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Local Arts Events



A Newsletter Featuring Events and Information of Interest to Artists, Writers,
Photographers & Crafters of California's Central Valley & Central Coast

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# **Quote of the Month**

The Only Thing We Have To Fear Is Fear Itself John F Kennedy's State of the Union Address Quoting and earlier speech by FDR

# Shows / Meetings / Events

Please be advised than many of the events listed in April may have been cancelled or rescheduled because of the Guidelines for "sheltering in place" due to the spread of the Corona Virus. Please be sure and check the web site given for each event to see if it is still going on.

On-line events not requiring a physical presence should continue as scheduled

**APRIL 2020** 



APR 1 WRITER'S CALL: 2020 WERGLE FLOMP HUMOR POETRY CONTEST The contest is organized by Winning Writers. You may submit one humor poem, in English. Your poem should not exceed 250 lines in length. You may submit published or unpublished work. No Entry Fee. Details: http://bitly.com/2l8f0zu

**APR 2 PHOTO COLLECTIVE GENERAL MEETING**. Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of the month. . Time: 7 p.m. Location: Stonebridge Apartments Club House 2800 Braden Ave, Modesto, CA 95356 Meet in the clubhouse just to the left of the pool as you make your way from the guest parking area. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.photocollective.org">www.photocollective.org</a>

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2/9/16/23/30 YWA (YOSEMITE WESTERN ARTISTS) LIVE MODEL PAINTING: Fridays from 9:30 am -12:30 pm. All are welcome to paint/draw/ photograph/sculpt from hired models at Gertrude School House, Road 600, Ahwahnee, CA. Cost is \$10.00 for YWA members, and \$13.00 for guests. Please call Doug Boomer 559-642-3648, or email dboomer@sti.net for more information. Please visit (and like) our Facebook for the latest scoop on all events https:// page our www.facebook.com/YosemiteWesternArtists.

APR 2 VIDEO GRAPHER CALL: 2020 WE ART WATER FILM FESTIVAL This year's theme is Climate Crisis. All short films need to address the topics: Climate Crisis, water and sustainability, linking it to the global problem of water and sanitation and its relation to hygiene, pollution, agriculture, diseases, nutrition, education, etc. There are three categories: Micro-documentary, Micro-fiction and Micro-animation. No Entry Fee. Details: http://bitly.com/37fDNW1

APR 3/17 FNA (FRIENDS 'N ART) NEW LOCATION FOR MEETINGS! meetings where artists get together and paint at Valley Friends Church, 980 Gettysburg Ave., Clovis, on the first and third Friday afternoons at noon--3 p.m. For more information contact APRy Newton 559.906-3907

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APR 11ARTIST CALL: ARTISIAN FAIRE: Vintage - Upcycle - Hand-crafted A place for local artisans to sell their wares, and for the community to come out and support them while enjoying beverages and food from our cafe'! We will now be hosting our Artisan Faire on the second Saturday of each month, with outdoor and indoor vendor spots available, weather permitting. For more information and to obtain an application, please contact us at <a href="miscuppa620@gmail.com">miscuppa Caffe</a>' 620 E Olive Ave, Fresno, California 93728

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**APR 14(BAA) THE BAKERSFIELD ART ASSOCIATION** 1607 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661-869-2320) will be having a meeting open to the public on Saturday, 9 am to noon, program at 10

APR 15YWA (YOSEMITE WESTERN ARTISTS) PLEIN AIR OUTING. Outings are usually the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Locations vary. Interested parties meet in the CVS parking lot in Oakhurst at 9:00 am where car-pooling arrangements are made to the eventual destination. Cost for members is \$3.00; non-members \$5.00. To stay informed of Plein Air destinations, follow YWA on Facebook — https://www.facebook.com/YosemiteWesternArtists. Plein Air Coordinator: Terry Robinson, terryrobinson@sti.net.

