

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we near the end of the Redwood Art Association's 50th Anniversary, we can look back with pride at our accomplishments during the last 50 years. We have remained true to our mission "to support and encourage art in the community and to offer artists a time and place to exhibit their work."

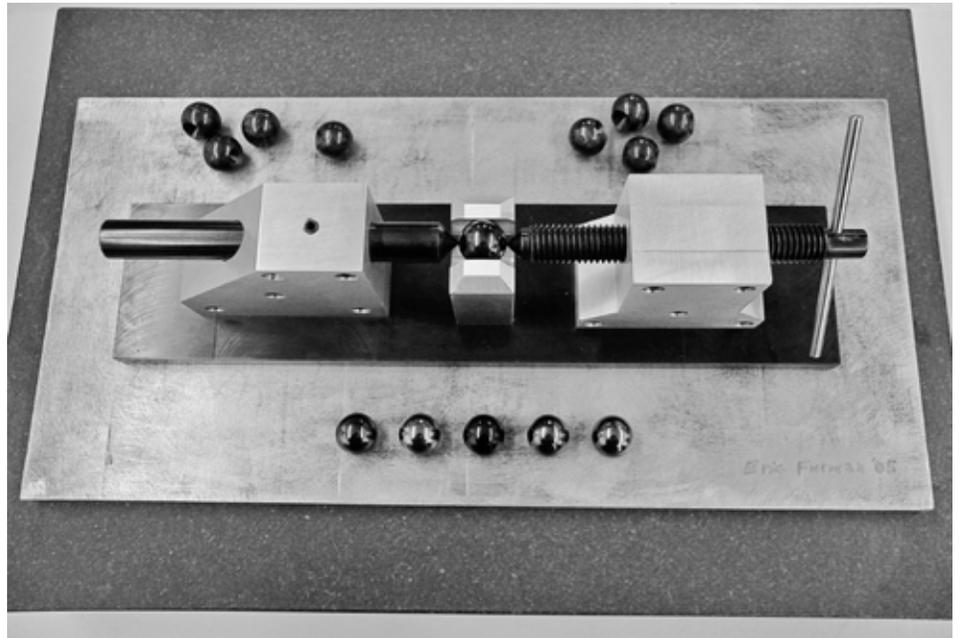
This has been challenging at times since we have no gallery and no public funding to support us. What we have is of the greater value ... volunteers who believe the arts are an important component of a thriving community and are willing to contribute their time, energy and skills to achieve those goals. From the board of directors who lead the organization to the volunteers who prepare the gallery space and install the exhibits, to the gallery docents ... all working together as a team to present professional community exhibits. Many, many thanks for all your contributions!

We also enjoy the support of businesses and individuals in the community who donate awards so that artistic achievement can be encouraged and rewarded. Many of our donors have been with us for years! And we thank all the 350 or more artist members who make our exhibits so outstanding. The quality and diversity of the work in the exhibits enriches the community.

As 2006 draws to a close, we say goodbye to our fellow board member Rena Christensen who has served loyally. We will miss her but she will continue to work with us as a valued volunteer.

At the end of this year, my term as president of the RAA will be over. Leading the organization has been an honor and my job has been made simple by the enthusiasm and commitment of a strong board of directors. I leave the office with the knowledge that the RAA is in good and capable hands. So congratulations to the new president and board of directors. And a toast to the next 50 years! May the RAA continue to thrive.

Julia Bednar, President



**Best of Show by Eric Furman was "Interrogator," a recycled aluminum, steel, stainless steel sculpture.**

## Redwood Art Association Awards \$2300 in Prizes

EUREKA – The Best of Show Award (\$500) was given to "Interrogator," a three dimensional work made of recycled aluminum, steel and stainless steel by Fortuna artist Eric Furman.

"This piece engaged me!" explains fall exhibition judge Claudia Chapline. "I was attracted to it initially because of its use of material. In addition to craftsmanship, it combines shapes, colors and textures of metal and appeals on a sensual level to the eye and the hand to engage you with what the artist is about."

"Why is the artist doing this? What ideas are being evoked here?" continues Chapline. "There are these vulnerable circular shapes and intrusive, threatening points. Both alluring and repelling, you want to walk away from the coldness and hardness of the piece."

