



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

Naming Contest for New Paradise Art Center Mural!

This month, Paradise Art Center will be having a "Name the Mural Contest". Please email all submissions to kdysert@pacific.net by 5:00 p.m. on December 31st. Winner will be emailed, then announced January 15th on the Paradise Art Center Facebook page, and will receive a one-year membership to the Art Center! So put on your thinking caps and help us name our beautiful mural. The mural was painted by volunteer and board member, Steve Ferchaud, along with help from Brianna Williams and Emily Wycoff.

If you haven't seen the mural in person, stop by Paradise Art Center and check it out! It's on the south-facing side of the building, closest to Pearson.



2024 Upcoming Art Shows

Want to display your art in an upcoming show?



Wheeler Gallery Show Schedule

Member Shows:

Open to all Art Center members, no theme required.

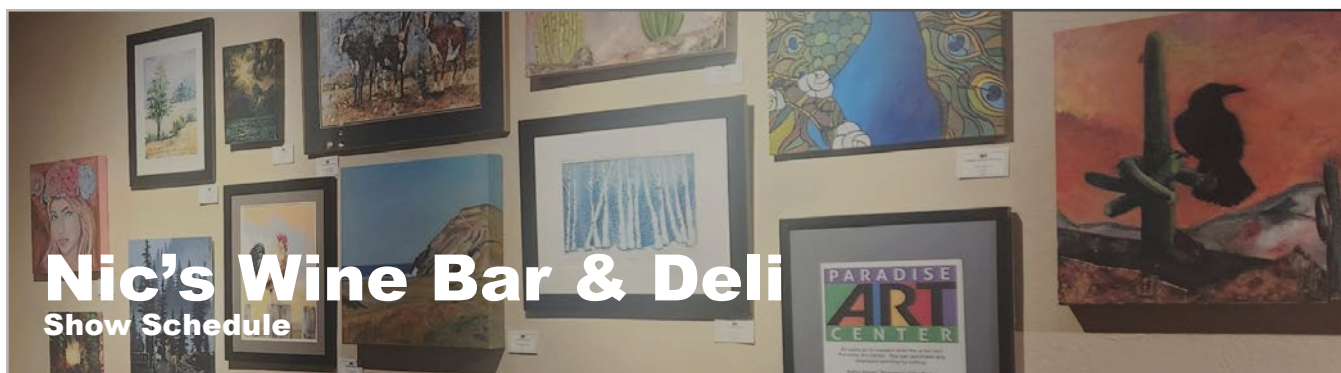
Invitational Shows:

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

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

Theme	Show Dates	Receptions	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
Member Show	Jan 22 - Feb 16	-	Jan 16	Feb 15
Invitational Show	Feb 24 - Mar 22	February 24, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Feb 20	Mar 22
Community Youth Show	Apr 1 - Apr 26	April 20, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Mar 26	Apr 26
Member Show	May 6 - June 7	-	Apr 30	June 7
Invitational Show	June 15 - July 5	June 15, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	June 11	July 5
Member Show	July 15 - Aug 9	-	July 9	Aug 9

* must be between 1-4 pm



Nic's Wine Bar & Deli Show Schedule

Show Dates	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
Dec 12 - Jan 13	Dec 8	Jan 16
Jan 16 - Feb 17	Jan 12	Feb 20
Feb 20 - Mar 23	Feb 16	Mar 26
Mar 26 - Apr 27	Mar 22	Apr 30
Apr 30 - June 1	Apr 26	June 4
June 11 - July 6	June 7	July 9

* must be between 1-4 pm

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

Nic's Shows:

Open to all Art Center members, no theme required.

