

September - November 2024 Art News

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Engaging, Encouraging, and Enriching our Community in the Visual Arts

Fall 2024 Events

Wheeler Gallery and Nic's Art Shows

(see full show schedules on page 2)

Annual Members Meeting

September 19th: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Paradise Art Center. All members are welcome! Light refreshments will be served.

Johnny Appleseed

October 5th: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **October 6th**: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Terry Ashe Recreation Center, Paradise

ARTober FEST: Fall Art Show

October 26th: 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fine arts exhibits and sales and musical performances in the Downtown Chico Plaza. Hosted by the Downtown Chico Business Association and in part by Chico Visual Arts Alliance.

Holiday Concert Digital Art Show

Early December, dates forthcoming.

Annual Holiday Boutique

December 7th: 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Paradise Art Center



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https://www.facebook.com/groups/ ParadiseArtCenter



2024 Upcoming Art Shows



Get a prospectus at the Art Center or on www.paradise-art-center.com

Want to display your art in an upcoming show?

Member Shows:

Open to all Art Center members, no theme required.

Invitational Shows:

By invitation only. If you are interested in participating in an invitational juried show, please contact Greg Sanchez of the Gallery Committee at cubfan1a@yahoo.com

Theme	Show Dates	Receptions	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
Member Show	Aug 19 - Sep 13	-	Aug 13	Sep 13
The K(C)athy Show	Sep 21 - Oct 18	September 21, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Sep 17	Oct 18
Member Show	Oct 28 - Nov 22	-	Oct 22	Nov 22
The Faces of Nature: Fired & Fine Arts Show	Dec 2 - Dec 20	December 6, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Nov 26	Dec 20

* must be between 1-4 pm



Show Dates	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
Aug 13 - Sep 14	Aug 9	Sep 17
Sep 17 - Oct 19	Sep 13	Oct 22
Oct 22 - Nov 23	Oct 18	Nov 26
Nov 26 - Jan 4	Nov 22	Jan 7

Want to display your art in an upcoming show at Nic's?

Nic's Shows:

Open to all Art Center members, no theme required.

* must be between 1-4 pm

Art Auction 2024: A Resounding Success!

It was quite a night Saturday, June 8th at the Paradise Art Center. The Second Annual PAC Auction, a fundraiser for the Raise the Roof Fund was held this year in Wheeler Gallery. 37 pieces were donated by our membership artists in all mediums from ceramics to photography, watercolor to graphite and acrylics to oils and many others.

Charcuterie, prepared by Berta Roebuck and other volunteers and libations served by Margaret Vanlaan-Martin also added to a great ambience as visitors enjoyed a pre-auction sip and chat. Doreen Fogle and President Kathy Dysert did the honors at the sales desk, welcoming the auction audience and selling bidding paddles, raffle tickets and drink tickets.

At 4:30, Greg Sanchez, auction organizer and auctioneer gathered everyone with bidding paddles to gallery seating courtesy of Chapelle de L'Artiste and brought to PAC by Bill and Pam Hartley. Lively bidding and much laughter and enthusiasm ensued as nearly \$6500 was raised for the Raise The Roof Fund. In one calendar year, the two Art Auctions have raised nearly \$11,000! Thank you, member artists for your full donations and our volunteers for their contributions all evening.







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Remembering Mary Ryan and Paradise Art Center

In the mid 1980's Mary Ryan joined my pottery class at night. She had been making pieces at Shibui studios so her skills were already well developed. I knew we would be friends from her first days in

the class. She was such a vibrant, sparkly, happy person most people were drawn to her. Her presence made the class more lively. Over the years she became an integral part of maintaining the lab which included firing the kilns, stacking the gas kiln door faster than anyone, and keeping the rooms orderly and clean. During her active years she made many pieces using both high fire stoneware and Raku techniques. She would always bring delicious food creations to the Raku firings at my home. In addition to making pieces for herself, she made hundreds of soup bowls for our biggest fund raiser, Souper Saturday.

