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## Kathryn Stotler Story

Artist Kathryn Stotler of Cutten says she needs to be busy—all the time.

After moving to Humboldt County from Monterey in 1990, Stotler was busy raising two children with her husband, Chuck, a Eureka therapist.

Stotler also spent 15 busy years making 48" by 72" loomed cotton blankets that sold all over the nation. In 2007, she sold her loom after tiring of breathing in the dyes used on the yarn.

While taking care of her aging mother, she began doing collages. Her assemblages often featured fabric that she still had on hand. Her works are marked by bright colors and interesting shapes hidden under paint.

Today the RAA member is busy with acrylic paintings in a style that she describes as "abstract landscapes."

She came to her new challenge because the collages were not fulfilling enough. She first took a drawing class from Mimi LaPlant of Arcata. Then she turned to painting lessons.

She paints en plein air and usually makes only one trip.

"My interest is in taking elements from the scene that really impress me, like color, shapes of trees, shape of shadows, for instance, and work that into the painting," Stotler said.

It amounts "to embellishing the features I like. I also like to work quickly and not overdo things," she added.

Largely self-taught, she has taken a variety of workshops and classes in painting from LaPlant; Andrew Daniel of Arcata; Cindy Hooper, who teaches at CR; and Stock Schlueter of Eureka.

Go to [kathrynstotlerart.com](http://kathrynstotlerart.com) to see

some of her work. She will have assemblages on display at Blake's Books in July and August. In September her paintings will be featured in the C Street Studios Hall Gallery and at an RAA Gallery room upstairs.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

These recent months continue to be characterized by planning which is occurring on several important fronts.

### Leadership

Succession planning for the leadership of the Association is fundamental. I am pleased to announce that Linda Wise has accepted the office of Executive Vice President of the Association. In this office, Linda will be preparing to assume the duties of President in 2015.

### Growing the Board with Talented Directors

We are very fortunate that two talented and energetic former Directors have returned to the Board. We welcome Martha Haynes and Diane Williams, and we are searching for additional skilled Directors.

### Space and Physical Planning

We have retained an architect to develop a physical plan for our building. This includes plans for eventual ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) enhancements, redesign of the small upstairs galleries to make them more appealing, and a functional office space. This plan will comprise the long-term goals for our building. Of course, this creates a significant opportunity for fund-raising because we do not have the financial resources to accomplish these ambitious goals out of our normal cash flow.

### Increasing our Volunteer Support

We have "The Clean Team" gearing up to be a self-directed team to take care of custodial aspects of our building. We plan to train members to run exhibitions and hang shows. The Board continues to focus on volunteerism and enlisting support for other gallery and Association tasks.

### Professional Guidance

Several Directors meet monthly with our consultant at the SBDC (Small Business Development Center). In these meetings, we monitor our financial progress, discuss current issues and challenges, and think about the long-term future of the Association.

I would summarize by saying we are doing well, accepting the challenges that come our way and looking to the future with optimism.

Roy Grieshaber  
President

## Save the Date!

At long last, the RAA is preparing a celebration to honor our longtime friend, artist, and inspiration, Julia Bednar. Please mark your calendars to attend a champagne reception on Art's Alive, July 5th at 5PM at the RAA Gallery. The Board has prepared a special presentation that includes naming the Annual Summer Exhibition in her honor. We look forward toward sharing the experience with all of you!



Photo by Rose Kidder.



*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.*

### Redwood Art Association Officers and Board of Directors

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# Young Art Contest Winners Announced

The Redwood Art Association is pleased to announce the student winners of the Redwood Art Association and Bear River Band Art contest.

The creations of 5 high school art contest winners were displayed at the Redwood Art Association Gallery at 603 F Street. This art contest was supported by grants from the Bear River Band Charitable Fund and the Redwood Art Association.

The contest gave high school students an opportunity to make a professional exhibition of their artwork. Each student award winner received a cash award and a yearlong membership in the Redwood Art Association. The scholarship winners are Kayla Davenport, Meaghan Davis, Monica Olivares, Bailey Shriver and Amanda Westfall.

The student winners were part of the gallery exhibition, "Season(s)" which ran through June 20th.

The gallery is open to the public from noon to 5 PM, Wednesday through Sunday.