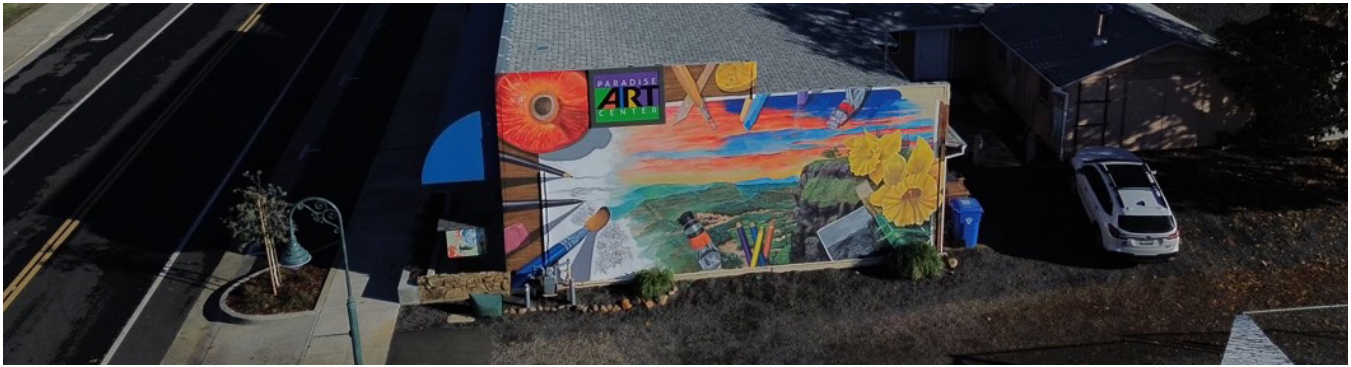
What is in a Name?

The current show in the gallery, "Art in Motion," started with another name, Clay in Motion. For the last few years, we have had a pottery show to finish off the year. After the fire we were just happy to be able to make pottery again and have enough pieces for the gallery. This year seemed to be more hopeful so we tried a theme that we arrived at as a group. This title had greater significance as we realized it also symbolized how the town was in motion and moving forward. When I shared the idea of the theme, the gallery committee suggested we include other artists and call it "Art in Motion". This multi-media show displays the varied talents of our members, with something for everyone. It is an optimistic show demonstrating the healing power of art in our community. Through art we can heal, express ourselves, and bring hope and joy to all who come and visit. The show will be up until December 18 with new work coming in to replace items sold.

- Cathryn Hudin



Paradise Art Center Mural Dedication



On Sunday, November 5th, Monica Nolan, Executive Director of the Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce, officially dedicated the new mural (name to be determined), painted by well-loved artist Steve Ferchaud on the side of Paradise Art Center's building. It was a lovely event, with speeches being given by Monica, Kathy Dysert, President of Paradise Art Center Board, and renowned artist Steve Ferchaud.

According to Steve, "The inspiration behind the mural was just to show the process of a painting and the tools an artist uses," Ferchaud said. "It also depicts the process of Paradise coming back." Thus, the mural is a depiction of an artist's table, with a painting of the canyon in progress. On the upper left is a ceramic vase which, with its color, represents the fire. If you look hard, you will see the date of the fire worked into the design.

The "painting" starts off on the left, looking like a pencil sketch. The gray and blankness represent how Paradise looked after the fire. Then it goes to pen and ink, and then various levels of color are added. It's a progress of a painting, but it also represents the burned-out town of Paradise coming back to life. The mural ends with daffodils on the right-hand side. These are the town's official flower because it was the first touch of color and life coming up through the ashes and the snow right after the fire. It was our sign of hope.

In dedicating the mural during the fifth anniversary of the Camp Fire events, Paradise Art Center commemorates what happened, but celebrates how far we've come with rebuilding all that we have lost.

If you wish to view the process involved in creating this mural, you can view the time lapse video of the 20 days it took to be completed by Steve and his helpers at <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/881751461>

Paradise Art Center would like to publicly thank the following individuals who helped make this mural a reality:

- **Ace Hardware** for providing the paint and painting tools
- **Brian Voigt of Paradise RE/MAX Home & Investment** for pressure washing and caulking the wall
- **David Ropp of Ropp Painting** for lending us the scaffolding, preparing the wall, basecoating a good surface, and sealing the finished mural.
- **Brian Corbit** for producing the time lapse video of the project
- **Brianna Williams** and **Emily Wycoff**, two very talented Art Center members, who helped Steve with the actual painting of the mural.
- **Steve Ferchaud**, who is a creative genius that generously shares his talents with his community.

