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Marj Early

Story and photo by Jake Williams

For watercolor painter Marj Early it took a five-year long ordeal with lung cancer to make it clear how important art was in her life.

"Art is better than a pill. I didn't really know until I went through that how important art was in my life," she said. "I didn't feel like doing art for two years," she says, because of her treatment. She was declared in remission in April this year. She did, however, draw during that time. "I am just happy I am here to be able to work now."

The Eureka resident has decades of experience in acrylic and watercolor and a long list of awards. She studied art at junior colleges in Santa Maria and Cupertino and worked as a paralegal as her day job. She also earned a teaching credential from San Jose State in the 1970s.

Marj, who is 89, moved to Eureka in 2000 when she promptly joined the RAA and began volunteering and showing her work. "It was a small group then. I love the RAA and am so proud of how it grew and found a permanent home."

Speaking about her art, she said, "With water colors you do what it wants. It seems to have a mind of its own."

The priority in her work, which she says is actually her passion, is water oriented scenes like beaches, rivers, the ocean and water gardens. The one-time fly fishing devotee often reported her travels in watercolor.

When she was younger, she was an island hopper, painting beaches in Hawaii, The Greek islands and Cook Islands, which were her favorite because their reefs made them naturals to snorkel and scuba dive.



Marj Early works in the sunlit living room. Her apron has squares of colors that she uses so she can match to her needs when painting.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, it's Fall! Lots has happened since the last newsletter. First, we saw two wonderful people retire from our Board. They are Bob Fasic and Diane Williams. Both brought RAA to where we are today.....a thriving artist association located in a lovely gallery. Thank you for all you have done!

We found three motivated people to fill the open positions, Jen Snelgrove, Dan Schulz and Mairead Dodd. Jen and Dan are active members who have chaired many functions such as Art in the Garden. Mairead Dodd, another new board member, is of Kinetic royalty, an actual Rutabaga Queen! She is energetic and an accomplished artist in many different mediums. Mairead's interest is to engage and support arts for the youth. She will be an asset to our board. Welcome!

The annual fundraising drive to pay down the balloon was quite successful this year. As a result, we have built a solid financial foundation should we need to make major repairs or seek funding. You will find more on that topic as you read further in the newsletter.

In 2013, a membership survey was taken. Members expressed interest in working with local organizations to expand involvement with the RAA and community arts. We are well on our way. Last summer we participated in the North Coast Open Studios and will again for Art Trails on October 24 & 25. On July 4th weekend the Humcats event was well attended and built bonds between the RAA, Humboldt Spay & Neuter Network, Humboldt Art's Council, Eureka Theater, Paul's Live from New York and Eureka Main Street. A similar event over Halloween with an exhibition called "It's Scary" (entry date, Oct.17th) will include new partners. They are Rotaract and Eureka Parks & Recreation. More partnerships are welcome.

Information will be forthcoming and you can keep up on the happenings through our Facebook Page and its link with "It's Scary" exhibition.

Membership involvement has been key in our ability to operate. Over the past year, we have recorded almost 1700 volunteer hours from the membership. That has been huge and inspiring. Previously, we reported wanting to increase the board and are looking for people to take on leadership roles within the organization. Please contact me by email at lwise@recology.com.

Linda Wise
President



The Redwood Art Association is a community dedicated to the creation of art as an important and indispensable part of life and the economy of Humboldt County.

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It's Scary!

It's *Scary!* is a spooky themed month-long extravaganza hosted by the Redwood Art Association. The exhibition is judged by narrative painter Jesse Wiedel, with the theme of fear as its driving force. What one finds scary is completely up to interpretation by the submitting artists.

The events through the exhibition run are a collaboration with Eureka Main Street, Eureka Theater, Paul's Live from New York (Pizza), the Morris Graves Museum and City of Eureka Parks & Recreation.



Frankenstein by Rachel Schlueter.

Entry Day: October 17th 12-3pm

\$10 RAA Members, \$15 Non-Members. 3 display pieces and 5 bin objects max. First 50 entrants get free tickets to see ParaNorman at the Eureka Theater, October 31st at 4pm.

Schedule of Events:

October 24th - 25th, 11-6pm

North Coast Open Studios: Art Trails

October 31st, 11-4pm

Halloween Street Party

Cake Walk, Kids Costume Contest,

Screaming Contest, Freaky Selfies and much, much more!

ParaNorman Screening

Eureka Theater-4pm

Carnival

at the Municipal Auditorium-5pm

November 7th, 5-8pm

It's Arts! Alive Opening

57th Annual Redwood Art Association Fall Exhibition-Awards Announced

A total of \$1,600 in awards was presented to 22 artists for the Redwood Art Association's (RAA) 57th Annual Fall Exhibition. More than 100 pieces of artwork are on display.

