



MENDOCINO COUNTY  
*Art Association*

NEWSLETTER FOR August, 2014

## Nicole Ours

**“Guided Plein Air” (All media welcome)**

**Saturday, August 16, 2014 10:15 am - 2:00 pm**  
Grace Hudson Museum Community Room  
431 S. Main St., Ukiah, CA



We've all heard about how important it is to paint, draw, sketch... from real life, yet the logistics of dragging our equipment outside and trying to capture an ever-changing landscape becomes overwhelming. Nicole takes a unique approach in showing us how to build comfort, confidence and preparation for a positive plein air experience that will help us transition from our studios into the great outdoors. Although Nicole's demo will focus on oils, she regularly travels with a small pouch of colored pencils and a tiny sketchpad and feels her workshop can benefit artists working in any media. This is a perfect chance to prepare for our September event where we will gather at a local winery and put what we learn to use.

Participants working in oil should bring 4 small canvas boards (or sheets of preferred paper for other media), 8" x 10" or 12" x 16", medium of your choice (Galkyd, Liquin, etc); Turpenoid (please NO solvents or turpentine); your favorite pigments and brushes; a sketchbook plus plastic to cover your workspace and carpet. If you've done plein air before, then you know you need to travel light and may already have a French easel... if not, bring a table easel and the least equipment that you think you might need. Nicole will give us some tips on how to downsize w/o incurring major costs. Should you want a complete list of Nicole's oil pigments and brush choices, please email Svetlana at [lartemoff@yahoo.com](mailto:lartemoff@yahoo.com).



Nicole Ours has joyously painted in oils since preschool. A degree in Fine Art from Mills College during the era of Abstract Expressionism brought out the rebel realist in her. She continued to draw and paint during a long career in special education. Now, Nicole's art career is in full swing. Living in Sonoma County, close to coast, farms, vineyards and mountains opens inspiration and opportunities for both plein air and studio painting. Her vivid and energetic works are in collections throughout the U.S. For more information, please visit her website at [www.nicoleoursartstudio.com](http://www.nicoleoursartstudio.com).

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Hoping all are enjoying a hiatus of some sort this summer... I know I am.

We are coming into MCAA's busier time of the year. November is our election and by October, the Board will need to line up their candidates.

This past year, we have had 15+/- members filling various positions and we're extremely grateful for their efforts. Programs have been very well attended, Open Studio and the Critique Group continue with great enthusiasm, the ongoing Business Exhibits continue to give us community exposure and the 60th Anniversary Retrospective with its accompanying DVD were the icing on the cake.

However, we are facing vacancies in the following positions for 2015: President, Secretary, Publicity, Newsletter, Bank Shows and Historian. We strongly urge members to consider how they can help to keep this group functioning. Those stepping down are eager and willing to mentor and support their replacement.

Our next Board Meeting is Monday, August 4th at 1:00 pm at the Grace Hudson Museum. We invite all interested members to find out more by attending or to call me at 489-5630 or Svetlana at 462-3279 and we will be glad to outline the general duties of each position.

The good news is our finances are strong, the bad news is if we do not have sufficient response, the Board will be back to facing the dire reality of either closing the organization or cutting back drastically on the benefits it can offer.

Thank you.

Dorleen McBride

## GRACE HUDSON MUSEUM

**Current Exhibit:** *"Rings, A Regional Retrospective of College of the Redwoods Fine Woodworking Graduates"*

**Saturday, June 7, 2014 - Sunday, August 17, 2014**

**New Exhibit:** *"Grace Hudson in Hawaii"*

Fundraiser Dinner: **Saturday, September 13, 2014, 2:00 pm.** Take a trip to Old Hawaii at the Grace Hudson Museum.

**Museum Hours:** Wed through Sat, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm; Sun 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

431 S. Main St., Ukiah (707) 467-2836

Admission \$4.00 per person, \$10.00 per family, \$3.00 for seniors & students

Free every First Friday, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm.

## ART AT THE BANKS

July - August, 2014

**Jim Colling** - Savings Bank of Mendocino County, East Road, Redwood Valley

**Don Pagano** - Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Pear Tree Center, Ukiah

**Cat Lair** - West America Bank, 319 E. Perkins, Ukiah

**Mary Waters Monroe** - Savings Bank of Mendocino County, 1100 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah

**Lynn Graves Gulyash** - Schat's Courthouse Bakery & Café, 113 W. Perkins, Ukiah

If you are interested in exhibiting at the banks, and are a paid-up member of MCAA, contact **Sharon Fenton** at (707) 621-4957.

## OTHER EXHIBITS

**WATERCOLOR CLASSES** - Ann Maglinte is teaching the watercolor classes at the college this Fall. If you have already taken the class several times you may sign up to audit.

### UKIAH VALLEY ARTIST COOPERATIVE GALLERY

Pear Tree Center (Next to Rod's Shoes)

Open Thursday - Saturday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Featured Artist - Sherry Breeden**

### THE CORNER GALLERY

**Featured Artists** - Students of Adele Pruitt: **Cathy Monroe, Dean Burkes, Fran Burkes, Lynn Gulyash, Lee Rossavick, and Kathleen Gordon-Burke**

**Also Featuring - Jo Arlin.** Working out of her studio in Fort Bragg, California, Jo composes found object sculptures and paper collage work. Jo also enjoys making paste papers and covering everyday objects (such as file folders and notebooks) with her papers.

### ART CENTER UKIAH

Art Center Ukiah is hosting an art show to celebrate the pastimes and bounty of summer. This show is open to all artists of our community, and to all media. We will be taking entries up to July 30, 2014. Only \$15.00 for the first entry, \$10.00 for the second entry. Be a part of the summer fun, and keep the arts in Ukiah growing.

## ARTISTS CRITIQUE-A-LOT GROUP

Second Saturday of the month - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

401 W. Mill (The SW corner of Mill and Dora), Ukiah, CA.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining you may contact **Jim Colling** at 463-0610.

The Critique Group is a valuable benefit of your MCAA membership. Critique of your work allows any artist to improve and participating will enhance the self-critique process. Sharing your thoughts and ideas with fellow artists is very helpful and stimulating!

## OPEN ART STUDIO “No studio of your own? Come and paint with us!”

Grace Hudson Community Room – Mondays 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee is \$3.00 per session for members and \$5.00 for non-members. No instruction is provided.

Bring your own supplies. Tables and chairs are available. This is run on a drop-in basis, so come for as long as you wish! Start painting on a regular basis in the company of other artists. We can all use a little support and constructive criticism. If any questions or last minute changes, call **Tommy Thornhill**, 467-0266

## DVD LIBRARY

If you can't make the meetings or demos and would like to check out a DVD, you can view the list on our website and contact Pat Vetzmadian, our librarian, at 468-5586 to arrange to get one from her home.

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