- Kathy Dysert

The “Little Free Art Gallery” is Back!



I was proud to re-open our mini gallery finally at the dedication of the Art Center mural and people were really excited about it. Emily Wycoff painted the back of it with a fantasy rabbit and I added a label to the side visible from the road. Whenever you are creating larger art work, please consider doing a little piece for the Little Gallery. It's nice to keep it fresh and interesting and representative of all our fabulous and generous artists. It is something positive and welcoming for all. With the new year coming, what better way to start?

- Patti Lloyd



Presentation of Titan's Portrait to Paradise Police Department



In exchange for donations by the community to Paradise Art Center, Joanne Graham has painted a pastel portrait of Paradise Police Department K-9 officer, Titan, who is partnered up with Sgt. Robert Pickering. On November 5, 2023, Joanne gifted this beautiful piece of art to our police department.

“Having painted portraits of fallen K9’s across the states, it dawned on me that I should actually be painting our own beloved K9’s that are valiantly protecting our community—our beautiful, growing, beloved Paradise. With that—it was truly my honor to paint handsome, courageous Titan, still in service. And the fact that it is now hanging in the police department, I am grateful.”

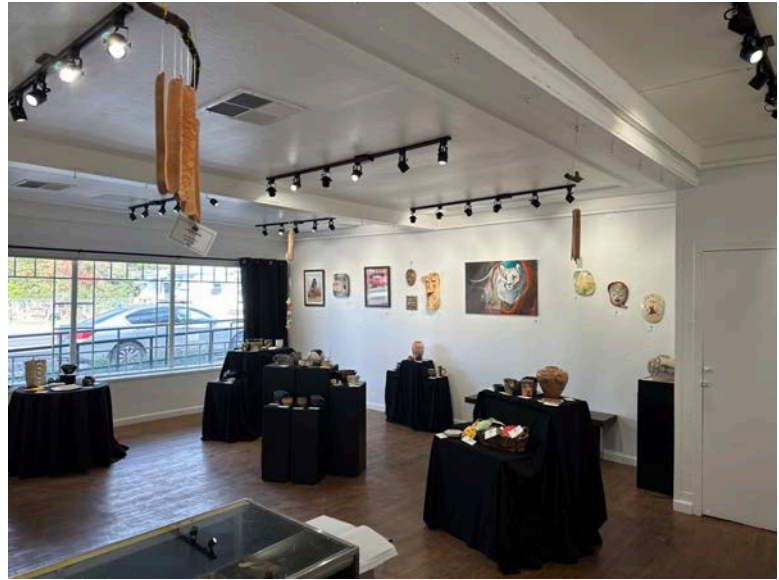
- Joanne Graham

The Wheeler Gallery Renovation

With the advent of winter, the Paradise Art Center is celebrating several improvements to the building that occurred this summer and fall. While a beautiful new mural was being painted by PAC member Steve Ferchaud and the courtyard was reworked by member/teacher Greg Sanchez, Wheeler Gallery also was transformed. New gallery lights were installed by our new electrician friend Brennan, from Donlon Electric, and a new curtain rod and curtains were hung by Sanchez. Very soon a new hanging system will also be installed.

Gallery Committee members Kathleen Dysert, Sally Armstrong, Berta Roebuck and Greg Sanchez were able to use funds from the TOT grant (Town of Paradise's transient occupancy tax) to help in promoting tourism in Paradise, after PAC Board approval. The first event with the new improvements was held November 5 with the PAC Pottery show opening day, coinciding with the mural dedication, Little Free Gallery rededication and the Fifth Anniversary of the Camp Fire events being held in town.