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APR 18ARTIST CALL: Receiving for the CAG OLD WEST & RODEO OPEN ART SHOW Saturday, April 18, 10AM—Noon Clovis Veteran's Memorial District, Veteran's Room, 808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93613. For more information, contact Show Chairs Alice Sutton at 787-2386 or Gail Daley 559-960-2428 or gaildaley2955@comcast.net . Artist reception and award ceremony April 26, Veteran's Room, 5-8 PM at the Show location. Prospectus available at <a href="https://www.clovisartguild.com">www.clovisartguild.com</a>

APR 18 ARTIST CALL: Receiving for the ANNUAL GENE BUTLER SCHOLAR SHIP ART SHOW: Saturday, April 18, 10AM—Noon Clovis Veteran's Memorial District, Veteran's Room, 808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93613. Open to Local Area High Schools. Please contact your teacher for information about the Gene Butler Student Scholarship. All scholarship entries should go through your high school art teacher. Please use the Professional Framing Standards Flyer posted on our website. www.clovisartguild.com. Liaison: Dave Boothby 681-2046 e-mail dboothby@sbcglobal.net

APR 18YWA (YOSEMITE WESTERN ARTISTS) General meeting and art demonstration (3rd Saturday of each month) at Gertrude Schoolhouse, Road 600, Ahwahnee. 11:15 am, General Meeting; 11:45 am, Potluck; 12:15 pm, Artist demonstration — Myrna Axt, Mixed Media Sculpture. Cost for members is \$5.00; non-members \$7.00. For information go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/YosemiteWesternArtists">https://www.facebook.com/YosemiteWesternArtists</a> or subscribe to our newsletter at <a href="mailto:yosemitewesternartists.com">yosemitewesternartists.com</a> or call Sandee Scott at 559-760-1058. <a href="mailto:info@yosemitewesternartists.com">info@yosemitewesternartists.com</a>.

APR 193RD THURSDAY ART HOP covers Metropolitan Fresno and Clovis The ArtHop™ program is a monthly event featuring art exhibits in over 50 art venues in Fresno County. Art venues include galleries, work studios, retail outlets, and public spaces that art patrons can visit on the first and third Thursday of each month and other designated days. Please support our Metro venues; come by and meet local artists and enjoy their artwork, receptions, beverages, and music on the 3rd Thursday of each month, from 5pm to 8 pm. To plan your ArtHop experience, log in to www.fresnoarthop.org to check for a list

APR 19THE PLACERVILLE ARTS ASSOCIATION'S monthly general meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 1:30 to approximately 3:30 at the Placerville Senior Center, 937 Spring St, Placerville, CA 95667. http://www.placervillearts.com Karen Poole President kspoole@hughes.net or (530) 672-0943

**APR 20MOTHER LODE ART ASSOCIATION,** meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00 PM at the **Tuolumne County Library**, 480 Greenley Rd, Sonora, CA **95370-5956**, An artist demo is held after each meeting. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.motherlodeartassociation.org">http://www.motherlodeartassociation.org</a>

APR 21KINGS COUNTY ART LEAGUE meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM in the Kings Art Center, 605 N Douty, Hanford, CA 93230. Meetings include educational art demonstrations. For more information contact the office at 559-584-1605 or e-mail them at info@kingsartcenter.org Website & Facebook page http://www.kingsartcenter.org https://www.facebook.com/KingsArtCenterHanford

APR 22ARTIST CALL: LEIGH YAWKEY WOODSON ART MUSEUM BIRDS IN ART Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI, invites two- and three-dimensional artists working in all mediums other than crafts and photography to submit original artworks to the annual juried Birds in Art exhibition, Sept 12-Nov 29, 2020. All artworks must interpret birds and related subject matter. Processing fee: \$55 for one entry; \$65 for two entries. Entry Fee. Details: 715-845-7010 OR http://www.lywam.org/birds-in-art/2020-prospectus OR info@lywam.org

April 25 ARTIST CALL - CONTEMPORARY REALISM JURIED EXHIBITION OF OIL PAINTINGS Mills Pond Gallery invites artists to submit works for a juried Contemporary Realism Exhibition July 11 - August 8, 2020. Juror: Max Ginsburg. The subject matter is open and can range from portrait, landscapes, still life, etc. Paintings should be representational, ranging from impressionistic in style to highly rendered paintings. Entry Fee \$45/3 images Awards: \$2400 Entry Fee. Details: 631-862-6575 OR http://www.millspondgallery.org/calls-for-entry#/contemporary-realism OR gallery@stacarts.org

