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Petaluma Arts Association Newsletter June 2015

Next Regular meeting Tuesday, June 2

The Petaluma Arts Association Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the United Church of Christ Community Room, 825 Middlefield Road in Petaluma.

Doors open at 6 for visiting, fellowship and setup.

Business meeting 6:30 to 7:15 followed by a break

Program 7:30 to 8:30

The public and potential members are always welcome!

May Meeting Program: Tesia Blackburn – “Golden Acrylics”

NEWS FROM THE MAY MEETING

Copies of the old and proposed Petaluma Arts Association **by-laws** were discussed at the May meeting. Members will vote on the new PAA By-laws at the June meeting. You may read the proposed amended by-laws on the PAA website. <http://www.petalumaarts.org/bylaws/>

PAA OPEN STUDIOS TOUR

Maria Bales reports that even with the light traffic, Open Studios artists' commissions amounted to a contribution of \$523.30 to the PAA Scholarship and Grants fund. Well done **Maria Bales, Marilyn and Dean Dizikes, Emily Florence, Elaine Larson, Maria Lewis, Pat and Frank Marshall, Robert McFarland, Tom Potenza, Roxanne Sherif, Mari Stefonetti, Karen Spratt, and Karen West!**

ART IN THE PARK – September 12-13, 2015.

Notes from the organizers:

There are still spaces available. Download your entry form from our web site: www.petalumaarts.org

Submit your entry for the 2015 Poster Contest.

You don't win any money, just the honor of having your piece selected. The selection will be made at the July meeting.

This event takes lot of people volunteering to help out, mostly at the information table. Please give at least 2 hours either Saturday or Sunday. Call **Pat Marshall** to reserve your time. 763-2308

We are still in need of musicians to play both days. If you know anyone who would like to play for free, let us know. They will be able to put out a contribution cup or sell their CDs. We don't have a sound system, so they will have to bring their own or be "unplugged." If you have a sound system you would let us use, we be ever so grateful.

This year we have a coffee and pastry seller. Come down in the morning for a great cup of coffee and delicious pastry. You will be happy you did. Best pastries ever.

Remember -- We are not allowed to drive into the park any longer, but there is parking on three sides of Walnut Park, and we have Boy Scouts who are happy to help you unload and set up. **After unloading, you are asked to move your vehicle away from the park, then come back to arrange your display. Please extend courtesy to your fellow artists by allowing them space to unload.**

For details about Art in the Park, contact Tom Potenza [Click here to email Tom](#) or Linda Donohue [click here to email Linda](#).

CALLS TO ARTISTS



Art in the Park – September 12-13, 2015. See above.



Evelyn Nitzberg is organizing an Education First (EF) cultural exchange tour of Cuba during June 2016. Cuba is in for big changes. Tours are booking up fast. It seems like a long time to wait, but EF needs time to arrange this all-inclusive nine-day trip. The cost includes round trip flights from SFO, hotels, tour guide, two meals each day, and all entry fees. Evelyn adds: "all ages are encouraged to join us!" For more details contact Evelyn at enitzberg@gmail.com.



If you haven't already posted your information and samples of your work on our web site, do it now. www.petalumaarts.org

CLASSES / EXHIBITS / OPPORTUNITIES



Pat Marshall will be offering a **workshop on PERSPECTIVE** in her studio at 1675 Mountain View Avenue from 10 AM to 12:30 PM, on June 20th. The cost of the workshop is \$15.00. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting or you can contact Pat at 763-2308. Limit is 10 people. If you are unable to make this date, Pat will repeat this class on July 11th.



"Tie Dye T-Shirt" workshop June 27th, 12:00 to 3:00 in the fellowship hall of the United Church of Christ. Contact **Marilyn Dizikes**: dmdizikes@gmail.com to sign up.



WASCO workshops in October 2015 with watercoloris Jean Haines. October 6 & 7, 2015 or October 9 & 10, 2015. Demonstration and book-signing October 8, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center 2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa. For more information call 707-433-6714 or email Joan Wale at mjwale@aol.com

MEMBER NEWS

Lynn Hennessy has been selected to exhibit her Contemporary Abstract Art during the months of July and August at the **Sunflower Caffe, on the Plaza in Sonoma**. The Caffe is located at 421 First Street West and is open 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

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Karen West is showing acrylics and watercolors with six other artists at **The Art Hatchery**, a group of four studios located 401 7th Street in Petaluma.