Even though Souper Saturday ended in 2016 I have people ask me if we are still doing it, it was that popular. In 1996, a



few of us were thinking of fund raising ideas and we decided to try this one. The first two were at the Art Center and they were rather small and very crowded. When Mary took this event over she organized it so well it kept growing every year. It went from 80 people to 250 in attendance. She made



many of the soups, oversaw it, and made sure all was running smoothly. Folks would line up one to two hours early so they could pick a handmade bowl, and then fill it with any of the 20 plus kinds of soup. I have included the Pear Bisque recipe which I did not think sounded very good, but it was very popular and I was wrong. I loved those days, even though they were hard work, it was for a good cause. Many of my friends still have bowls in their cupboards from this event.

In addition to serving on the Art Center Board for many years and generously giving to fundraisers, Mary also served in other service groups, including her church. She and her husband, Dick, were some of the leaders responsible for the conception and construction of the Performing Arts Center, which is still going strong. She served in other service groups including her church. She raised a family of four kids and was a devoted mother and grandmother. Often her family would come to events and support her efforts.

She was also my friend, always ready to help, to go on a trip, or have a dinner party at her lovely home and garden. She was an avid traveler and had been to many places in the world because her husband was in the military. A group of us went to China and I still have fond memories of our travels. If you asked her to do something, it was done.



Remembering Mary Ryan and Paradise Art Center (continued)

She was loyal and kind and made the world a much better place, so many will miss her. Although small of stature she had one of the largest hearts and I count myself lucky to have know her for so many years.

- Cathryn Hudin



Memorial Service for Mary Ryan

September 28th at 2 p.m. Paradise Performing Arts Center

Mary Ryan's Curried Pear-Squash Bisque

Serves 8 people

1 Butternut squash (about 2-1/4#s)

1 Tbsp. butter

2 cups chopped and peeled Bartlett pears

1-1/2 cups thinly sliced onion

- 2-1/3 cups water
- 1 cup pear nectar

2(14-1/2oz) cans vegetable broth
2-1/2 tsp. curry powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. black pepper
1/2 cup half and half
1 small Bartlett pear, cored, thinly sliced

Bake split squash in a 375 degree oven for 45 minutes or until tender. Cool, peel, mash and set aside 3-1/2 cups of pulp, use the rest in another recipe.

Melt butter in a Dutch oven and sauté the chopped pear and onion about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Add squash pulp, water and next 5 ingredients.

Bring to a boil, partially cover, reduce heat, and simmer 40 minutes.

Use an immersion blender to thoroughly blend soup, add half and half, cook over low heat until heated through.

Ladle into bowls and place pear slices on top of soup.

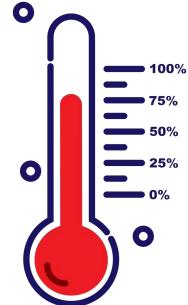
Partners in Art Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee continues to work hard to raise money for the Art Center. Last Fall we created Partners in Art as our overarching fundraising slogan.

Partners in Art - Raise the Roof is the name of the current campaign, which has focused on the urgent need for funds to reframe and replace our roof plus take care of multiple, newly discovered, infrastructure construction needs. Thanks to the generosity of our members and special donors, we have raised over \$66,000. This takes us very close to covering the final cost of \$87,002.26.

Our May fundraiser at Mountain Mike's was fun and well attended, raising almost \$1,000 from direct donations and proceeds from restaurant sales. Our 2nd annual Art Auction was held at the Art Center on June 8 th and raised \$6,061.00.

We are hosting a Wine Tasting event on August 23rd from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Art Center for all in our community age 21+. Thanks to Grocery Outlet for guiding and supporting us in this new fundraising adventure.



Kudos to committee members Patti Lloyd, Diana McCollum, Ann Slocum, Lori Phelps-Zink and Karen Voigt for their dedication to the work of this committee.

The next Fundraising Committee meeting will be a brainstorming meeting on September 10th . Contact Karen Voigt if you'd like to join this meeting. nomokavadc@gmail.com

- Karen Voigt

Facilities Update

As you all know it has been quite an active period as far as facilities go at Paradise Art Center. Much moving around of furniture and rescheduling of classes occurred but thanks to our great contractor Kyle Ritchie of Ridge Builders and foreman Hoss, we were really little inconvenienced. And the good news is it is finished, Paradise Art Center has never been better AND we came in under what we all thought it would cost. Fundraising efforts by Karen Voigt's committee and the Art Auction, along with large donations by our amazing community paid for the largest amount of the total and the Art Center absorbed the rest. Fundraising will continue to pay back our contingency and operating money and to ensure we can do other much needed building improvements, especially in the pottery area. Thank you Kyle and membership!