APR 28YWA (YOSEMITE WESTERN ARTISTS) DIGITAL ART GROUP meets every 4th Tuesday in the conference room at Yosemite Bank in Oakhurst, 40061 HWY 49, Oakhurst, CA 93644 from 4-6 PM. The Digital Art Group is the newest Yosemite Western Artists group. Initiated by YWA member, Lauren Ball, it exists to keep our membership informed of new developments in digital art and includes reviews of art and photography applications for tablets, sAPRt phones and computers. Each month we will alternate between painting apps and photography apps. We provide demonstrations, review options and accessories and help you be more creative with this newest of art creation genres. https://yosemitewesternartists.com/digital-art-group/

APR 30PHOTOGRAPHER CALL: NIKON SMALL WORLD COMPETITION 2020 The Nikon Small World Competition is open to anyone with an interest in photography through the microscope. There are two competitions: \* Nikon Small World Contest \* Nikon Small World In Motion Contest Photomicrographs must be taken using a light microscope. All types of light microscopy and specimens are acceptable. The use of Nikon equipment is not required. No Entry Fee. Details: http://fla.st/2MZyFQn

April 30 ARTIST CALL - LARGE MURAL GRANT FOR TOWSON MARYLAND LIBRARY !OPEN CALL! Large mural grant for Towson Maryland public library. Open to all artists internationally. Open to all concepts and styles, that works with the challenging architectural facade on the main side of the building. The building is considered the gateway to this up and coming arts and entertainment area, and the keystone for future projects. This is a huge opportunity for any passionate muralist! Application Fee. Details: 667-206-2125 OR <a href="https://www.towsoncreativepartnership.com/bcpl-towson-library">https://www.towsoncreativepartnership.com/bcpl-towson-library</a> OR TowsonCPArts@gmail.com

### **MAY 2020**



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MAY 2 ARTIST CALL: The Garden Party. Receiving from 12-3 PM at Sorensen Studio & Galleries 2223 S Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93721. Phone 559-237-4934. Art Hop Receiption Thurs, May 7, from 5-8 PM and Second Saturday May 9, 10AM-4PM. Producer Michael Frank Pickup from show May 30, 9AM-12PM. For more information, contact: Michael Frank <a href="mailto:michaelfrank115@gmail.com">michaelfrank115@gmail.com</a> or Kat Austin katsmeow4265@gmail.com

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May 7 WRITERS CALL 5-7-5 Poetry Writing For this contest you are to write a short poem. It should only have three lines. But the structure is that of a Haiku. The first line has 5 syllables. The second line has 7 syllables. The third line has 5 syllables again. Write about anything. Cash prize to the winner. Deadline May 7th. For More Information: <a href="https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106436">https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106436</a>

- \$550.00 INNOVATE GRANTS FOR ARTISTS + PHOTOGRAPHERS. Innovate Grant is now accepting submissions for the Spring 2020 Cycle. Innovate Grant awards (2) \$550.00 grants each quarter, to one Visual Artist and one Photographer. In addition to receiving a grant award, winners will be featured and recognized on our website and join a growing community of vibrant and talented artists. Entry Fee. **Details:** http://innovateartistgrants.org

MAY 9 ARTIST CALL: ARTISIAN FAIRE: Vintage - Upcycle - Hand-crafted A place for local artisans to sell their wares, and for the community to come out and support them while enjoying beverages and food from our cafe'! We will now be hosting our Artisan Faire on the second Saturday of each month, with outdoor and indoor vendor spots available, weather permitting. For more information and to obtain an application, please contact us at <a href="miscuppa620@gmail.com">miscuppa Caffe</a>' 620 E Olive Ave, Fresno, California 93728

MAY 9 SONORA WRITERS GROUP. Meets the 2<sub>nd</sub> Saturday of each month at 1:30 AM. All writers welcome. Must call for location of meeting place. (209) 743-8097 https://www.facebook.com/pg/SonoraWriters.org/about/?ref=page\_internal

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MAY 9 WRITERS CALL <u>Share A Story In A Poem</u> In this contest you are challenged to write a poem that tells a story and also rhymes. We've included examples of this type of poetry storytelling in the announcement. Enter for your chance at the **cash prize**. Deadline May 9th For More Information: <a href="https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106436">https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106436</a>

MAY 11 WRITERS CALL Nonet Poetry Contest Write a nine line poem for this poetry contest. But you must count syllables. The first line of your poem will have 9 syllables. The second line has 8 syllables and the 7th line has seven. This continues until your final line which has one syllable. Enter for your chance at the cash prize. Deadline May 11th For More Information: https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106485