- Greg Sanchez



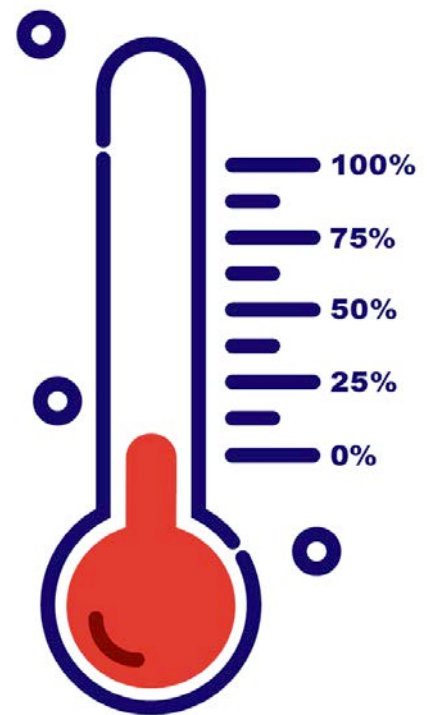
Stop by the Wheeler Gallery in Paradise Art Center and check out our beautiful, upgraded gallery!

PARTNERS IN ART Fundraising Campaign

Thank you to all that have donated to our PARTNERS IN ART fundraising campaign launched the end of September 2023. As shared in the outreach letter mailed to both current and former Art Center members, the initial focus of this campaign is to generate funds for the much-needed capital improvements of our pottery program.

To date, we have received contributions totaling \$2,325. All donors to this PARTNERS IN ART Fund will receive a year-end Statement of their tax-deductible donation(s) for their records.

Our pottery classes have been and continue to be an important part of our arts program. Whether a one-time, occasional or monthly donation, whether large or small, all contributions are greatly appreciated.



#GivingTuesday 2023 Fundraising Campaign

GivingTuesday is an annual, online event for non-profit organizations globally to celebrate their achievements and express gratitude for the contributions of time, talent and money from their Followers. This event, focusing on Gratitude and Generosity, is always the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

We decided to once again be a part of this special day to express Gratitude to our 1400+ Facebook Community followers for sharing their art, comments and “Likes” and to ask for their financial support. **This one-day, online outreach generated \$890** for our PARTNERS IN ART Capital Improvement Fund.

- Karen Voigt

GIVING TUESDAY

“Paint Your Paradise”

Community Painting Event

Paradise Art Center, the Town of Paradise, and Christine Mac Shane, who teaches at the Center, hosted “Paint Your Paradise” which was the town’s proposed activity for Tuesday, November 7th. This activity was one of 5 official free town activities for the 5th Year Anniversary of the Camp Fire and it was held at Terry Ashe, which certainly holds a lot more people than the Art Center does. It was wonderfully successful with 80 people signed up! It was a lot of fun and everyone seemed to have a good time. We were particularly impressed with the number of youth that attended. They were really talented and did a fantastic job!

- Kathy Dysert



Member Spotlight – Renee Goularte

Paradise Art Center would not exist without its members and within that membership are a loyal subgroup of people that have continued membership although for various reasons they have

relocated to a location outside of the Town of Paradise. The dedication and loyalty of these members cannot be overlooked. Without their continued personal and financial support through membership in the early days after the Camp Fire of 2018 the Paradise Art Center might not have made as quick and impressive a recovery that it has. One of these ‘satellite’ members who has been a member since the early 2000’s is Renee Goularte.



Displaced by the fire Renee first looked to relocate to Chico to remain close to Paradise, but prices and availability had already made that choice unlikely. Her search for a house turned south and eventually she and her five cats found a home in Orangevale. Although a self-described “farm girl at heart,” moving to a tract home in a neighborhood wasn’t perhaps ideal and starting over in a new and unfamiliar

location challenging, but the home is roomy with a little glass enclosed breakfast nook, a large yard with arbors, retaining walls and a “fabulously large Valley Oak in the back yard.” Also, the home is in neither a high fire hazard nor flood zone.

Once settled in Orangevale, Renee joined the Sacramento Fine Arts Center in Carmichael and found a painting group like the one she enjoyed at Paradise Art Center. Although relocated, she continued to support the art center by being a board member and maintaining the Art Center website and newsletter, eventually passing those responsibilities on to local members. Renee has continued her membership “to support the Art Center that had become such a big part of my life on the Ridge.”



