



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

**“Meet the Artist”
Photographer
Claudia Holt
June 16**

Look for an email for full details.

“Landscape photography takes me into a deeper connection with a place. The land has a consciousness that attracts animals, birds, plants, clouds, and remnants of people over time. In the stillness, it shows us the best spots to engage in its essence and capture it”, comments Ms. Holt.

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Changes in Newsletter Format

You will notice a change in this month’s newsletter. It will no longer include the “poster” for upcoming educational events. **Rhonda Kyrias** will use her incredible and multiple talents to design those and send them out via email.

Before this change, the newsletter was so large that it could not be sent in a document that **Lisa Robinson** could open and proof. This meant that it could not be

proofed before sending it to you. **Lisa** not only volunteers her talent to proof the newsletter, she also prints it out and mails it to members who do not use a computer. Another one of the members who work behind the scenes to fulfill your benefits of MCAA.

Remember to look to your email for notices of all education programs. Articles regarding educational opportunities will continue to be included in the newsletter.

**Jean Warren
Watercolor Workshop Nearly Full**



“Expressive Storytelling” Watercolors with Jean Warren is half filled already and the registration does not close until May 5. If you are interested in this class, it would be prudent to register soon before you miss out. There are only 6 spaces left! The class description as Jean writes includes: “Design principles, color theory, and watercolor techniques that will help

who we are as artists and how we can visually tell our stories and experiences.” The survey of what members wanted included 14 members who wanted a watercolor education program. Don’t miss out! Fee: Members \$75 Registration Closes May 5 To Register Contact: Rhonda Kyrias educationmcaa@gmail.com 707.467.9651

**2018 Education
Schedule**

**April 21 - c
BOOKBINDING
w/ URSULA
PARTCH**

May 19 - W
**WATERCOLORS
JEAN WARREN**

June 16 - w
Meet the Artist

July 21 - L
Meet the Artist

August 18 - c
OILS

September 15 – c
**CLASSICAL
DRAWING &
PAINTING**

October 6 – w
PLEIN AIRE

C: Class/Demo/Half Day
L: Lecture
W: Workshop/All Day

**Sneak Preview
Benefits GHM**

Enjoy a sneak preview performance of Ukiah Players Theater’s upcoming production of *Guys & Dolls* on April 10 at 6:00pm. This is a fundraiser for the Grace Hudson Museum (GHM). Visit the museum web site for complete information and to purchase tickets at www.gracehudsonmuseum.org.

MCAA Artists at Corner Gallery

“Karen Golden & John Walley”

April 6 – May 3

First Friday Opening:

April 6, 5 - 8pm.

Karen Golden... “Until a few of years ago Karen lived and worked in Texas as a professional graphic designer and art director at advertising agencies. Over the years she painted sparsely and her media choice was always watercolor. When she retired and moved to CA she had a passionate desire to switch to oil. Since she moved to Ukiah she has been painting with the Monday Open Studio at Grace Hudson. After painting an array of subjects Karen has gravitated toward portraits of people and dogs. She is available for commissioned portraits.

John Walley... “In the 90’s, after a brief hiatus from art, I met Jim Colling who was very patient, a great teacher and friend. He introduced me to acrylics and I learned that acrylics are the perfect choice for any artist, because they are extremely versatile and probably the most forgiving when it comes to changes or corrections.

I use reference photos to get started but my goal is to build off the photo by taking artistic license and highlighting an element in the painting, then interpreting the subject in my own unique way”.

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Gorgeous
portrait by
Karen
Golden



Now Showing in April...

Corner Gallery

“Birdhouse Auction”

April 6 – April 27

Opening bids accepted at First Friday Art Walk April 6, 5-8pm.

100% of proceeds benefits NCO’s Caring Kitchen Project: Teen chefs-in-training, cooking nourishing meals for cancer patients during treatment.

Contributing artists:

Julie Beardsley, **Jeannie Carson**, Kathie Godec, Maureen Munroe, Jaye Moscariello, Gene North, Tim Poma, John Richards, Candida SanLorenzo, Esther Siegel, Red Wolf, Catherine Woskow, **Joanna Zjawinski**.
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Jeannie Carson’s beautiful contribution to the NCO auction.