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- MAY 15 ARTIST CALL DOROTHEA LANGE PAUL TAYLOR PRIZE The Lange-Taylor Prize is intended to support artists, working alone or in teams, who are engaged in extended, ongoing fieldwork projects that fully exploit the relationship of words and images in the powerful, persuasive representation of a subject. The prize is not awarded for completed projects or to support the production of a book, exhibit, website, or other outcomes. Application Fee. Details:http://documentarystudies.duke.edu/awards/lange-taylor
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- MAY 16 WRITERS CALL: Acrostic Poetry Contest Write an acrostic poem. An acrostic poem is a poem where the first letter of each line spells out a word. View an example in the announcement. This contest has a cash prize. Deadline May 16th For More information: https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106489
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- MAY 19 ARTIST CALL \$1,000 ARTIST GRANTS | ALL MEDIA ELIGIBLE The Hopper Prize is offering 5 individual artist grants of \$1,000. This is an open call, all media eligible. Grant submissions will be juried by leading curators: Amber Esseiva, Associate Curator, Institute for Contemporary Art VCU, and Leila Groth, Associate Curator for Contemporary Art, Baltimore Museum of Art. In addition to grants, 30 artists will be selected for a shortlist. Entry Fee. Details: <a href="http://hopperprize.org">http://hopperprize.org</a>
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- MAY 21 WRITERS CALL Sonnet Poetry Contest Just like Shakespeare did, discover the rhythm and rhyme scheme of the Shakespearean sonnet. The winner takes away a cash prize. Deadline May 21<sub>st</sub> For More Information: https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106508
- MAY 25 WRITERS CALL 2-4-2 Poetry Write a 2-4-2 syllable poem. It has three lines. The first line has 2 syllables, the second line has 4 syllables, and the last line 2 syllables. The subject can be anything. Enter for your chance at the cash prize. Deadline May 25th For more information: https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106520
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WRITERS CALL <u>Twenty Short Story Contest</u> Who is twenty? Where did that nickname come from? Tell us a story about your character twenty. **Cash prize** for the winning entry. Deadline May 26th For More Infomation: <a href="https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106580">https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106580</a>

MAY 30 WRITERS CALL <u>Lune Poetry Contest</u> A Lune is a short and fun poetry form with only three lines. View the contest announcement for an example. **Cash prize** for the winning entry. Deadline May 30th, For More Information: <a href="https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106522">https://www.fanstory.com/contestdetails.jsp?id=106522</a>

# Stop the Killing Season Be a part of the Solution

# WHY YOUR CAT SHOULD BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED



### SPAYED (Female)

- · No heat cycles
- · Less desire to roam
- Risk of mammary gland tumors, ovarian and/or uterine cancer is reduced or eliminated
- Number of unwanted cats/kittens is at an all-time high

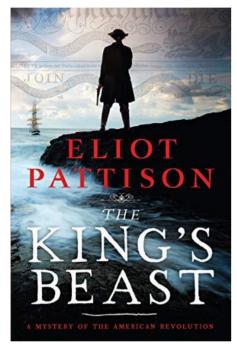
### **NEUTERED (Male)**

- Reduces or eliminates risk of spraying and marking
- · Less desire to roam
- Risk of testicular cancer is eliminated
- Number of unwanted cats/kittens is at an all-time high

# **Book Review**

### Linda Kane

If you would like to submit a book review for publication, please send the text, and a link to the book to: <u>Localartevents@art-tique.org</u> ATTN: Book Reviews for Publication. If you would like either Linda or myself to review *your* book, please contact us.



### The King's Beast

☆☆☆☆☆ Author: Eliot Pattison

Review by Linda Kane

Rate:5 Spicy: 1

As the fate of the American Revolution, hangs in the balance, a dangerous intercontinental mission is launched.

By 1769, Scottish exile Duncan McCallum has become an increasingly important player in the Colonial struggle for liberty. He's gone to the wilderness of Kentucky at the behest of Benjamin Franklin, who sent him a letter asking him to dig up some valuable relics and bring them to him in London. How can Duncan refuse?

When Duncan's friend Ezra dies during the excavation, it can't immediately be determined whether his death was an accidental drowning or murder. Daniel Boone, who's among the company, insists that Ezra was attacked, a foreshadowing of the danger Duncan will encounter on his mission. Duncan's friend Chief Catchoka reports that several members of his family have also been killed.

