Or, I answer questions on my goodreads page.

My next book out is FAME, FATE, and the FIRST KISS. It comes out February 5, 2019. If you like stories about celebrities and fame and love and sabotage, this story is for you. I love it and I hope you do too!



# Showcase Artist / Photographer

## Mark Lee Howard



Mark Lee Howard, known as “the man behind the pen”, was born on Dec 23, 1951 in Oakland, CA. As the son of a navy officer whose family moved frequently, Howard had the opportunity to observe wildlife in many varied habitats and to develop a life-long love of nature. He first began creating art in 1963 at the age of 13. While living in Olathe, KS, he experimented with pencil, pen and ink. His artistic abilities flourished and in 1969 he won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the National Scholastic Awards (Graphic Art Edition). This accomplishment fueled Howard’s drive to become an artist.

After his graduation from Arlington Heights High School in IL, Howard entered the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, CA. Desiring further study; he then attended Fresno State University in Fresno, CA. A self-taught artist, Howard continued to paint and found that he was most attracted

to artists who “Provoke a passion and beauty of life for others through their images.” He is particularly inspired and influenced by the work of Salvador Dali, Carl Brenders, John Seery-Lester, Daniel Smith and Simon Combes.

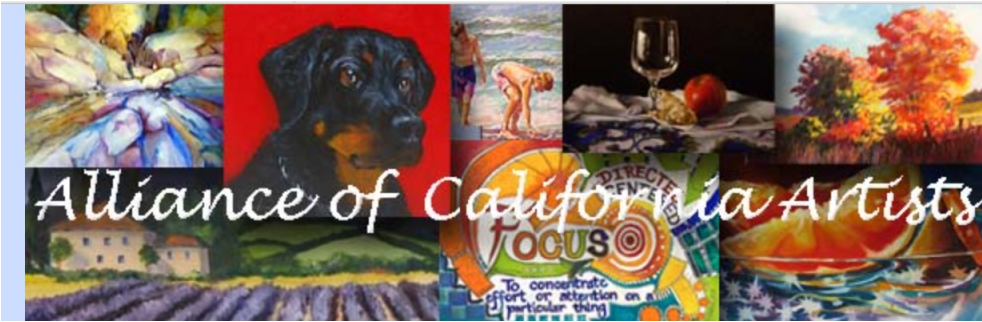
Howard has been an artist for 36 years, during which time he has participated in various exhibitions and has received various awards for his work. Since 1999 Howard has acquired international recognition as a wildlife artist, particularly after he was featured in “Wildlife Art” Magazine (Jan/Feb 1999 issue).

Howard’s most important aspect of art is to creatively express his love and concern for wildlife in hopes of drawing attention to the importance of preserving nature’s beauty and balance. As an advocate for preservation of threatened and endangered species, Howard explains, “I’ve dedicated my artistic talents to that field. My photo-realism renderings remind viewers of the natural beauty we are so close to destroying forever.” He continues, “I find myself deeply drawn into each new subject, almost as though I actually become a part of the animal.” Today, Howard lives in Fresno, CA with his pet cats, raccoons, iguana and snakes. His artwork is owned by collectors around the world, including the US, Canada, and Great Britain.



# Showcase Art Gallery / Group

## Alliance of California Artists



ACA has undergone many changes to how we operate over the past year.

**The new venue for ACA monthly meetings** is the Redeemer Lutheran Church hall. It's located at 1084 W. Bullard, near the northwest corner of Bullard and Palm. This hall is a dream come true for ACA, and we have Connie Claes to thank. We will have signs in the east parking lot to let our

members know where our meeting is being held. It won't be in the main hall but in a conference room accessed from outside near the parking area.

- We will no longer have monthly hangings. We will have one large open show a year and the format for this will change to help expand participation. This will be explained further in a future post.
- Because we no longer will have monthly hangings or monthly demos, and because the church is charging us a minimal amount for the use of their facility, we are dropping the membership fee back to \$40 a year.
- We will be meeting the second Friday of the month. The board will meet at 5 pm. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting to listen in. You can also ask to be put on the agenda to bring up any concerns, questions and suggestions. The general meeting will begin at 6 pm. This year, we will be taking December off. In 2019, we will take November and December off.
- We will have formal demos quarterly. As before, these will be paid demonstrations. We will have a brief business meeting just before we have the demo. Refreshments will be provided by ACA and not by members for these meetings and guest attendance for demos will be \$10. We plan to post the demos and dates at the beginning of the year
- All the rest of the monthly meetings will be informal. That means they won't be demos and will be interactive get-togethers. We welcome anyone to participate. Guests are free. Bring friends or family if you want. You will receive information month to month on what is planned. As these meetings will be informal, members can bring their own refreshments, including any beverages (non-alcoholic) to consume or share as they choose.

We are going to focus on doing more to promote our scholarship funding. You will hear about opportunities to participate in this as we progress.

Due to all the changes going on, the current board has agreed to carry on into 2019 for a limited time. We will have an election early in 2019.

