

# San Benito County Arts Council

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## ART EXPOSED

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR ARTS COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are pleased to introduce our new Executive Director, Stephanie Hicks.



With over 15 years of non-profit marketing and development experience and over 30 years

of dance and performing arts experience, Stephanie is ready to take her new position at the helm of the Arts Council.

In her professional experience, Stephanie was Development Associate for the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Development Director for the Volunteer Center of Monterey County.

Stephanie has lived in Hollister for the past 8 years with her husband and 2 children. When she is not at the Arts Council, or busy with her daughters,

You can find Stephanie instructing classical ballet. Stephanie has also choreographed several stage productions for the San Benito Stage Company and hopes to be able to continue that important community service.

"I am thrilled to be part of the Arts Council and ready to take our mission to a new level. I want our programs to inspire all ages and reach across all cultures."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Benito Arts Council, I welcome

our new Executive Director, Stephanie Hicks. The Council believes that Stephanie brings a strong background of experience and personal dynamics as we embark into its next phase of development. Welcome on board, Stephanie!" ~ Cesar Flores, President.

### Items of Interest

\* El Teatro Campesino presents FREE outdoor performances of Luis Valdez' La Carpa de los Rasquachis Sept. 20 in San Juan Bautista and Sept. 22 in Hollister.

\* San Benito Stage Company's "Little Shop of Horrors" Oct 23-Nov 8th - Granada Theater.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES WAS A HIT!



Johnny Espinoza and the boys from Yerba Buena were the first band in the Summer Concert Series and played for an appreciative crowd.

Back by popular demand, our summer concert series rocked the roof of the Briggs Building Parking Garage.

Bands included the classic rock of This Side Up; a little rock and blues from Soul Kiss; the salsa of Yerba Buena and the soulful sounds of Reggae from Stir it Up.

Don't miss our concerts next summer. Let us know what bands you would like at our series—we want to hear from you!



Dancing is great fun on top of the parking garage.

## Community Events

- Lights On Parade Downtown Hollister November 28th. Parade starts at 6:00.
- San Benito County Fair October 2-4
- San Benito Stage Company's "Little Shop of Horrors" October 23 through November 8th.
- San Benito Street Art Academy announces Fall art classes. Visit our website for dates and times.
- El Teatro Campesino is holding auditions for its traditional Mexican Folktale, "La Pastorela" during the month of October. Visit our website for dates and times.
- Save the Date! San Benito Dance Academy presents the Nutcracker—December 19-20, Gavilan College Theater. Register now for classes. Classical Ballet ages 3 to advanced pointe. Call 801-8200 for more information.



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## ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP

The Community Foundation of San Benito County and the San Benito County Arts Council are pleased to announce a joint effort to distribute \$20,700 in grants to promote the arts in the county. This unique partnership is a result of the Foundation's most recent Grant Cycle where philanthropic grant requests were considered in five Fields of Interest: Arts and Culture, Education and Youth, Health and Social Services, Agriculture and the Environment and Community Enhancement.

"The Arts and Culture Committee made a recommendation to use the expertise of the Arts Council to re-grant funds to local art organizations and to bring art back to San Benito County school classrooms", says Kathy Johnson, chair of the subcommittee. The Arts Council recently re-granted \$10,750 to eight local Arts Organizations in the county. The remainder of the funds will be used for a capacity building collaboration with the Community Foundation for an Artists in the Schools Program. It is anticipated that this funding will enable the Arts Council to develop and expand arts programs in elementary schools throughout San Benito County.

Organizations that received funding through the Arts Council Regranting Program include:

- Pinnacle Quilters of SBC  
*Quilts for Chamberlains Children Center*
- San Benito Stage Company  
*Youth Theatre Workshops*
- Oriana Chorale  
*Website Enhancement*
- Aromas Hills Artisans  
*Musical Performances at Aromas Days*
- Gavilan College STAR Program  
*Performing Arts Camp for Youth*
- Kids Rule Theatre Camp  
*Scholarships for Summer Theatre Camp*
- El Teatro Campesino  
*Promotion and Publicity*
- Hollister Youth Alliance  
*Free After School Arts Program*

"We're extremely pleased to partner with the Community Foundation and believe that this is the kind of innovative collaboration our community needs now", says Cesar Flores, President of SBCAC.

The next Re-granting Cycle will be open for applications in May of 2010. ✍

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