During Arts Alive! Private Preview Reception for RAA Members and Guests on Saturday, September 5th, awards were presented.

Julia Alderson, Associate Professor of Art History at Humboldt State University was this year's judge. Alderson holds a PhD in Art History from Rutgers University. She specializes in 1860 to present American and European Art. Her research interests include topics related to sculpture, public art, and land art, as well as, museum methodology and theory.

"Stunning show...a challenge to pick the best," stated Alderson. "I selected work that gave me rewards from multiple views, and if I got closer or returned to the work, I saw new interesting things."

The judge selected Barbara Pulliam's woodblock print "Tesuque Memories" for this year's Best of Show. Alderson stated "I couldn't stop coming back to the piece because of its color, patterning, and repetition."

Best of Photography winner is Hal Work for "Fire Country". First Place goes to Renee Ross for USS Kete and the Salmon Boys".

Other cash award winners are John Jameton, Jim Welsh, Vicki Barry, Scott Hemphill, Valerie McIntyre, David Safer and Tsuya Pratt. Honorable mentions are Ranjith Jim Box, George Ventura, Nancy Flemming, Cheryl Peterson Rau, Paula Anderson, William Pierson, Antoinette Magyar, John Exley, Dana Utman, Pam Cone and Donna Rosebaugh.

The Fall Exhibition was made possible through the generous support of Eureka Natural Foods. Awards were donated by individuals and local businesses.

The exhibition will be open for viewing through September 18th. Gallery hours are 12-5PM, Wednesday through Sunday and is located at 603 F Street in Eureka.



Best of Show winner Barbara Pulliam's woodblock print "Tesuque Memories".

Fortuna Art Council Members Show in the Upstairs Galleries

Members of the Fortuna Art Council are exhibiting their art work in September 23 through October 16 in galleries 2, 3, and 4 upstairs in the RAA gallery.

Visitors can expect to see a variety of media and themes represented in the show. Members of the art council work in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pen and ink, oil pastel, mixed media, printing and photography. Artists participating in the show include Louise Bacon-Ogden, Natalya Burke, Janet Frost, Elaine Gredasoff, Emma McDowell, Abbie Perrott, Karen Sanguinetti, Hans Spek, Anita Travernier, and Paula Redtfeldt.

The Fortuna Art Council, established in 1966, is an organization of local artists dedicated to the visual arts. Meetings are held from 1 to 3 p.m. on the third Monday of every month (except December) at the Recreation Hall in Rohner Park, Fortuna. New members and anyone interested are welcome to attend.



Startled, watercolor, by Janet Frost.



Southern Humboldt Bay from Table Bluff Ridge, oil on linen, by Hans Spek.



Two Blue Hummingbirds, by Abbie Perrott.

Generous Donation

Nancy Flemming and Linda Wise, two Redwood Art Association Board members, receiving news of a \$20,000 endowment for the Redwood Art Association from Patrick Cleary of the Humboldt Area Foundation. The donation was made by an un-named source. It is a beautiful gift that shows how the community values our organization and what we do.

Next year the 4% of the fund's balance will be made available for use or re-invested depending on RAA board decision. Anyone can give to the fund or start one themselves. For more information call the Humboldt Area Foundation at 442-2993. Extreme "Thank you" to the "un-named" donor and to all of you who have inspired them with your creative gifts!



A Thank You Note to All Participating Plein Aire Artists and our Helpers

Art in the Garden was quite a success. RAA garnered a net profit over \$2,445 after paying expenses of about \$2,858. More than 225 people were at Art in the Garden, which was a spectacular event, where everyone who attended said they thoroughly enjoyed the event and had a great time.

A simple *Thank You* is insufficient to express our gratitude for all of your successfully performed efforts. What an impressive group of willing volunteers who created signage, produced graphic art, prepared food, provided beverages, sold tickets, set-up, cleaned up, solicited raffle items, handled legalities, transported supplies, arranged demos, assisted artists, wrote articles, coordinated with the media, and controlled parking.

We certainly acknowledge the support of our underwriters. Eureka Natural Foods, Cher-ae Heights Casino, Wildberries Market, Strawberry Rock Gallery, Larrupin Restaurant, Humboldt Sanitation, The Garden Gate, Mad River Gardens, Miller Farms, and Times Printing Company all helped to bring the public to the Trinidad garden of Pat and Howard Wells. Thanks to KIEM and Wendy Butler's *Art Waves* on KHSU for air time. Jody Bryan's exquisite watercolor rendering of the water tower, which was used as the artwork for the posters/flyers, was framed and given to the Wells Family as a big *Thank You* for hosting this event in the fantastic garden at their home.