In other facilities news, the Paradise Art Center courtyard continues to be up graded with a shade sail (donated by Enid Hewston), numerous artworks from Patti Lloyd, Sheri Schwarzweller and Brian Corbit and now a new Japanese Maple donated by the Rebuilding Foundation. Thank you, Jen Goodlin and Staci Galla! Stay tuned for other new additions. AND, a new exhaust pipe has been ordered for the gas kiln in the garage. Soon it will arrive and be installed and once again fired up! Thanks to Mark Presson for his expertise and help in this area. Storage in the garage is also being addressed. Both will enhance the pottery experience and enable us to do much more in that area.

- Greg Sanchez

Member Spotlight – Edie Abeyta

Paradise Art Center member Edie Abeyta brings the adage that life is a journey into sharp perspective. Edie moved from the East Bay Area to Magalia in 2005. Her life journey continued as her adult children



moved away and later, she became widowed. Soon after the loss of her husband, the Camp Fire in 2018 made it difficult to remain in Magalia. Although loving Paradise, circumstances found Edie relocating to Chic. However, she joined the Paradise Art Center soon after the Camp Fire to be close and involved with the town.

She stated that she always "wanted to be an artist, but the life of a working wife and mother never seemed to allow the time to explore personal development. Life has a way of not allowing a person to get to a place where they can achieve the dream that they so desire!"

Her formal art training was composed of high school art classes and Graphic Design classes at Los Mendanos College in Pittsburg, California. At one time she worked at Long's Drug Stores as a graphic designer for their advertising. Edie enjoyed the 'art' side of the position, but the monotony was arduous.

She continued enjoying art projects for family and friends



which kept her excitement for art alive. However, in her dream she "always longed to be able to just create! Paint what I wanted to paint!"

The changes in Edie's life led her to realize that "something wonderful happened to me in spite of my surroundings. My mind opened up to [the] concept that I could do whatever I wanted to do now!" She remembers seeing a piece of art that she wanted to paint but had no idea how to approach the task. A good friend gave her some 'tools' and helped expand her abilities and confidence to move forward. Edie



began watching other artists on television, which gave her the tools to begin making the art she always dreamed of creating. In her own words, "So I began the second phase of my art travels. The first being wanting to, and the second being the doing of it!"

Member Spotlight – Edie Abeyta (continued)

Although, having experimented with a variety of media Edie found working with acrylics is her favorite media due to the freedom it allows to explore new types of art. By adding a small amount of water, she can create by airbrush. By adding Flotrol and water to a heavy base acrylic paint she can create a Dutch pour canvas. Lastly, she takes brush in hand and paints in a more traditional application, although has no hesitation to mix techniques depending on how she feels at the moment.

Edie shares her passion for art with the love of the outdoors and considers herself both an artist and amateur photographer. "The shapes and colors I see in nature have an enormous emotional effect on me." Hiking is an important part of her life, and she has been able to go on hiking trips in various locations around the planet. Her desire for "adventure" is apparent in both her activities and her art.

Stating that she is new to canvas and abstract art, Edie feels



that sharing one's art is a way of both personal and interpersonal communication. She has shown her artwork at both Nic's and the Wheeler Gallery and has enjoyed seeing what other artists in her area are doing. She feels that interactions with other artists as well as receiving feedback on her work are opportunities to gain experience.

When asked about her abstract artwork versus more representational art, Edie responded, "Abstract art, to me, only represents one thing to me. How I feel at that time. Yes, sometimes I will paint in the shape of a wave or

trees...but, when the painting is done, I only look to see if it has represented my feelings, not the trees." Wanting to avoid negativity in her paintings, she prefers to create when she feels 'good' or 'inspired'.

When visiting the Nic's and Wheeler Gallery exhibits, if you see a rather striking painting, take a closer look. It might just be the work of Paradise Art Center member Edith Abeyta.