Ceramic "Companion Cube" by Monica Olivares.

Ceramic "Detailed Chalice" by Kayla Davenport.



Ceramic "The Colored Man" by Meaghan Davis.

## Redwood Art Association Spring Exhibition Awards

More than \$3,000 in awards, contributed by local businesses and individuals, were awarded to 18 of the 101 artists who submitted work to the Redwood Art Association's (RAA) 56th Spring Judged Exhibition.

"The jury process for this show presented many complex considerations due to the caliber and scope of work," stated this year's judge, Meech Miyagi, Northern California artist and adjunct professor at Cal State University Sacramento.

Miyagi selected Rebecca Stauffer as this year's winner of Best of Show (\$500) for her untitled encaustic collage. The judge stated that, "The work is an exceptional, extremely successful and ambitious piece that leads the viewer to a point and allows the mind to wander in a multiplicity of thought."

Ranjith Jim Box won Best of Photography (\$400) for his photograph titled "River Findhorn Native Spirits-Opus". Miyagi was drawn to the piece by the exact balance of scale and image. "I found this fresh view of a modernist genre transitioning to the contemporary, exciting and engaging," Miyagi stated.

Other awards went to Lois Andersen, Dennis Eccles, Howdy Emerson, Janet Frost, Shawn Gould, Kate Hansen, John P. Jameton, Sarah Marina, Orr Marshall, Curtis Otto, Barbara J. Pulliam, Renée Ross, Shirley Nan Ruchong and Judy Willis

Honorable mentions were given to Robert Haynes and Kathryn Stotler.



## RAA Scholarship Winners

The RAA recently awarded two \$500 scholarships to art students at College of the Redwoods. Scholarships are an important part of the Association's commitment to supporting accessible, affordable art education in our community.

"I am very grateful and honored to receive this award because it encourages me to keep pursuing my dreams in art," wrote Shawnie Personius in her thank you note to the RAA. "It wasn't until this year and this last semester that I really felt like I started recognizing my own style and artistic expression."

Jacob Green, the second winner, wrote in his scholarship application, "I would very much like to do freelance web design, video production, as well as graphic design as a career while ensuring that I have the ability to supply myself with the necessary tools to become a more dedicated ceramic sculptor."

The RAA Scholarship Fund is a perpetual fund with scholarships awarded only from interest in the account. Contributions from RAA members each year up to \$800 are matched by the Association and are added to this fund

It is convenient for members to support his fund as part of the membership renewal process. Contributing members will be acknowledged annually in the Spring Newsletter.



Untitled by Rebecca Stauffer.



River Findhorn Nature Spirit Opus by Jim Box.

# Redwood Art Association's Themed Exhibition, "Season(s)"

The Redwood Art Association's exhibition called, Season(s) ran through June 20th. More than 65 pieces created by Humboldt County artists were on display.

Various concepts related to Season(s) were explored. The intention was to have a theme that could be interpreted broadly. The displayed art illustrates Season(s) to mean the four seasons of the year, a period marked by a climatic feature, the concept of being in season (the crab season), a period of one's life, as a verb... to spice things up (to season the soup) or make something more lively.



"Bon Appetit" a watercolor by Paula Anderson.



## Human Emotions Exhibition

Visitors to the Human Emotions Exhibition voted Lois Andersen's watercolor titled Mi Campañero as their favorite work of art.

"I was working on this piece and decided it would be appropriate for the Human Emotions exhibition," said Lois Andersen. "It shows a solitary old lady and a silly old cat, but it expresses the importance of the companionship of pets to elderly people. This was in Mexico, but it is true everywhere in the world."



## Season's Exhibition Visitor's Favorite

Visitors to the Season(s) Exhibition voted Shawn Gould's acrylic, titled "Open Water", as their favorite work of art. As a reward, Shawn will receive a one-year complimentary extension of his RAA membership.

# Redwood Art Association Building Wins Eureka Heritage Society Award

On June 7th, the Redwood Art Association was presented with the Commercial Preservation Award from the Eureka Heritage Society. The Eureka Heritage Society provides leadership, education, and advocacy to preserve and enhance Eureka's irreplaceable historic structures and neighborhoods. This ensures a legacy for future generations. The award winners are individuals and groups within the community whose work has played a significant part in helping to preserve the city's renowned historical architecture.