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# Blog: The Practical Artist

## New Year's Resolutions

*By the Practical Artist*

<http://www.thepracticalartist.com/the-practical-artists-blog.php>

**Resolution 1—Improve myself and my art by joining one or more of the local art groups**

**Resolution 2--Take Advantage of the opportunities offered by these groups to improve my skills**

**Resolution 3—Become an active member of each group I join**

**Resolution 4— *Remember that it is time to pay my yearly dues!***

2019 is coming sooner than you think! It is the time of year when many of us take time to look back to study how we can improve on what we accomplished (or didn't accomplish!). Ask yourself these questions: Did I carry out last year's New Year's Resolutions? What can I do to better achieve the goals I set?

If you don't feel you quite made it to your goals, don't be discouraged. Most of us fall off the wagon many times before we arrive at where we want to be both professionally and personally. Start over in 2019. You can still become the artist or writer you want to be, in the local community and the world at large.

Self-improvement goals don't come without some personal cost in our time and effort. We must have viable, flourishing local communities to nurture our progress for us to grow. In the Fresno/Clovis area alone we have at least five such local groups, in the Fresno/Clovis area, and I can think of at least seven within driving distance of these cities! Sadly, low contributions by members to leadership in the individual groups has caused dwindling membership and has caused cut backs on some of the groups activities. Fewer members are stepping up and maintaining our local community. If you want to stop the drain of this precious resource, get off your backside and stop sitting on the sidelines! Go out and actively look for an art or writing group that meets your needs. When you find that group, look around and see how you can contribute to its healthy growth. If you are already a member of a group, make it one of your New Year's Resolutions to become a more active member.

Joining a local art/writing group can be rewarding both personally and professionally. Why is it so important to associate with other artists and writers? Well, although you can create work in a vacuum, if your work is never evaluated by your peers, you will get stuck echoing the same type of art or writing at the same skill level forever. Peer groups challenge us to stretch our skills, reach for new goals and generally provide support when we are feeling down. It is important to seek out those who are *Sympatico* with our ideals and feelings about our Work. Local groups can be irreplaceable in support in this area. Let's face it, while our friends and family members may *ooh* and *ahh* over our work, they really can't provide an informed opinion about it. In addition, most of us may suspect they are praising our work because they love us, and **not** because they truly love our work or are really interested in what we are doing with it.

Not all groups are the same. Different groups may offer you alternative types of support. All of these groups can have valuable insights into improving our work. So stop sitting around waiting for someone else to step up, and make it **your** mission to get involved! If you want to learn more about these groups, many of them have websites where you can take a first look at

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them from the comfort of your computer screen. Once you decide on a group, commit yourself to actually attend at least 3 meetings of each group to meet your fellow artists. For myself, I actually belong to several of them and I get something valuable from each group!

**Alliance of California Artists** [www.allianceofcaliforniaartists.com](http://www.allianceofcaliforniaartists.com)

- Art Demonstrations at the general meetings
- Workshops
- Art Sale in April
- Juried Shows throughout the year
- Membership Gallery

**Clovis Art Guild** [www.clovisartguild.com](http://www.clovisartguild.com)

- Art Demonstrations and mini-workshops at the general meetings
- Membership Gallery
- Workshops
- Fall Art Show (NOVEMBER)
- Old West & Rodeo Art Show (APRIL)
- Miniature Art Show (JULY)

**Madera County Arts Council** [www.maderaarts.org](http://www.maderaarts.org)

- Celebrate Agriculture With the Artist - Exhibit and competition
- Circle Art Gallery

**Society of Western Artists (local chapter)** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Society-of-Western-Artists-San-Joaquin-Valley-Chapter/223715287698387>

- Art Shows
- Meetings & Demonstrations locally and at the San Francisco chapter

**Sierra Art Trails** <http://www.sierraarttrails.org/>

- Exhibits:
  - Pathways
  - Sierra Art Trails
  - Our Wild Lands
  - Water, Source of Life
  - Going Deeper, Reaching Out

**Yosemite Western Artists** [www.yosemitewesternartists.org](http://www.yosemitewesternartists.org)

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# About the Newsletter

The Local Arts Event Newsletter is a free, on-line monthly publication for assisting artists, photographers and writers of California's Central Valley and Central Coast to find places to show/sell their work, make connections with the local peer groups, and find classes, workshops, and tools to develop artistic skills, writing skills and develop the business side of their work. It is distributed free on-line.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may sign up to receive a printed copy for \$38.00 per year which will pay for printing and postage. Please make the check out to our parent company, Gail Daley's Fine Art.

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The Newsletter welcomes announcements, notices and other items that agree with our stated purposes. **All notices must include date, time, address and contact phone number or e-mail.** If you wish to post an item to the calendar, it must be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the event. Flyers and other items sent to the newsletter will only be distributed on-line. *All notices sent to members are subject to approval and editing, and no member information is ever given to 3rd parties.*

*Writer, Artist/Photographer and Association/Gallery information should be 200 words or less (Preferably as a word or page file) and can be accompanied by a jpeg photo of your choice.*

*The Newsletter welcomes contributions from the photogrpahers, writers, artists and crafters. If you are interested in becoming a part of the editorial staff, or simply want to contribute an article or two, please contact us.*

*Please note: as the newsletter is free, no payment is made for voluntary contributions. We do need Book Reviews, Articles, notices of events, good news, etc.*

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