As a young person she enjoyed drawing, but art didn’t yet play a strong part in her life until the teenage years when she began taking art classes in high school. Renee’s interest in watercolor began when she majored in art at San Jose State University. She went on to obtain a teaching credential and always managed to find time for art in her classrooms. After teaching in San Jose for 10 years she moved to the ‘Ridge’ and taught part-time in

Member Spotlight – Renee Goularte (continued)

Oroville for five years and then taught art to kindergarten and first and second graders in Thermalito. When her position and the program were cut by the grant funds being diverted to the general fund, Renee decided to retire early from teaching. She was already selling art lessons online and was able to devote more time to that endeavor and participation at the art center.

Watercolor is Renee's favorite medium, but she has also worked with acrylics and before the fire had taken classes and workshops at the art center from Evonne Cramer, Barbra Ramsey, Christie Beebe, Diane Moore, Gary McHargue, and Rob Milberg. Landscapes are her favorite subject, often employing an abstract approach reducing the landscape to essential lines and spaces. She likes to paint quickly and is currently experimenting with large brushes and a loose technique. "I like to just play with paint" and enjoys when something unusual happens and is "intrigued by the confluence of art, design, math, and science" which is visible in many of her paintings.

In her own words, "Artists are an interesting bunch. Many of my favorite art people to connect with have been a little out of the mainstream in some way, or especially creative; this was true at Paradise Art Center and it's also true of my experience now at Sac Arts. I would encourage membership in the art center for anyone looking for a creative outlet, interested in connecting with creative beings, or even just wanting to lend support in their own way. One doesn't need to be an artist to be a valuable member of the Art Center. "

- Kathleen Presentati



BECOME A MEMBER!

...Member Perks...

Show and sell art in
Wheeler Gallery

Pay lower lab fee for
classes/workshops

Show and sell art in
a cubicle

Show and sell art at Nic's

Show and sell art at various
community venues

Link your art website from
our website

Make art along with
other artists!

Updates from Paradise Arts Alliance and PATCH

Paradise Arts Alliance

Did you know that all of the arts have aligned into the Paradise Arts Alliance, which was recognized by the town of Paradise in a proclamation last April? The group supports and encourages the arts and its artists, as well as encourages the town to rebuild, revitalize and improve the economy by supporting the arts on the Ridge.

Paradise Arts Alliance meets four times a year, with the next meeting being Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 PM at Paradise Art Center. It invites all arts organizations and artists to join this group by emailing Kathy Dysert at kdysert@pacific.net that you would like to join and be put on the group's mailing list.



Paradise Arts, Theatre & Culture Hub (PATCH)

An impressive number of Paradise Art Center members attended the two-day Paradise Arts, Theatre and Culture Hub (PATCH) Summit that was recently held to discuss current PATCH activities and share the vision for creating an arts and culture hub that would house all of its members on one campus. Our members admirably represented the Art Center and energetically and intelligently engaged in the discussions regarding creating a magnificent arts center in Paradise that will enrich all the arts on the Ridge and be a major part of the economic development of our town.

- Kathy Dysert



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

ACRYLIC - All Levels

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am. Techniques for making acrylic paintings go from good to great. Bring your own materials. This class is ongoing. Fees per class: \$20 members, \$25 non-members, plus lab fee.

ART FOR YOUTH - by age group

Thursdays, 3:30 - 6:30 pm:

Elementary through High School

Class sessions are 4 weeks in length, each month we will explore different themes! We will explore the wonderful aspects that makes us who we are through art! A different project will be presented each week. It is adjusted for the appropriate age groups. \$125/4-week session and includes all materials. Class size is limited to 15 students per grade level.

COLORED PENCIL - All Levels

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

Tuesdays, 5 - 7 pm (*begins Jan. 9, 2024*). 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

Mondays, 1 - 4 pm; 4-week sessions. Focus on the application of 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

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. For beginner and experienced clayers. Learn basics of polymer claying. This class is ongoing. Fee \$5 plus lab fee.