- Kathleen Presentati





"Hammers & Harmony" Fundraiser

Our "Hammers & Harmony" fundraiser on June 19 raised \$1,375. All the money raised went to our Raise the Roof fund thanks to Theatre on the Ridge for the free use of their facility and to the talented

musicians who donated their time and talent. (Dallas Darnell, David Cowen & Amalie Sorensen, and Maryann O'Kelley & Tom Daly)

Thanks are due as well to Art Center members Sheri Schwarzweller who created the graphic for our promotions, to Jodee Merrill Smith who enlisted the help of the musicians and brought us this great idea and to Greg Sanchez for being Emcee.











Recycling for "Raise the Roof"!

Here's an easy way to help make a difference and contribute to the "Raise the Roof" fundraiser if you are on the Ridge.

In our 2021 fiscal year we had a total of \$35 in recycling. In our 2022 fiscal year we had a total of \$55 in recycling. In out 2023 fiscal year to date, we have had a total of \$254.65 in recycling.

We are receiving around \$60 each month from recycling since this way to help was announced. If you're not bringing in your recycling yet, please consider doing so.

Thank you to each and every person who is bringing their recyclable cans and bottles to the Art Center. Thank you to Sally Armstrong, who suggested this as an easy way for people to contribute. Thank you to Sally and Byron for their time sorting aluminum, plastic and glass and taking it in to be recycled.

Aluminum Cans, plastic bottles/cans preferred. Glass is reluctantly taken. The plastic needs to be marked as recyclable - CRV.If you wish to make their life simpler, package the different kinds of recycling in separate plastic garbage bags. You can bring your recycling to the back door of the Art Center. You will see specific cans where you can dump the cans and bottles, or you can just place your full plastic bags behind these cans. Sally checks and picks these up often. Every little bit you contribute helps pay for the extensive, expensive work we have had to do on our building to make sure we are safe!

- Doreen Fogle

PARADISE ART CENTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Ongoing Classes

Lab fees are charged for all sessions, in addition to instructor fees, to pay for site maintenance. Instructor fees vary by class. For more info contact the instructor or facilitator or Kathy Dysert at 707-480-2426 Lab fee: \$2/member, \$5/non-member

Classes, by Media

Instructors

ACRYLIC - All Levels Christine Mac Shane Thursdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am. Techniques for making acrylic paintings 530-370-1285 go from good to great. Bring your own materials. This class is christinemacshane@gmail.com ongoing. Fees per class: \$20 per class, plus lab fee. **COLORED PENCIL** - All Levels Kathy Dysert Sally Armstrong 530-327-8626 707-480-2426 Wednesdays, 1 - 4 pm. For beginning to advanced artists interested in learning the basics, as well as increasingly more advanced techniques. This class is ongoing. Fee: \$10 per class, plus lab fee. First class is free! **DRAWING -** All Levels **Greg Sanchez** cubfan1a@yahoo.com (New class begins on 9/3) Tuesdays, 5 - 7 pm. Instruction will be tailored for individual needs, focusing on improving observational skills for pure drawing and/or as a tool for improving the foundation for the use of other media. Materials needed would include a sketchbook and pencils of your liking. Other materials provided. 4-week sessions. Fee: \$45 members, \$50 non-members, plus lab fee. **PASTEL** - All Levels Joanne Graham Mondays, 1 - 4 pm; 4-week sessions. Focus on the application of gundog777jg@aol.com pastels as well as blending of colors and creating texture. Includes pre-drawn lessons. This class is ongoing. Fees: \$60 members, \$72 non-members, paid up front, plus lab fee. **POLYMER CLAY** - All Levels Sheri Schwarzweller Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. For beginner and experienced 760-504-5056 clayers. The basics of polymer claying will be covered. Learn to sheriwindo@gmail.com create blends, canes for slicing, faux-semi-precious stones, etc. Each four-week session, beginning the first Tuesday of the month, will focus on a new project, such as wall art, covered vases, mobiles, bowls, jewelry or wherever your imagination leads. culpey PREMO clay is available for purchase in class at wholesale prices. This class is ongoing. Fees: \$20/4-week sessions, plus lab fee. **POTTERY** - Beginning Cathryn Hudin Mondays, 5:30 - 8:30 pm. This class is designed for people new to 530-353-9655 working with clay and those with previous experience many years ago. Cathryn will be demonstrating hand building techniques and follow a project list. Students will receive a materials list the first day of class. Everyone will need to accomplish these basic skills before moving onto more complex projects. No previous knowledge of clay is necessary. Tools, clay types, kiln