For more information on the Eureka Heritage Society, visit their website at <http://www.eurekaheritage.org/>.



## EXHIBITIONS

**Redwood Art Association  
56th Summer Exhibition  
In Honor of Julia Bednar  
For RAA Members  
Through July 18, 2014**

**Humboldt Photography Exhibition  
A judged exhibition with awards  
Open to Photographers in Humboldt  
County  
July 23—August 22, 2014  
Entry Day: Saturday, July 19, 11:00am—  
2:00pm  
Arts Alive! Reception: Saturday,  
August 2, 5:00pm—6:00pm**

**That's the Way I See It  
Open to all artists  
August 27—September 19, 2014  
Entry Day: Saturday, August 23,  
11:00am—2:00pm  
Arts Alive! Saturday, September 6**

**Redwood Art Association  
56th Fall Exhibition  
A judged exhibition with awards  
For RAA Members  
September 24—October 17, 2014  
Entry Day: Saturday, September 20,  
noon—3:00pm  
Arts Alive! Reception: Saturday,  
October 4, 5:00—6:00pm**

**Redwood Art Association  
Artist's Choice Exhibition  
A judged exhibition with awards  
For RAA Members  
October 22—November 21, 2014  
Entry Day: Saturday, October 18,  
noon—3:00pm  
Arts Alive! Reception: Saturday,  
November 1, 5:00pm—6:00pm**

**Holiday Art Sale  
An off the wall sale for RAA Members  
November 28— December 19, 2014  
Entry Day: Saturday, November 22,  
noon—3:00pm  
Arts Alive! Saturday, December 6**

**Winter Exhibition  
For RAA Members  
December 26, 2014—January 16, 2015  
Entry Day: Saturday, December 20,  
noon—3:00pm  
Arts Alive! Saturday, January 3**

## 2014 Hagopian Schedule

Gallery is upstairs at the Humboldt County Library.

July/August: Paintings, Photos, any subject, Lois Andersen, 668-5203

September/October: Redwood Camera Club, Sharon Falk-Carlson, 498-2133

November: Friends of the Library, children's art

December: Animals Large and Small, Lois Andersen, 668-5203

## • New and Renewing Members •

These RAA members renewed or joined between March 1 and May 31, 2014. Members joining or renewing before or after these dates are not listed here. Two gift memberships are included.

### Sustaining Members

Linda Bareilles  
Thomas Allen Bethune  
Beverly Harper  
Sara Westfahl

### Friends of the Gallery

Pat Cahill

### Individual Members

Paula F. Anderson  
Sally Arnot  
Marilyn Noyes Barnes  
Steven Beals  
Nancy Blinn  
Kellie Jo Brown  
Lynn A. Carlin  
Mairead Dodd  
Thomas Dunklin  
Alvan Dunlap  
Winnie Edmondson  
Kelly Erben  
Gregg Gephart

Tina Gleave  
Amy Goddess  
Tony L. Gonsalves  
Kay Harden  
Robert Haynes  
Tom Herd  
Sharolyn L. Hutton  
Peggy Jenkinson  
Nancy Jioras  
Red Jioras  
Louanna Johnson  
Bruce H Keller  
Lois Keller  
Valerie L'Heureux-McIntyre  
Bianca Lago  
Jeff Lamoree  
Sharon Lamoree  
Carol J Lauer  
Janita McClay  
Vivyan "Pat" Murphy  
Kathy O'Leary  
Jamie Pavlich-Walker  
Alan Peterson

Donna-Lee Phillips  
Cathy Ray Pierson  
William S Pierson  
Steve Pitzer  
Mariko Pratt  
Barbara J. Pulliam  
Marie Raphael  
Paul Rickard  
Barbara Saul  
Diana Schoenfeld  
Patricia Sundgren Smith  
Don R. Walker  
Katy Warner  
Karen Wehrstein

### Youth Members

Kayla Davenport  
Meaghan Davis  
Monica Olivares  
Bailey Shriver  
Amanda Westfall

## Membership Pays

Eureka Books.....10% off all art books

Ellis Art and Engineering.....20% off on supplies

Art Center Framing.....10% discount

