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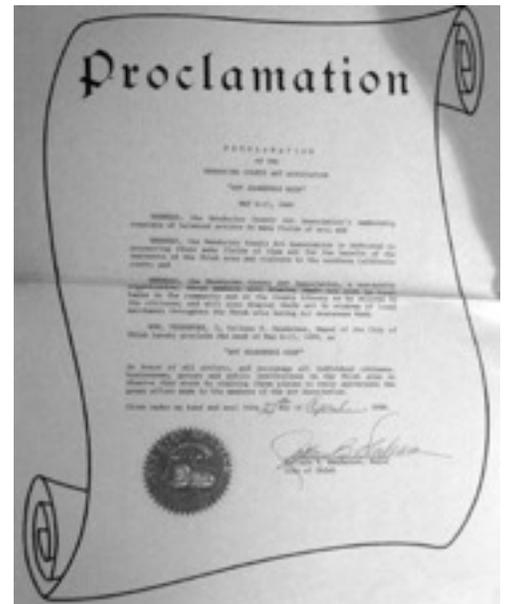
# Artists Look Back - Part 6: Proclamations and Celebrations

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A Proclamation sponsored by Supervisor John McCowen will be presented to the Mendocino County Art Association on Monday, March 10. It honors us for our 60 years of dedication to the visual arts and encourages us, once again, to "look back."

I remembered seeing a photo in our archives of another Proclamation, which was presented to us by the City of Ukiah. It created an "Art Awareness Week" and urged the community to see the art displayed by our members in the library, the local banks and in various merchant windows from May 5-13, 1989, almost 25 years ago.

But, what about celebrations ... the scrapbooks didn't show any anniversary celebrations until 1994 and I wondered why not. After years of enormous effort, including 11 years of Easter Seals fundraisers in the 70's, I found mention in 1982 of flagging



membership. Perhaps the members just needed to regroup and focus on their art for a while?

Luckily it didn't take long before I saw a resumption of events and activities. By the time 1994 rolled around, there was a core of determined and dedicated volunteers and their 40th Anniversary was a lively affair.

It was quickly followed by a 45th and 50th Anniversary.

Thanks to their efforts, the current membership inherited an organization that is now looking forward to celebrating their 60th Anniversary with the opening of their retrospective exhibit this month. 75 current and past members are participating in the largest exhibit ever displayed at the Grace Hudson Museum. The title of the show is "Artists Look Back - Mendocino County Art Association turns 60." With this look to the past, perhaps we can envision the future.

"Artists Look Back - Mendocino County Art Association turns 60"

### A Retrospective

More than 80 works will be displayed in this juried retrospective exhibit, which also looks back on the rich contribution made by MCAA to the visual arts in Mendocino County. Special historic displays and recorded interviews will highlight the artist demonstrations, lectures, and art exhibitions provided to the community throughout the Association's history.

The exhibit will be on display Saturday, March 29 to Sunday, May 25 at 431 South Main Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. For more information, call (707) 467-2836; [www.gracehudsonmuseum.org](http://www.gracehudsonmuseum.org).

Gala "Opening Preview Reception," on Friday, March 28 from 5-8 p.m. Meet the artists at this special unveiling of the exhibit.

Free admission and refreshments.

Program: Saturday, March 29 from 2 to 3 p.m. "Looking Back at 60," a panel of MCAA members will recount the rich history of the Mendocino County Art Association, Refreshments to follow. Free with Museum admission.

Public Tour: Tuesday, April 8 at noon. Join Marvin Schenck, Curator of the Grace Hudson Museum, and Patsy Chadwick, Vice-President of the MCAA for a tour of the exhibition. Free with Museum admission.

Public Tour: Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m. Join Patsy Chadwick, Vice-President of the MCAA for a tour of the exhibition. Free with Museum admission.

Family Fun at the Museum: Saturday, May 17 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. This family-fun event is sponsored by the Mendocino County Art Association in conjunction with their 60th anniversary retrospective exhibit. It will begin at 1 p.m. with "The Next Generation," a charcoal drawing session for children and parents using some of the artifacts from the Grace Hudson Museum, taught by MCAA member Marie Pera. This will be followed by a music program and an eye-spy-art-walk through the exhibition. Call the museum for details, limited space available, reservations recommended, materials included. Free with Museum admission.

Museum hours are Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sunday 12-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 per person, \$10 per family, \$3 for seniors and students, free to members and free every First Friday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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