Duncan faces many obstacles on his odyssey to the eastern coast, but bright light is cast by his brief reunion with his beloved Sarah Ramsey.

Patriot Charles Thomson at first agrees to help with Duncan's passage to London but loses his resolve when evidence emerges of a much larger conspiracy against Duncan's mission. In fact, everyone who supports him seems to become the target of ruthless killers. On the eve of his departure, Duncan awakens to find one of his closest allies and confidants dead beside him. The imprisonment of his best friend, Conawago at Bedlam asylum in London enrages Duncan and spurs him to complete his mission as Franklin himself takes center stage in assisting his new friend.

Pattison's sixth Revolutionary mystery has a strong period feel and abundant historical details. If you love the history of the American Revolution. This is a book for you.

# **Art Classes / Workshops**

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

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. www.palmerspianostuidoo.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--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 <a href="https://www.artwithlindamccoy.com">www.artwithlindamccoy.com</a> *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 <a href="mailto:artwirejewelry@hotmail.com">artwirejewelry@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:www.artwirejewelry.com">www.artwirejewelry.com</a>

**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. <a href="http://www.bakersfieldartassociation.org/">http://www.bakersfieldartassociation.org/</a> E-Mail: <a href="mailto:baartcenter@gmail.com">baartcenter@gmail.com</a> Phone: 661-869-2320

CLASSES WITH Ma LY: Portrait drawing for beginners" class with Ma Ly at Fresno Adult School <a href="http://www.facebook.com/events/265429620182196/">http://www.facebook.com/events/265429620182196/</a> Paint in Acrylic for Beginners" class with Ma Ly at Fresno Adult Schoolhttp://www.facebook.com/events/337761882916664/</a> Info and schedule for classes at Michaels with Ma Ly <a href="http://www.facebook.com/l/IAQETd222AQHpdTFKP8KGWnoX-oCPBUjTnIsWykM-lhGz-g/www.artclassatmichaels.webs.com">http://www.facebook.com/events/337761882916664</a>/ Info and schedule for classes at Michaels with Ma Ly <a href="http://www.facebook.com/l/IAQETd222AQHpdTFKP8KGWnoX-oCPBUjTnIsWykM-lhGz-g/www.artclassatmichaels.webs.com">http://www.facebook.com/events/337761882916664</a>/ Info and schedule for classes at Michaels with Ma Ly <a href="http://www.facebook.com/l/IAQETd222AQHpdTFKP8KGWnoX-oCPBUjTnIsWykM-lhGz-g/www.artclassatmichaels.webs.com">http://www.facebook.com/l/IAQETd222AQHpdTFKP8KGWnoX-oCPBUjTnIsWykM-lhGz-g/www.artclassatmichaels.webs.com</a>

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 <a href="http://calartsacademy.com/">http://calartsacademy.com/</a>, or email Sammy at <a href="mailto:Sammygart@gmail.com">Sammygart@gmail.com</a>. (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 93711Ongoing: 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)** 1st Saturday of the month beginning March 5th, 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

### **Events Cancelled Due To The Current Crisis**

**From Clovis Art Guild**: We regret to inform everyone, that due to the current crisis, the Veterans Memorial building has cancelled all events in April. This means that **the April General Meeting**, **the Gene Butler Scholarship Competition and the Old West Show have been cancelled**. We hope to set up the Old West Show later in the year after America has returned to normal.

### From Jim Monty (Specht) and the Sierra Artist Gallery in Mariposa:

"It is with deep regret that I have to make the following announcement. With the announcement from the Governor of California, placing all non-essential members of the public to "Shelter in Place", the Board Members have decided to close the Art Gallery until the order is lifted. This will end the Mini show for 2020. All entries will be returned and awards mailed as soon as the Shelter in Place order is lifted.

Please let Carol Sill or myself know if you have any questions. (209) 966-2284 Thank you."



