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## Petaluma Arts Association November Newsletter 2013

### **Regular meeting, Tuesday, November 5**

Business meeting 6:30 P.M., Program 7:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Petaluma Art Center, Visitors Center, Lakeville Hwy.

**The Petaluma Arts Association Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each Month at the Petaluma Art Center on the corner of Lakeville and Washington. Enter on Washington Street at the driveway for the Visitors Center. Meeting is held in the classroom of the Red Building. Doors open at 6 for visiting, fellowship and setup. Business meeting from 6:30 to 7:15 followed by a break. Program from 7:30 to 8:30. The public and potential members are always welcome!**

#### **PROGRAM:**

On Tuesday, November 5th from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, at the monthly meeting of the Petaluma Arts Association, meet North Bay artist Annie Standard. Annie is a young upcoming artist who works with acrylic, oil, watercolor, and ink. Her pieces are often loose, whimsical, and sometimes dark, with imagery that describes the human form, nature, and their connection.

Annie's presentation is titled "Intuitive Live Painting" She will discuss the life that paintings have all of their own, and ways of coaxing that life to the surface. There are three steps to this process.

1. Create a psychedelic mess of abstract colors, shapes, and textures that pleases you. There is no sense required.
2. Sit with what you have created and let it speak to you. Try to see what is surfacing as images to be uncovered.
3. Unveil your creations.

There is a certain amount of trust involved in the process, as there is no preliminary thought process or plan. Not only is it a very effective painting technique, but it is also an exercise in flow and spontaneity. As the piece is unplanned, it can be interpreted as a life guide. With practice of this technique, one can learn to create images without fear judgment or mistakes, and to use painting as a spiritual teacher. Annie takes this practice into the world with a performance art called "Live Painting", where onlookers can watch the creation go through its life process.

Annie has been painting from a young age, inspired by her colorful household.

She has worked in college art classes since her junior year of high school, receiving a 4 on her AP art exam. She spreads her art by selling and trading pieces, as well as live painting, at music festivals and gatherings across the country. Annie has been published online and in print, and is currently working on several illustration projects and commissions.

See her portfolio at [www.anniestandard.tumblr.com](http://www.anniestandard.tumblr.com)

### **OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION:**

The program following the meeting was a wonderfully interactive exchange between PAA members attending the presentation and of several PAA artists presenting their own pieces in progress or recently completed. Conceptualization, techniques, rationale for materials used and stories embedded in pieces were shared. Questions from the audience opened the door to additional information. Insights were rich, the art was amazing and inspired each of us who had the good fortune to attend.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

At the November meeting, officers for the 2014-2016 terms for secretary and treasurer will be voted upon. Mari Stefonetti has agreed to run for treasurer. Marti Sanders has agreed to run for secretary and is already filling in for Susan Oshiro for the rest of this year. Submissions may also be made from the floor at the November meeting.

### **LIBRARY SHOW:**

Elaine Larson is the chairman for the 2014 Library Show, which will be held Feb. 27 – Mar. 13, with intake & setup Feb. 26 & takedown Mar. 14. A committee has been formed. If you are willing to be part of the committee, please contact Elaine and let her know. [elainelars@gmail.com](mailto:elainelars@gmail.com) or 981-7944.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY:**

Rita Young has agreed to serve as coordinator of the Holiday Party, which will be held on December 3 at the United Church of Christ at 825 Middlefield Drive. Dinner at approximately 6 pm. Please let Rita know what you are willing to do to help and what food you are planning to bring. Her number is 762-2801. A sign-up sheet will be at the November meeting.

### **OPEN STUDIO:**

“A committee has formed to plan a Spring Open Studio Event on May 17/18th 2014. The cost of being included would be \$125 for members, \$160 for non-members. The borders have not been set yet, but it will be within the Greater Petaluma Area. If you are interested in being included, please contact Mary Bales at 762-2978 or Mari Stefonetti at 769-9993 before Nov. 13th. A complete entry form and information will be on our new web page scheduled to be ready in November or on our Facebook page. One can be mailed to you if you let us know you need one.

### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED:**

A reminder that a newsletter editor for 2014 is needed. Please contact Jan Lee or the board if you are willing to perform in this important role. Thank you.

### **MEMBER NEWS:**

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of McKinley School, a mural has been planned. Our member, Maria Lewis, started priming the surface of the school in late September. The mural will depict a landscape with some animals, including an image of their home mascot, a mustang. It will be painted by a few volunteers from CASA Grande High School, parents, teachers and Maria during the next few weeks. They hope to have it finished by the end of October.

Mari Stefonetti is exhibiting at a show & silent auction entitled "Spirit Expressing" at the Center for Spiritual Living from Nov. 1-17. Opening reception for over 100 artists in various mediums on Friday, Nov. 1 from 6-9 pm. Mari is showing a 20"x30" photograph on canvas and a 1'x5' scroll titled "The Four Elements," which she presented at the Oct. PAA meeting. Hours: Sundays 8:30 am – 1 pm (Nov 17 show closes 12:30 pm), Mon.-Wed. 11 am-6:30 pm, Sat. 10 am-4 pm, closed Thursdays & Fridays. The center is located at 2075 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa 95401. Further information 707-546-4543.

### **Maria Bales Open Studio**

Hand Knits and Art Works, Nov. 16th and 17th, from 10 AM to 3 PM both days. Come by and share in some holiday goodies and good conversation.

### **ART EXHIBIT:**

Weekdays until November 14, there is a fine, rather small exhibit of small sketches & paintings by Diebenkorn, titled "The Intimate Diebenkorn: Works on Paper 1949-1992." It is at the College of Marin's Fine Art Gallery at 835 College Avenue (Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at Laurel Avenue). Hours are from 10 am to 8 pm on Thursdays, closing at 5 pm the other days of the week, Monday through Friday. Admission is free.

### **PETALUMA ARTS CENTER INFO:**

On November 6th from 3-6 pm, there will be an event titled "Art of Chocolate & Wine." *There will be a seminar about the making of chocolate at 2 pm, followed by samples of chocolate, sips of wine, a silent auction, & musical interludes.* It is a fundraiser for PAC & a celebration of 5 years at the old railroad site. Check their website for more details.

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