Instructors

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ONGOING CLASSES, continued

Classes, by Media

Instructors

POTTERY - *Beginning*

Mondays, 5:30 - 8:30 pm. This class is designed for people new to 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. Monthly fee: \$48 members, \$60 non-members, plus lab fee.

Cathryn Hudin
530-353-9655

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.

Cathryn Hudin
530-353-9655

WATERCOLOR - *Beginning*

Thursdays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm.
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, \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members.

Amanpreet (Amy) Kaur
530-521-0693 (text only)
amanp.261@gmail.com

OPEN STUDIO TIMES

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

WATERCOLOR STUDIO

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm - Facilitator: Cathy Hales, 530-873-0579, c.hales@comcast.net

POTTERY STUDIO

Fridays 10 am - 1 pm – Facilitator: Patti Lloyd, angelloyd48@yahoo.com

Sundays 9 am - 12 pm – Facilitator: Claire Neal, 530-828-1158

OPEN STUDIO (any media)

Mondays 4 - 6 pm – Facilitator: Berta Roebuck, berta.roebuck@gmail.com

Fridays 1 - 4 pm - Facilitator: Sally Armstrong, sallyarmstrong33@yahoo.com

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are scheduled the second Sunday of every month at 1:30 pm on Zoom. Changes and announcements are sent in email. Board meetings are open to all.

Agendas, notifications and/or changes are sent in email. All Art Center members and the public are welcome. **Join any board meeting via Zoom:** <https://tinyurl.com/artcenterzoom>

Board of Directors

(through June 2023)

Kathy Dysert (25) - President
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Paradise Art Center Committees

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Executive: Kathy Dysert (c)

Facility Committee: Cathryn Hudin (c)

Finance: Doreen Fogle (c)

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Grants (part of Finance): Karen Voigt (c)

Merchandising (part of finance): Patti Lloyd (c)

Membership:
Cathryn Hudin (c)

Education:
Kathy Dysert (c)

Gallery:
Sally Armstrong (c)

Community Outreach: Kathy Dysert (c)

Events (part of Community Outreach): Joanne Wright (c)

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Property-Building/Facilities:
Cathryn Hudin (c)

Volunteerism:
Valerie Kelsay (c)

Librarian: Valerie Kelsay (c)

Digital Historian: open



Post photos of your art work, information about galleries and other art-related news and information, and get updates and announcements about Art Center doings:

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARADISE ART CENTER!

If you would like to help us make improvements to our classroom and gallery, 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**, <https://www.paypal.com>.



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of Commerce.



Donate to our sustaining fund
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Foundation](#)

Thanks to KIXE for their support.

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MEMBER APPLICATION

All memberships in Paradise Art Center are for one year beginning Sept 1 and ending Aug 31 the following year. Please make check payable to Paradise Art Center. Return this form & your check to

5564 Almond St., Paradise, CA 95969
Questions? Please call us at (530) 877-7402.

- Mailing List
- Volunteers
- Website
- Membership

PLEASE PRINT

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

email _____

artist website www. _____

• include link on Art Center website? yes no

Art Center membership was referred to me by

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONAL MEMBERS:

Names _____

Emails _____

Membership Benefits:

Show art in all member shows in Wheeler Gallery.
Pay lower lab fee for classes and workshops.
Show and sell art work in Wheeler Gallery or cubicle.
Link your art website from the Art Center website.

DUES CATEGORIES - check one that applies

___ \$40 Single Membership, new or renewal

___ \$50 Family Membership, new or renewal
2 adults & children under 18

___ \$20 Student Membership

___ \$55 Sponsor ___ \$100 Business / Patron

Contribution to General Fund

___ Cash ___ Check # _____

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
- ___ Event coordination, planning, or assistance
- ___ Fundraising
- ___ Publicity
- ___ Gallery docent / set-up assistance
- ___ Computer / technical assistance
- ___ Construction
- ___ Yardwork / Cleanup
- ___ Community Outreach
- ___ Committee Member
- ___ 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:

**Please mail this form and your check to
5564 Almond Street Paradise, CA 95969**

Visit our website for updates and information:
www.paradise-art-center.com