Edmond L. Bridant, A.R.P.S. and **Sheila Madden Bridant** won first-place ribbons for photography at **SRJC's Day under the Oaks**. Edmond won two additional ribbons. They also have works in **Art Around Town** at the Petaluma Valley Hospital, and continue at the **Boulevard Café**, in Petaluma. Edmond has also been invited to show at the Moshin Winery in the Autumn. Details to follow.

PAA WEBSITE <http://www.petalumaarts.org/>

To update your member listing or to add content to the Members' Gallery, contact Michelle at Wildflower Web Design by [clicking here](#). Or if you prefer, **Darold Graves** Membership Chairman: telephone: 707 762-5044 or [email](#).

NEWSLETTER Submission guidelines:

Information for the newsletter should be submitted by the 15th of the month preceding the activity. Submit articles directly to editor Sheila Madden Bridant by [clicking here](#). **Please type "PAA Newsletter" in the subject line.** Thank you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Web Site	http://www.petalumaarts.org/	
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Board Members	The PAA board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Boulevard Café. All members are welcome to attend.	
President	Elaine Larson	707 981-7944
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Co-Secretary	Jan Lee	email
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Newsletter	Click here to send news directly to editor.	

President's Letter

2015 is off to a wonderful start for PAA. We have over 70 current members and more will join for Art in the Park. We had a successful Spring Art Show at the Petaluma Library, with many visitors commenting it was the best show in years, and with over \$1400 in sales for participating artists. Edmond Bridant took pictures of the artists with their work at the reception; the pictures were a hit in our booth at the Sonoma Spring Home and Garden Show, and they will be available for you to pick up yours at the June 2 meeting.

Our next fundraising event was the 2nd Annual Petaluma Open Studios May 2 and 3. We don't yet have a total tally, but at least one artist sold over \$1000 of art and several sold a few hundred dollars worth. For me, the best part was meeting some very interesting people. I am grateful to Mary Bales for expertly shepherding this event through its first two years. Mary wants to take a rest from managing Open Studios so Maria Lewis and I will be chairing the 2016 event.

Our major event of the year - the 58th Annual Art in the Park (AIP) is coming up September 12 and 13. Please submit art work suitable for the AIP poster at our June 2 meeting. We have decided to make the Walnut Park gazebo an optional feature this year, but the work should uniquely identify AIP.

Members present at the June 2 meeting will vote to select the art that will be featured. This year we have also focused on addressing the suggestions that were made at our visioning meeting last year. We've already had a field trip to see the permanent collection of the Legion of Honor, led by Pat and Frank Marshall, and a fun and productive Gelli Plate workshop led by Mary Bales. Our next field trip will be to the Bodega Gallery with lunch at Bodega Bay on May 27, leaving at 10am. Contact me, Maria Lewis or Mary Bales to reserve a seat in the carpool. On June 27 we will have a t-shirt dyeing workshop led by Diana Lieb at our regular meeting space. Cost is only \$25. If you have more ideas for field trips or workshops please let me or any other board member know. Another suggestion was to work with teachers to bring more art programs into Petaluma schools. If you are interested in pursuing this, please let Marilyn Dizikes, Maria Lewis or me know.

Please also take advantage of the opportunity to tell about yourself and show your art in Artists Culture magazine, an on-line ezine with a circulation of over 400,000! This is free; just go to artistsculture.com and download a submission form. I'll be working on an art organization submission for PAA and an event submission for Art in the Park. The value of having a magazine article about you and your art is priceless.

Our publicity chair had to resign for health reasons; I, Marilyn Dizikes and event chairs are handling publicity on an interim basis, but we really need someone focused on building relationships with local media outlets. Please let me know if you want to volunteer for this critical position. Lastly, I want to thank all of you for supporting PAA. You are what makes the organization successful by your volunteering and participation.

Elaine Larson