**CONTRUBUTORS WANTED**: The Local Art Events newsletter is looking for contributors to articles in

the newsletter. These positions are unpaid, but it does get your name out there. We need Blogs, Book Reviews, Good News Announcements and Local Events, such as club meetings, book signings, Art Shows and awards. Contact us at Localartevents@art-tique.org or phone Gail at 559-960-2428



# **Want Ads**



The Sustainable Arts Foundation is offering \$5000 awards to writers and artists with children. The money can be used for costs such as child care, workspaces, new equipment, research and travel. The Sustainable Arts Foundation was founded in 2010 with the aim of encouraging parents to continue pursuing their creative passion, and to rekindle it in those who [...] Read more of this post

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 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: <a href="https://www.timberlineartgallery.com">www.timberlineartgallery.com</a>. Contact: Timberline board president, Zygmund Zee, 683-3345. Submitted to Art-tique by Sandra Lee Scott, Timberline Gallery member 559-760-1058

CMAC, THE COMMUNITY MEDIA ACCESS COLLABORATIVE that opened on the second floor of the Met building is looking for artists. Linda Caine went to the opening and was very impressed with 12 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 I am looking for all types of artists! Thanks again! Amber Donabedian



# **Linking Around**

### This Month The Newsletter Recommends



Two links to help you calculate your art prices The What's My Art Price? Calculator

To get a general idea how much you should price your artwork for sale. Use this calculator as a guide, not a rule for new art sales. Artists who are in more demand will realize better returns and salary ranges than artists whose work is not in demand. Pricing takes only into consideration that there is a condition ripe for sale and pricing your artwork with this calculator does not ensure the sale of your artwork.

http://www.artscope.net/artworth.ht ml

What's your art worth?

Estimate the price of your art

quickly, easily, and from

anywhere.

http://www.artpricecalculator.com/



# 1. **Choosing an Illustrator** When Self-Publishing

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.

# The Complete Novel Writing Software Guide

http://www.novel-writinghelp.com/novel-writing-software.html

# **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

### **Art-Tique** <a href="http://www.art-tique.org/">http://www.art-tique.org/</a>

Community Art Exhibits at Local Libraries

Local Art Events Newsletter

### **Art Center Morro Bay**

http://www.artcentermorrobay.com/

Workshops

Classes

**Shows** 

### Arts Visalia <a href="http://www.artsvisalia.org">http://www.artsvisalia.org</a>

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

### **Bakersfield Art Association (BAA)**

http://www.bakersfieldartassociation.org/

E-Mail: baartcenter@gmail.com

Phone: 661-869-2320 Classes & Workshops Art Around The Town Featured Monthly Artist

### **Carnegie Arts Center -**

www.carnegieartsturlock.org.

Adult & Children's Classes in Art & Dance

Workshops

### Clay Mix www.claymix.com

Classes

**Events** 

Studio Space

### Clovis Art Guild 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

### Friends 'N Art

Bi monthly get togethers to paint contact Mary Newton 559.906-3907

### Fresno Fiber Arts Guild

http://www.fresnofiberartsguild.org

Lectures,

Workshops

**Special Events** 

**Fashion Show** 

# 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

### **Madera County Arts Council**

http://www.maderaarts.org/

Celebrate Agriculture With the Artist - Exhibit and competition

Circle Art Gallery

### **Mother Lode Art Association**

http://www.motherlodeartassociation.org

**Paintouts** 

Classes & Workshops

Art shows

### Partners N Art <a href="http://partnersnart.yolasite.com/">http://partnersnart.yolasite.com/</a>

Brings Artists & Business together
Art Walk Borders Bookstore Exhibit

### Photo Collective <a href="http://www.photocollective.org/">http://www.photocollective.org/</a>

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 (SWA 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

# **Group Wo**

### **SONORA WRITERS GROUP**

https://www.facebook.com/pg/SonoraWriters.org/about/?ref=page\_internal

### **Tuolumne Writers Retreat**

### **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

Meditation

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

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

# Breathe.

You're going to be okay. Breathe and remember that you've been in this place before. You've been this uncomfortable and anxious and scared, and you've survived. Breathe and know that you can survive this too. These feelings can't break you. They're painful and debilitating, but you can sit with them and eventually, they will pass. Maybe not immediately, but sometimes soon, they are going to fade and when they do, you'll look back at this moment and laugh for having doubted your resilience. I know it feels unbearable right now, but keep breathing, again and again. This will pass. I promise it will pass.

-Danell Koepke Type 'Yes' if you agree.

# The Good News

### PICK OF THE MONTH — March 2020

Pick of the Month is an informal contest at each General Meeting for our members to bring examples of their art work to be displayed in a Peer Gallery and voted on during the mid-meeting coffee break that includes light refreshments. Winners are announced toward the end of the meeting and certificates awarded. We'd like to see what you've been working on (work done in class is ok). Art should be finished and in a ready-to-hang condition (framed unless it's a gallery wrap). WE NEED AT LEAST 7 ENTRIES TO AWARD 3 PLACES, so please participate! At the end of the year all First-Place winners will compete for Pick of the Year.