All the Plein Aire Artists made the occasion possible. A special *Thank You* goes to Andrew Daniel, Joyce Jonte, and Guy Clement Joy whose lectures and demonstrations took extra effort. Dolores Terry's Herculean efforts accomplished a superb raffle. Wow, without such wonderful people, Art in the Garden would not have happened! We hope you enjoyed working with us as much as we enjoyed working with you. We hope you also enjoyed your Art in the Garden experience.



Art in the Garden Raffle Donors

Thank you to:

Annie's Shoes
Louise Bacon-Ogden
Georgia Bednar
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Photography Exhibit Winners

Report from Diane Williams

This year's winners are:

Grand Prize: "Homage to Jackson Pollack" by William Pierson

First Place: "Angle of Repose" by Boshua Struve

Second Place: "Giant Spirit Gentle Soul" by Laura Zugzda

Third Place: "Rocky Point" by David Callow

Redwood Camera Club Founder's Award: "Prairie Creek SP" by David Mast

Awards of Excellence:

"Untitled" by Sharon Falk-Carlsen

"Art at the Airport" by David Mast

"Maple Tree" by David Boston

"Winter Shadow Convergence" by William Pierson

"Ja She Creek" by David Callow

Unique Visions:

"Sky High" by Laura Zugzda

"Whisper" by Stilson Snow

"Iguazza Falls" by Sandra Howard

"Floating Cloud" by William Pierson

"Coho" by Thomas Bethune

"Disney Concert Hall" by Michael Harris

"The L Train" by Jon Exley

"Columns" by Thomas Bethune

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This summer, she painted at Art in the Garden in Trinidad, calling the experience "fantastic. I really liked that."

She has won Best of Show at both the Humboldt County Fair and Redwood Acres Fair and many other awards in the area.

She paints and exhibits with the 12-member Representational Art League. She also supports and exhibits with the RAA and the Morris Graves Museum's Humboldt Arts Council.

The painter has taken workshops with nationally known artists Dale Laitinen, Alex Powers and Don Andrews, as well as renowned watercolorist Sergei Bongard.

• New and Renewing Members •

These RAA members renewed or joined between June 1 and August 31, 2015. Members whose dues payments were received before or after these dates are not listed here.

Sustaining Members

Thomas Bethune

Eric Furman

Friends of the Gallery

Allen Bird

Martha Giotes

Individual Members

Mary Louise Anderson

Hans Andreas

Sally Arnot

Vicki Barry

Yael Bentovim-Burkes

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Jody Bryan

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Carol W Telesky

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Jim Welsh

Hal Work

Pay Down the Balloon

We have a seven-year mortgage for \$220,000 with a twenty-year amortization. Donations to Pay Down the Balloon are applied against the principal and will reduce the balloon we must refinance at the end of the seven years.

In 2014 and this year to date, we have made additional principal payments of \$7,308.00. The ending balloon payment has been reduced from \$191,772.46 to \$182,090.53. The total interest paid has been reduced from \$102,392.46 to \$100,018.53. This is an overall savings of \$12,055.86, generated by \$7,308.00 of extra principal payments.

There is an additional \$2,625 in donations through August 31 not yet applied to principal, which will bring our total principal payments to \$9,933.

This is made possible by the generous support of the following members.

\$1,000 or more

Marj Early

Mary Janet Frost

Dolores Terry

\$101 to \$999

Mariko Pratt

Tsuya Pratt

Dan Schulz

Jen Snelgrove

Don R. Walker

\$100

Linda Bareilles

Julia Bednar

Nancy Flemming

Martha Haynes

Robert Haynes

Mo Shell

Up to \$99

Bobbi Bennetzen

Natalie Craig

John Crater

Winnie Edmondson

Wesley Edwards

Elaine C. Gray

Marlene Hall

William Hansell

Jack Hopkins

Louanna Johnson

Randy Mayers

Barbara Saul

Stilson Snow

EXHIBITIONS

Redwood Art Association

57th Fall Exhibition

A judged exhibition with awards

Sponsored by Eureka Natural Foods.
Through September 18, 2015

Destination Humboldt

September 23—October 16, 2015

Entry Day: Saturday, September 19,
noon—3:00pm

Arts Alive! Saturday, October 3

Redwood Art Association

It's Scary!