"This sculpture speaks to what is

happening in our world at this time. It is industrial, corporate and menacing. It depicts the pressure to destroy wholeness. It is what we all face as we leave the comfort of the woods, going into the city."

Best of Show Photography Award (\$250) was claimed by Arcata artist Jeff Craig with his untitled digital photograph.

"There are so many excellent photographs in this exhibit." says Chapline. "This photograph was particularly appealing with its contrast of texture and structure. Because photography is about light, this photographer must have waited a long time to get exactly the right light in the desert to capture the mood and sharpness of the image."

Other awards go to Derek Bond, Diane Elizabeth Caudillo, Rick Evans, Bob Frye, Murline Georgeson, Ellen Golla, Amy see page 2

# Fall Awards 2006

## AWARDS



**Best of Show in Photography by Jeff Craig was an untitled digital photo.**

Granfield, Jean Hawkins, Mimi LaPlant, Linda Mitchell, Mary E Moore, A. J. Paul, Leslie Reid, Karen Sullivan, Diane Williams and Linda Wise.

Claudia Chapline of Stinson Beach received a Lifetime Achievement Award this year from the Northern California Chapter of the Women's Caucus for Art.

As an international artist, writer and curator of the arts, her work and presentation of other California artists have enriched the state's art scene for over four decades.

Recycling junk into art is a strong component of her visual work. Her paintings and sculptures have been exhibited throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Asia in hundreds of exhibitions.

"I had expected a lot of paintings of redwood trees and was surprised to see a much wider variety of work," comments Chapline about the exhibition.

"I was inspired by the quality of sculpture and photography that was submitted. And the exhibit covers the range of emotions from crying to laughing."

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- Best of Show - \$500**  
*Interrogator, recycled aluminum, steel, stainless steel*  
**Eric Furman**
- Best of Show Photography - \$250**  
*Untitled, digital photo*  
**Jeff Craig**
- \$250 Award**  
*Pigeon & a Peanut, oil on board*  
**Amy Granfield**
- \$180 Award**  
*Clifts, digital print*  
**Murline Georgeson**
- \$150 Award**  
*Saturday Market, watercolor*  
**A J Paul**
- \$150 Award**  
*The Mexican Chair, watercolor*  
**Leslie Reid**
- \$150 Award**  
*Namaste', welded steel, cast iron, painted*  
**Rick Evans**
- \$100 Award**  
*The Garden Calls, acrylic & graphite & mixed/paper*  
**Mimi LaPlant**
- \$100 Award**  
*Rituals in the Bee Space, artist book: accordian-style structure*  
**Diane Elizabeth Caudillo**
- \$100 Award, In Memory of Larky Reed**  
*You're the Winner, paper mosaic collage*  
**Ellen Golla**
- \$100 Award**  
*Pisa, collage*  
**Diane Williams**
- \$100 Award**  
*Her Face is Screwed up because Her Arm got Wrenched, welded junk metal*  
**Linda Wise**
- \$50 Award**  
*Llama Longing #7, gouache - acrylic*  
**Karen Sullivan**
- \$50 Award**  
*Red #1, low fire ceramic*  
**Mary E Moore**
- \$50 Award**  
*First & F, oil*  
**Linda Mitchell**
- \$50 Award**  
*Bug Box, egg tempera*  
**Derek Bond**
- Honorable Mention**  
*Untitled, copper & steel*  
**Bob Frye**
- Honorable Mention**  
*They Danced, watercolor*  
**Jean Hawkins**

## RAA Thanks the Award Sponsors

Redwood Art Association	\$250	A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc./Laura Hussey	\$50
Pierson Building Center	\$250	Ferndale Arts Cooperative	\$50
Schmidbauer Lumber Company	\$250	Representational Art League	\$50
Bob Fasic & Roy Grieshaber	\$250	Libation	\$50
Benbow Inn	\$155	John B. Fullerton, C.P.A.	\$50
Catch-Light Photography	\$150	Sherwood Forest Nursery & Florist	\$50
Anonymous	\$100	The Art Center	\$50
Eureka Natural Foods	\$100	Old Town Art Gallery	\$25
Times Printing Company	\$100		
Tomo Japanese Restaurant	\$100	Special thanks to Genie Wood - The Ship's Inn for the judge's accommodations.	
Abruzzi - Plaza Grill	\$100		
George Petersen Insurance Agency	\$100		
Plaza Design	\$50	Special appreciation to The Bead Shoppe.	