1st Place Mary Fotheringham "St. John Henry Newman" Acrylic



2nd Place Georgia <u>Verduzço</u> "Hummer Nesting" Watercolor



3rd Place Jackie McCoy "Riding in the High Country" Acrylic

**Congratulations to these fine artists March- Clovis Art Guild General Meeting** 

# **Showcase Writer**

# **Margarita Engle**

Margarita Engle is a Cuban American author. In 2009, she was awarded the first Newbery Honor ever awarded to a Latino for The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom. She was a botanist



and professor at California State Polytechnic University. Engle is also the author of picture books Summer Birds, When You Wander, and middle grade novel in verse Mountain Dog. She lives in central California, where she enjoys helping her husband with his volunteer work for wilderness search and rescue dog training programs. Her picture book When You Wander, illustrated by Mary Morgan, is about search-and-rescue dogs. Her middle-grade novel Mountain Dog was released in August 2013.

Margarita Engle's childhood straddled two worlds: the lush, welcoming island of Cuba and the lonely, dream-soaked reality of Los Angeles. But the revolution has transformed Cuba into a mystery of impossibility, no longer reachable in real life. Margarita longs to travel the world, yet before she can become independent, she'll have to start high school.

Then the shock waves of war reach America, rippling Margarita's plans in their wake. Cast into uncertainty, she must grapple with

the philosophies of peace, civil rights, freedom of expression, and environmental protection. Despite overwhelming circumstances, she finds solace and empowerment through her education. Amid the challenges of adolescence and a world steeped in conflict, Margarita finds hope beyond the struggle, and love in the most unexpected of places.

### **Soaring Earth**

In this powerful companion to her award-winning memoir *Enchanted Air*, Young People's Poet Laureate Margarita Engle recounts her teenage years during the turbulent 1960s.

## **Showcase Artist / Photographer**

### **Kirsten Wothe**



I am an artist from way back. As far as I can remember I always wanted to have a career in art. I have an education in architectural design from San Diego's New School of Architecture, a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Texas A&M University, and my teaching credential from Fresno Pacific University. I have been teaching for over 14 years in private and public schools as well as internationally in Japan. It is my desire to inspire my students to become all that they wish to be. I truly believe that we are all artists; some of us just need to find the style that fits our own personality. I strive to help all my students find that style.

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I enjoy what I do, and I pride myself on my relationships with my students. I always greet the students with a smile and I'm quick to give praise. I'm also a big promoter of responsibility. I instill in the students that they have the power and the ability to succeed in all areas of their life and to be successful in anything they put their mind to.

I am looking forward to teaching at Kings Canyon this year and inspiring our students to achieve greatness!

### **Showcase Art Gallery / Group**

### **Bakersfield Art Association**

We are striving to make our Association an interesting and important part of your artistic



endeavors. We have many classes and workshops that will increase your knowledge and expertise. We also have members that have experience in framing, advertising, showing your art and information about Giclee prints and photographing your art.

As a member, you are entitled to:

Receive a monthly newsletter

Receive occasional emails regarding shows and miscellaneous matters

Be an art center participant (space available) Show your art at our art in business locations Participate in our shows at the symphony and downtown

Participate in our juried art shows

Attend classes and workshops, some at a discount for members

- Purchase at the art supply center and special order supplies at a discount
- Check out books from our library

In general, as a non-profit organization, we contribute to the advancement and encouragement of art in our kids, students, and young adults through scholarships. Contact me with any questions you may have about our members and how we may best serve you.

If you haven't visited the Art Center, please come by and say hello to the staff and checkout classes in progress at 1607 19th Street, Bakersfield, CA