More MCAA talent, John Walley, will have his on

Ukiah Art Center

“Art for the Garden”

April 6 – April 27

A month-long fundraiser for Art Center Ukiah. Artists have donated sculpture, steel figures and ceramic pieces to celebrate spring with art to enhance nature. Items will be auctioned by silent bids. Silent auction ends April 27th. Winning bidders will be announced on April 30th. Art Center Ukiah is celebrating their 10th year of bringing community to the arts.

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Corner Gallery Windows

“Chat Ko”

April 6 – May 3

Cho’s large abstract paintings are a delight to the eye. The current show will feature some of his earlier works. He has had paintings in exhibitions in Beijing, Paris and NYC.

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Willits Center for the Arts

“Art Under 20”

March 30 – April 29

Opening Reception,

March 3, 7pm

Young artists show.

“Dangerous Puppet Show”

April 14th, 8pm

ART Talk... with Curator Gary Martin is held every 2nd Friday at 6:30pm.
Hours: Wed – Sun, 11-5
**71 East Commercial St.
Willits, 707.459.1724**

At the Banks MARCH & APRIL

Savings Bank of Mendocino
East Road,
Redwood Valley
MARIE PERA

West America Bank
319 East Perkins, Ukiah
POLLY PALECEK

Savings Bank of Mendocino
1100 Airport Park Blvd,
Ukiah
JIM COLLING

Schat’s Courthouse Bakery
113 West Perkins, Ukiah
JAMES McKELL

If you are interested in exhibiting at the banks, and are a paid-up member of MCAA, contact Barbara Ware at 707.743.1520 or email her at: baware@wildblue.net

Grace Hudson Museum

“Beauty & the Beast, California Wildflowers and Climate Change”

February 10 - June 17

Stunning nature photography with a social conscience, this exhibition celebrates wildflowers while exploring ecosystems in peril.

April 22 at 2:00pm

Celebrate Earth Day with a presentation by Rob Badger and Nita Winter, creators of the exhibition *Beauty and the Beast*. They will discuss the inspiration for their work, their photographic methods, and how the state’s landscapes are changing. Free with Museum admission.

Wed - Sat. 10 - 4:30

Sun. 12 - 4:30

**431 S Main St. Ukiah
707.467.2836.**

Consider Drawing Till You Drop April 21

This year's "Draw Til You Drop" event will be held at the Ukiah Senior Center and will be a fundraiser for the Arts Council of Mendocino County and Art Center Ukiah. You need not really draw you can make any kind of art without fumes, noise &/or flying objects. Paint, crochet, collage, sew, felt, clay...or some variety thereof.

Artists confirmed to participate are **Alyssum Weir**, Anna Hallquist, Susan Steindler, Janae Stephens, Carolyn Bakewell, Adriana Dakin, **Laura Fogg**, Divora Stern, Keith Hendricks, Judy Geer, Kaitlin Linney, Julie Beardsley, **Katie Gibbs**, **Susan Blackwelder**, Lisa Rosenstreich, Illena Pegan, and Elizabeth Raybee.

If you'd like to participate, or if you can't participate in the marathon, but would like to volunteer for a few hours before, during or after the event, donate a prize or food, or sponsor one of the artists – please contact Elizabeth Raybee 743-1437.

Antoinette von Grone Inspires the Attendees



Attendance was at an all-time high for Antoinette's lecture, a presentation of the new "Meet the Artist" series. If you have not attended one of these lectures you should make it to the next one, they have been very well received.

Antoinette was charming as she gave a history of her art life up to this time. Her life included education in atelier clothing design, teaching art at Club Med and window display at Hermes and more. Her art takes many styles from painting animals dressed in exquisite clothing in poses that are very human, gorgeous very natural animals, to portraits

of friends with partial animal faces. Antoinette's creativity takes many turns including political statements in her paintings.