A judged exhibition with awards

October 21—November 20, 2015

Judge: Jesse Wiedel

Entry Day: Saturday, October 17, noon—
3:00pm

Halloween Street Party: Saturday, October
31, 11:00am—6:00pm

Arts Alive! Reception: Saturday, Novem-
ber 7, 5:00pm—6:00pm

Holiday Art Sale

An off the wall sale for RAA Members

November 27—December 18, 2015

Entry Day: Saturday, November 21, noon—
3:00pm

Arts Alive! Saturday, December 5

Reflections & Resolutions

December 26, 2015—January 8, 2016

Entry Day: Saturday, December 19,
noon—3:00pm

Arts Alive! Saturday, January 2

Rum & Rummage Sale

Rum Cocktails with Rummage

Friday, January 15, 6:00—9:00pm

Rummage Sale, Saturday, January 16,
10:00am—3:00pm

Redwood Art Association

60th Anniversary Exhibition

A judged exhibition with awards

For RAA Members

January 27—February 19, 2016

Entry Day: Saturday, January 23,
noon—3:00pm

Arts Alive! Reception: Saturday,
February 6, 5:00—6:00pm

Portraits

Open to all artists

February 24 – March 18, 2016

Entry Day: Saturday, February 20,
noon—3:00pm

Arts Alive! Saturday, March 5

Fire & Light

For RAA Members

March 23—April 15, 2016

Entry Day: Saturday, March 19, noon—
3:00pm

Arts Alive! Saturday, April 2

HAGOPIAN ART SHOWINGS

During regular Humboldt County
Library hours, please visit the
Hagopian Gallery, located upstairs.

Currently the Redwood Camera
Club images are on display. This show
is an expression of what different
people view through the camera lens.

The next show will be in November
and will have the Library Anniversary
Exhibit.



RAA Annual Fund

Donations to the Annual Fund help balance
our budget, cover operating expenses, and
grow our maintenance & operating reserves.

As of August 31, the Annual Fund has
received \$7,954 during 2015. This is very
close to the \$8,000 we had in our budget for
the year.

A very big thank you to the following
members who gave so generously.

\$1,000 or more

Robert Fasic
Nancy Gregory
Roy Grieshaber

\$101 to \$999

Rena Christensen
Beverly Harper
Roberta "Berti" Welty

\$100

Hector Carranza
Martha Haynes
Robert Haynes
John Jameton
Camille Regli
Jack & Amy Sewell
Kathryn Englin Shaini
Mo Shell

Up to \$99

Hans Andreas
Sally Arnot
Rosalinda Brainerd
Cronder Concepción
Pamela Cone
John Crater
Karen Frazee
Marlene Hall
Thomas Klapproth
Elden R Knauf
Randy Mayers
Yvonne Reynolds
Janet Sanford
Claire Iris Schencke
Stilson Snow
April Sproule

It Takes a Village

by Mairead Dodd

Many of you have heard the expression "It takes a village." Whether it involves children, animals or the environment, the successful outcome of any worthwhile endeavor is the energetic output of those surrounding it.

The Redwood Art Association is solely run by volunteers. One of their visions has been providing a gallery space where artists come together as a collective and exhibit their work. Its health and well-being is dependent on its members. Often, in the case of organizations much like RAA, there is a tendency for a core group of the same individuals to do the bulk of the work. RAA is in need of increasing its village. It is looking for people to volunteer in whatever capacity they are able to do so. Can you volunteer once a week? Once a month? Once a year? There are diverse opportunities where your

volunteering can enrich the gallery. This benefits everyone!

I began volunteering at RAA when I became a member again after a long sabbatical. Many of you may be familiar with my smiling and enthusiastic face at the monthly exhibit intake days. I look forward to those afternoons at the gallery. Volunteering has been an enjoyable and fun experience. I have met a great group of people who are excited about art! As a part of this village, I feel it is one way I can support my fellow artists, meet the creators behind the creations and leave at the end of the day inspired and energized to practice my own art. I am thankful to have a gallery that has become a home for my artistic expressions.

I'd like to encourage others to help by donating time to the Redwood Art As-

sociation. Some ways you can do that is by occasional gallery sitting, help at an Arts! Alive evening, have a try on intake day, help hang shows or find scholarships or awards for shows. There's a lot to do to keep the gallery running smoothly beyond the financial aspects.

We have a dedicated board of individuals who work hard to make sure the Redwood Art Association continues to offer artists an incredibly wonderful space. It takes a village, however. And RAA needs you. I hope you will join me with a worthwhile investment of your time, no matter how small. For questions regarding volunteering or for more information, e-mail me at sadieagnes@yahoo.com. Thank you!



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