

San Benito County Arts Council

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100 YEARS CELEBRATED WITH ART

Pinnacles Partnership, in conjunction with the Arts Council and Galeria Tonantzin, sponsored a Pinnacles National Monument Centennial Art Show last fall at the Galeria. The show exhibited nine local artists who produced their artwork in, or because of visits to, the Pinnacles: Steve Borelli, Gavin Emmons, Bev Hannigan, Deborah Gansberger, Gayle Sleznick, Sylvia Nichols, Louise Roy, Patsy Zuniga, and Linda Bjornson provided a variety of visual art

for the show. The condor stain glass created by Linda during her Artist-in-Residency program at Pinnacles National Monument was also on display.

San Juan's Basque Restaurant, Matxain Etxea, donated food for the artists' reception. Installation and implementation of the show was coordinated by Pinnacles Partnership founding board member Jennifer Coile, Ranger Michael Rupp, and Gayle Sleznick, with invaluable

support from Janet Martinez and Dr. Jennifer Colby of Galeria Tonantzin. ✍



COUNCIL RECEIVES MAJOR FUNDING

The Arts Council was surprised with a second SLPP (State and Local Partnership) grant awarded by the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts in the amount of \$14,540.

Funding was based on panel comments generated from the first grant cycle—the Arts Council is really off to a great start with such positive feedback.

A budget has been prepared for the funds and as in the past, a large portion will be used for operating costs.

The Regranting Program will receive a 50% increase over last year—now the Arts Council will be able to invest \$3000 in local Arts.

Funds will also be used for a Summer Concert Series on the parking garage, al-

ways a favorite activity in the past, free music engagements for the public.

Lastly, the Student Film Festival planned for May 30, 2009 will receive a boost. Students in grades 5–12 and students attending Gavilan Community College will be able to participate in this event, and are already busy working on their projects. ✍

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Items of Interest

- Hollister Art League has 2009 calendars for sale—*Treasures of San Benito County*. The calendar is dedicated to Faye Kennedy and costs \$15. They are available at Galeria Tonantzin, Country Rose Gallery & Art, or by calling 831.637.6062.
- Space is still available in Alyson Stanfield's workshop, *I'd Rather Be in the Studio [But I Have to Eat]*. Save \$30 and register by January 15, 2009. Get more information on our website.
- Deadline to register for Open Studios has been extended to January 23, 2009. Applications are available on line or by calling 831.636.2787.

Community Events

- **Jan 17**, Art 101 Exhibition
Artists Reception
SBHS Students
12 to 2 pm
Blak Sage Gallery
727 San Benito Street
- **Jan 23**, Cerra Vista Family Art Night, 6 to 8 pm
636-7270
- **Jan 25**, Art Salon Group Meets
1:30 pm
RSVP 623-2750
- **Feb 7-8**, Marketing Workshop
Ridgemark Tennis Club
- **Apr 4-18**, Quilt Exhibit
Blak Sage Gallery
Free Admission
727 San Benito Street
Hollister
- **Apr 4-18**, Charming Chairs
Silent Auction
Downtown Hollister
- **Apr 4**, SBC Open Studios
Artists Reception
- **Apr 25-26**, SBC Open Studios
Free Admission
Listing of studios and map will be available on line soon at sanbenitoarts.org

ART AT THE PINNACLES

Pinnacles National Monument just announced a new Artist In Residence opportunity to take place in April of 2009. The dates are flexible, but the residency will be two weeks long. Artists of all experience levels are welcome to apply. The application is available on their website, www.nps.gov/pinn and more information is available by calling Ranger Michael Rupp at 831.389.4486 x 243.

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INCLUDE YOUR EVENT BY CALLING 831.636.2787

MEET THE ARTIST—DARLENE BOYD

Darlene Boyd is a sculptor, who also enjoys painting and drawing. She is not tied to any particular medium and thrives in experimenting and blending many materials. She is interested in forms, surfaces, visual metaphors and the emotional responses that her art work evokes. Darlene particularly enjoys teaching art and using these processes both as forms of self-expression and as a means to emotional healing.

Currently Ms. Boyd is offering "in home" art lessons, to inspire the expression of personal passions for

those wishing to enhance their lives. She has taught art processes for over 30 years, for ages nine to 80, and she is now very involved with a local Art Salon group, encouraging local artists to get out of their studio.

Darlene began her formal training as an artist at the age of eleven, and obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with Honors from Brooks Institute, School of Fine Art. Her studio is nestled in the pastoral mission town of San Juan Bautista, California. You can view her work and services at www.darleneboyd.com. ✍

Hills of San Juan Bautista by Darlene Boyd



BIRDIES EQUAL \$\$\$ FOR LOCAL ARTS

The San Benito County Arts Council is registered for the 2009 Birdies for Charity® program, a successful fundraising program conducted in association with the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, February 9-15.

The program will run through February 28th, allowing the Arts Council to solicit monetary pledges from supporters of the arts, based on the number of birdies scored by PGA TOUR professionals during the tournament.

Anyone may fill out a pledge form and pledge one cent or more per birdie or pledge a flat-rate to participate in the program. Interested donors should contact the Arts Council or visit www.attpbgolf.com for addi-



tional details. Donor incentives include many exciting prizes awarded through random drawings of completed pledge forms throughout the pledging season.

In addition to prizes provided by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, the Arts Council is also giving away a weekday foursome including carts provided by San Juan Oaks Golf Club and an autographed Monkeys Made of Sockies Headcover provided by Artist, Shannon Grissom.

Pledge forms are available at the Arts Council office or from any one of our Directors. Make your pledge today and help support the arts in San Benito County. ✍

SHE IS MISSED



*Shirley Sergent
1930-2008*

Many residents in the community only knew Shirley Sergent as a pianist—serious and focused on playing and singing with perfection. Those that knew her best also appreciated her lighter side—always upbeat, cheerful, and quick to laugh.

For the past ten years, Shirley was on the Board of Directors with the San Benito Stage Company, the last three years as President. Most recently she had a major acting-only role in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*—Shirley had many talents and enjoyed them all.

Shirley will never stop singing in our hearts. ✍

501(c)3 STATUS ACHIEVED

Linda Bjornson, president of the Aromas Hills Artisans has announced that their non-profit 501(c)3 status has been confirmed by the Secretary of State, retroactive to May 1, 2008.

This is exciting news—for the past eight years, this energetic group has been working hard to inspire and celebrate art through fellowship and events that enrich, support, and educate its members as well as the community. Now they will have the added benefit of tax deductible donations, and their goals should become a little easier.

The Aromas Hills Artisans meet from 7 to 9 pm, on the first Wednesday of each month, at the Aromas Grange. New members are always welcome. ✍

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CALL FOR ARTISTS—PAINT A CHAIR

The Hollister Downtown Association is looking for artists who would like to paint a chair for the upcoming 2nd Annual Charming Chairs event to be held April 4-18, 2009.

Chairs are painted by artists and then submitted for a silent auction that takes place on the sidewalk in front of participating businesses in downtown Hollister. Last year the event raised \$3000 and the HDA is hoping to raise even more this year.

A few chairs will be available for artists, or an artist may choose their own chair to compliment an original inspiration. Artists last year had a great time painting something other than a canvas; a unique experience that's

sure to get your creative juices flowing. Remember, the sky is the limit; just contact the HDA office at 831.636.8406 and let them know you would like to paint a chair.

All proceeds will go to the Downtown Endowment Fund and are tax deductible. The HDA has established an initial goal of \$10,000 to help revitalize downtown as the hub of social and economic activity in our community. These funds are good for ever. ✍