firing and other aspects of clay will be covered in detail. Minimum of six students. This class is ongoing

for continued learning. Class fee: \$10/session plus lab fee.

Classes, by Media

POTTERY - Intermediate/Advanced

Mondays, 2 - 5 pm. Students must commit to one month, and have a basic knowledge of ceramics. This is not a drop in class. It is

ongoing, and meets every Monday. Pottery making takes time, often projects take two-three months to finish. Kilns are fired when there are enough pieces to fill them. More advanced levels of pottery will be covered including hand building, wheel throwing, glazing, and kiln loading. This class is ongoing. \$10 per class session, plus lab fee.

WATERCOLOR - Beginning

Fridays, 9 - noon.

Learn watercolor techniques in detail. Come and play with colors. Students need to bring their own materials. This class is ongoing. Fee is per class, \$18 for members, \$21 for non-members.

WATERCOLOR - Intermediate/Advanced

Thursdays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm. or Saturdays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm. (no summer classes, starts again October 24)

This class is a 4-week course in landscape watercolor painting for

intermediate and experienced students. In this time frame, the artist will be challenged to develop a series of paintings with a common theme and subject matter based on the season. We will study other artist's works, explore color theory and mixing, painting techniques as well as in studio demonstrations. A materials list will be provided way ahead of schedule before the class to make time for deliveries. This class is ongoing. \$60 for 4-week sessions.

WATERCOLOR (Neighbor 2 Neighbor)

Saturdays at 10 a.m. (These are single-session classes)

- October 26th
- November 9th, 16th, and 23rd
- December 14th and 28th

Each class is restricted to 20 people. All materials and instruction are provided. No experience necessary! More information to come, please check website periodically. https://paradise-art-center.com/classes.html

OPEN STUDIO TIMES

Lab Fees only (\$2 members/\$5 non-members) • Days and times subject to change.

OPEN STUDIO (any media) Fridays 1 - 4 pm WATERCOLOR STUDIO Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm

POTTERY STUDIO Thursdays 10 am - 1 pm Fridays 2 - 5 pm Sundays 9 am - 12 pm

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BOARD MEETINGS

As of July 2024, Board meetings are scheduled the third Thursday, every other month in January, March, May, July, September and November at 4:00 pm on Zoom. Agendas, special announcements and minutes of Board meetings are sent via email. Board meetings are open to all and may be accessed by pasting https://tinyurl.com/artcenterzoom All Art Center members and the public are welcome.

Executive Board meetings take place in months the full board does not meet, same day and time.

Board of Directors

(through June 2025)

Kathy Dysert (25) - President kdysert@pacific.net 707-480-2426

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Paradise Art Center Committees

(c) denotes committee chair

Executive: Kathy Dysert (c)

Education: Sheri Schwarzweller (c)

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Finance: Doreen Fogle (c)

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Librarian: Valerie Kelsay (c)

Digital Historian: open

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If you would like to help us make improvements to our needed building improvements, please consider a direct donation to the Art Center. Here are a few ways to donate:

- Send a check directly to Paradise Art Center, 5564 Almond St, Paradise, CA 95969
- Buy merchandise or donate online through PayPal via our merchandise website, http://paradiseartcentersales.org/
- Make a donation via PayPal or credit card, <u>https://www.paypal.com</u>.



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Membership Survey Paradise Art Center depends on volunteers. Please check any that apply to let us know how you can help. We will contact you when help is needed.

- ____ Phone tree / clerical
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- ____ Fundraising
- ___ Publicity
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- ____ Teaching classes / workshops
- __Other _____

My artistic interest(s) is/are

I have these business / professional / artistic skills that might provide support to the Art Center:

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