RAA members and their guests are invited to join us for a Christmas/Holiday potluck party. See the last page of the newsletter for all the details. Election results will be announced at that time! See you there.....



Claudia Chapline

## Judge's Statement

The Fall 2006 Members Exhibition shows a range of styles and subjects with strength in sculpture, photography and representational painting. Hopefully, future venues for the Redwood Art Association will provide more space for numerous works, particularly landscape paintings.

This exhibition represents a creative community of artists and hard working volunteers who made this exhibition possible. The strong figurative works reflect this spirit of community. The awards are an encouragement to artistic quality and innovation.

Claudia Chapline

## ELECTIONS

It's time to elect new officers and directors for 2007. See attached ballot. Please vote and return the ballot before the deadline of November 30 shown on the form. Thanks.

## Hagopian Gallery Schedule

November – December 2006  
Tree-Themed Exhibition  
(curated by Ginny Gromer & Michelle Murphy-Ferguson)

January – February 2007  
Bird-Themed Exhibition  
(curated by Julia Bednar & Ginny Gromer)

March – April 2007  
Representational Art League Exhibition  
(curated by the RAL members, including Julia Bednar)

May – June 2007  
Domestic Cat-Themed Exhibition III  
(curated by Ginny Gromer & Julia Bednar)

July – August 2007  
Digital Darkroom Exhibition II  
(curated by Diane Williams)

September – October 2007  
Eureka Camera Club Annual Exhibition  
(curated by Sharon Falk-Carlson)

November – December 2007  
Affordable Art Exhibition---All Art \$150 or less  
(curated by Ginny Gromer)

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**Sharon Falk-Carlson, 443-8796**

## RAA Membership Dues

Balancing the operating costs of our association with our income is a constant challenge for the Board of Directors. We have experienced increases in most costs including gallery insurance, gallery rental charges and utilities. To address this, we have plans to increase our future income with corporate exhibition underwriters, season benefactors and season sponsors. But when our operating funds at the end of our 50th Anniversary year approached zero, we realized we had to make an important decision right now for the financial health of our association.

We looked at the many benefits our members receive, such as the opportunity to enter three exhibitions each year with no entry fee, the opportunity for prizes, no commission taken from works sold at exhibitions, and the opportunity to link your web site on the RAA website. As a result, the Board decided to increase annual member dues to \$50 per year starting January 1.

If you renew your membership by December 31, you may do so at the current \$40 rate. Bring your check books to the Christmas party. We will be accepting membership payments.

## FAVORITE ARTWORK WINNER

The votes have been counted! Karen Merry was the lucky winner in our 50th Anniversary "Vote for your favorite artwork" contest. Karen will receive a one year extended membership in the RAA as a prize. Congratulations Karen!

## Officers and Board of Directors

President Julia Bednar ♦ Vice President Rena Christensen ♦ Secretary Robert Haynes ♦ Treasurer Sara Starr ♦ Director Emeritus June Beal ♦ Board Members: Bob Brown ♦ Robert Fasic ♦ Nancy Flemming ♦ Roy Grieshaber ♦ Barbara Kreider ♦ Betty Littlefield ♦ Jack Sewell ♦ Sara Westfahl ♦ Diane Williams

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE REDWOOD ART ASSOCIATION'S  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006**

**7 P.M. AT THE ODDFELLOWS' HALL**

**237 BUHNE STREET, EUREKA**

**ENTERTAINMENT- DOOR PRIZES- ELECTION RESULTS**

**MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A POT LUCK DISH SUCH AS HORS D'OEUVRE -  
SALAD - VEGETABLE-HOT DISH-DESSERT- YOUR SPECIALTY**

**RAA WILL PROVIDE TURKEY, HAM, ROLLS AND BEVERAGES. RAA ALSO WILL  
PROVIDE PLATES AND SILVERWARE.**

**FAMILIES AND GUEST ARE WELCOME.**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT JULIA AT 443-4081**



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