Ms. von Grone displayed many of her fabric pieces including hand painted scarves to beautiful wall hangings and clothing. **Diana Steele**, our MCAA president hosted the event and **Rhonda Kyrias** introduced Antoinette. In addition to the incredible presentations the "Meet the Artist" series includes refreshments and social interaction with the lecturer and other attendees. It was altogether a fabulous event.



Antoinette's sheep, sheep, goat painting, an example of her natural animals paintings.

"I found Antoinette von Grone's talk to be inspirational. The quality of her work and the prolific output was impressive, including her work ethic. Her saying that she painted every day made me feel like a slacker! So I got a little tougher on myself. In the last week I have completed two paintings and started an ink and watercolor drawing. A good start."

Francine Bearden

**Remember...
when a name is
in bold type it
indicates that
that person is an
MCAA member.**

Call for Entries

Ukiah Art Center

Located in the back of the Corner Gallery, it features monthly themed shows open to all artists. Some of them are juried.

Following are the themes for upcoming months:

May: "Student Photo Show"

June: "Under 30", encourage young artists to exhibit. OTP*

July & August: "Who is U.S.?"

Open to the Public*

September: **"Wild!"** OTP*

October: "Art from the Ashes"

November: "Feast" OTP*

December: "Small Works"

For all pieces entered, there is a non-refundable \$25 entry fee for the first piece, and a \$10 fee for each additional piece. ACU retains a 40% commission on all sales. Many shows are juried so it is possible that all entries will not be accepted. Entry forms are available at the Corner Gallery during the month previous to the show.

*OTP: Open to the Public

For more information and entry forms email:

acugallery@att.net

Accepting Entries for 10th Annual UVAC Art Faire

Ukiah Valley Artists

Association is now accepting applications for their annual art fair to be held Saturday, June 2nd. The cost for an 11' x 11' space is \$50, and covers publicity, rental fees and insurance.

The application deadline is May 11th and space is assigned on a first come basis. To get your preferred location you will need to apply quickly. Call or email **Sharon Fenton** at 707.621.4957 or teeoffar@gmail.com.

Sharon will send you complete details regarding what you will need to participate and an application form.

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Open Studio

Open Studio is run on a drop-in basis at the Grace Hudson Museum.

For information, call **Tommie Thornhill** at 707 621-2091. Members pay \$4.00 and non-members pay \$5.00.

Meets on Mondays, 10 am - to 2 pm.

Critique a Lot

Your art will improve with the benefit of Mary Monroe's eye and those of the rest of the participants. Try it and see how your art improves.

This group meets the second Saturday of the month at 401 Mill Street at 10 am -12 pm. The fee is \$2.00.

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Members are Up to...

Elaine Richard... is on a Danube river cruise through Eastern Europe and visited a small town in central Bulgaria - Arbanasi- where she visited an Orthodox Church built during the Ottoman Empire. She explained that the church has low ceilings and was built partly underground as the Ottoman rulers would not allow a church to be taller than the mosque. "A plain building outside, inside it glows with iconic frescos from floor to ceiling. I wish all our icon lovers and painters could have been there with me".



Polly Palecek... has spent the month of March enjoying a number of islands in Hawaii with her painting materials in her suitcase... and that is where they have stayed she reported. She is definitely having too much fun to paint.

Leslie Smyth... a new member and very talented iconographer just completed two new egg tempera icons for St. Peters Church in Ukiah, shown below.



Svetlana Artemoff... visited the exhibit at the Grace Hudson Museum, titled "Beauty and the Beast" and felt it was a perfect time to view the beautiful photographs of California wildflowers just as they have started popping out in her garden. The photos reminded her that it really takes a master to do flowers justice. "No matter how hard I've tried to get good resource photos for my paintings, they can't come close to these". I urge everyone to visit the museum and enjoy them for yourself. Don't miss the companion exhibit of Grace Hudson's flowers in the atrium hallway and check out the new inventory of cards, prints and jewelry at the gift shop!

Leslie Smyth's icons painted and installed at St. Peters Church, Ukiah.