BAA Art Center 869-2320 office 205-3488 cell

http://www.bakersfieldartassociation.org/ E-Mail: baartcenter@gmail.com

Phone: 661-869-2320

# **Blog: The Practical Artist**

### **Eggs And Rabbits For Easter**

By Gail Daley

http://gaildaleysfineartblog.wordpress.com

We live in the world so we can't help being influenced by it. Do you find yourself painting seasonally? By this, I mean are you inspired in the spring to paint flowers or using an amber themed pallet in the fall? Since it is Spring, I thought I would include some information about traditional 'Easter Art'. Most of the "Easter Art" I found when I researched this blog was of two varieties. The old masters of course



painted images of Jesus and the Resurrection. This is not surprising when you consider that a lot of art back then was commissioned by the Church. The card industry has been trying to establish the idea of sending cards for Easter for years. Vintage Cards usually had Angels, Easter Bunnies or kittens (when did they arrive in Easter traditions?), huge eggs and sometimes chickens. Like the kittens, I suspect they were included for their "cuteness" not because they are traditional subjects for Easter. Easter traditions are long and varied; traditionally we have the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Christian), Passover (Jewish), and the Spring Equinox (Pagan) among others too numerous to mention here. Many families only attend services on Easter Sunday (Oh, excuse me the new PC is "Resurrection Sunday"). The new PC form is an attempt by Christianity to distance itself from Easter's pagan roots. When it was first being established, Christianity found it

expedient to co-opt some pagan celebrations and incorporate them into the new religion. Traditionally Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the <u>full moon</u>, very close to the Spring Equinox. In old Europe, the prevailing spring festival was a Saxon fertility celebration in honor of the Goddess Eastre, (earlier spelling was *Eostre*, derived from the Saxons' Germanic heritage) a Teutonic goddess of dawn, spring and fertility, whose sacred animal was a hare. The hare is often associated with moon goddesses; the egg and the haer (old spelling) together represent the god and the goddess, respectively. Pagan fertility festivals at the time of the spring equinox were common—it was believed that at this time, male and female energies were balanced. One of the main reasons the new Christian religion disapproved of the spring equinox celebration so much was the belief (not entirely unfounded) that it encouraged a freewheeling orgy.

Colored eggs, which we also associate with Easter, are of an even more ancient origin; eggs have been symbols of rebirth and fertility for so long no one can say when this tradition began. So where did modern traditions come up with the idea of a rabbit who brings eggs? There is a myth that says the goddess Eostre was passing through a forest one winter and found a bird dying in snow from hunger and cold. In pity, she turned the bird into a hare because hares have warm fur and can supposedly find

food more easily than birds. Poor science here, but it sounds nice; The rabbit survived the winter and when spring came, it laid eggs because it used to be a bird (obviously, the change had been only skin deep). The appreciative Rabbit then decorated the eggs it laid as a sign of gratitude to Eostre. German settlers in Pennsylvania brought the tradition of seeking decorated Easter eggs with them to America and the Easter Egg Hunt was born.

Like Thanksgiving and Christmas, Easter has its traditional food; Ham, special breads, and of course



Chocolate. Easter egg hunts were fun as a child, but I do remember that my mother refused to allow us to eat the eggs because usually had been lying unrefrigerated and she was afraid of food poisoning. It's no wonder really that merchants keyed in on these fears and decided that Easter was an untapped gold mine (gold foil that is). They began wrapping chocolate bunnies and eggs in colorful wrappings and the Cadbury Easter Bunny was born. The toy makers couldn't let this slide of course so they began marketing plastic eggs that could be stuffed with other

candy and Easter baskets with toys. There is also the Easter Parade held in almost every town. Then of course, there is the fabled Easter Bonnet. As a child, I always got a frilly hat and a new dress for Easter, which was dutifully worn, to the family get-together on Sunday afternoon.

All these items are infinitely usable as subjects for art; food such as eggs, ham, chocolate bunnies make good still life set-ups. If you are into figure art, children hunting Easter Eggs make a great subject. Or if you really want to get into the theme, there is always the resurrection or spring equinox as subjects.

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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, acquire tools to improve artistic and writing skills and improve the business side of their work. It is distributed free on-line. Subscription to have a hard copy mailed to your address is \$49/year. This covers printing and mailing costs. The mailed copy is in black and white because the color copies are cost prohibitive.

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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 jpeq photo of your choice.

The Newsletter welcomes contributions from the photographers, 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.

# Sign Me Up!

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO Local Art Events 5688 E Sussex Way Fresno, CA 93727	NAME	
	ADDRESS	
PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR	PHONE NUMBER	
BIOGRAPHY AND A JPEG PHOTO OF YOUR WORK FOR THE PROFILE	E-MAIL	
SECTION.	ART MEDIA OR WRITING GENRE	
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION	PLEASE SEND ME PRINTED COPIES	I have enclosed a check for \$49.00
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