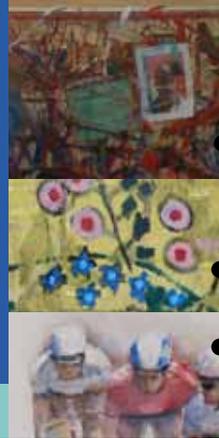


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Gigi Ventura

by Jake Williams

Gigi Ventura, a vivacious 23-year-old College of the Redwoods student, won the \$500 RAA art scholarship awarded this spring. Ventura is studying jewelry making and sculpture. She also won the \$350 Floyd Bettiga Art and \$150 Eugene Wright awards.

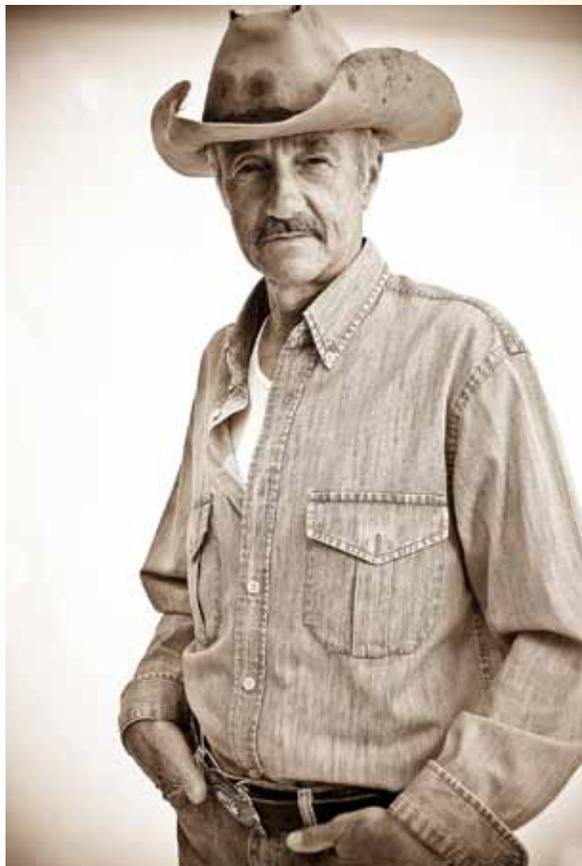
Discussing what art means to her, Gigi said she aspires “to make art for me. It’s my way of expression” adding that she has become interested in “working metal in the past year.”

She was raised in Pasadena by parents, Valerio and Gay Lawrence, who are movie and TV animators. They started their careers with Hanna-Barbera studios. Her parents do freelance work now, but worked on movies, “Mulan,” “Hercules” and “Pagemaster” as well as TV series “Pound Puppies.”



ABOVE: *Spiritual Bondage.*

RIGHT: *James Garrett photograph by Gigi Ventura.*



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2015 continues to bring good things for the Redwood Art Association and its membership. The community has shown how much they value and support our local artists.

Last month's Spring Exhibition Arts Alive! brought in almost 500 people to view 140 pieces of artwork. Through the generosity of local businesses and individuals, approximately \$2500 was donated to the RAA for art awards.

Recently, we kicked off our annual fundraising drive where donors could give to our annual operating fund or help pay down our building loan. We are already well on our way!

Prior to the annual drive, a generous anonymous donor wanted to set up an endowment at the Humboldt Area Foundation. The formation of that endowment is in the works. Once established anyone can donate to the endowment. The principle of the funds will always stay in a trust account with the HAF. RAA will receive 4% every year for projects and uses the RAA Board deems appropriate.

The key to our success is your creativity and involvement in our organization. Volunteerism continues to rise. We are looking to increase our board of directors and people who want to take on leadership roles within our organization. If interested email me at: lwise@recology.com.

Linda Wise
President

Humcats Returns!

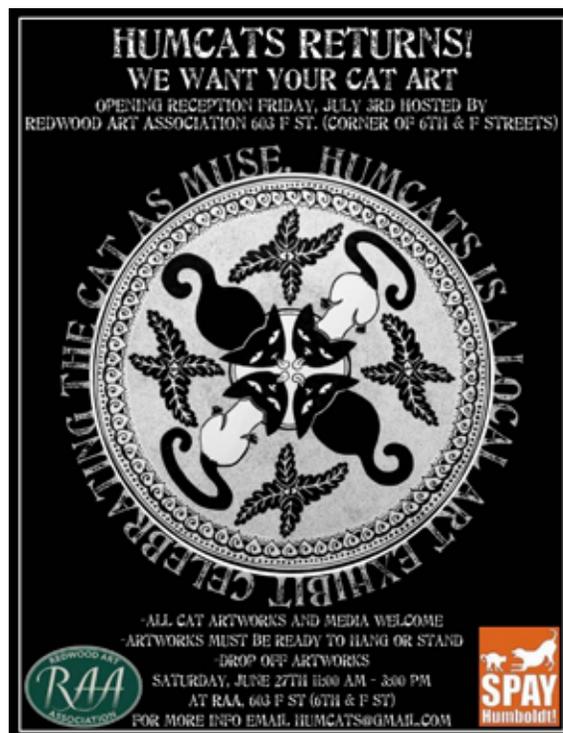
Last year, as a benefit to artists and the Humboldt Spay and Neuter Clinic (HSNC), HumCats was formed. Almost 200 pieces of cat themed art were on display and for sale at the Eureka Mercer Frasier Building for a limited time. The event was hugely successful. Almost \$14,000 in art was sold on the first night of the event.

Humcats wants to become a local event and art tradition. This year, the event will be at the Redwood Art Association Gallery on the corner of 6th and F Streets.

Bring on your cat art! Entry day will be June 27th between 11-3PM and is open to all Humboldt County artists. It will be an "off the wall" sale. There is no entry fee. A jar for HSNC donations will be available.

The event will be July 3rd and 4th between 3-9PM. F Street between 6th & 7th Streets will be blocked off for entertainment. Bands, belly dancers, circus acts, kids' performances, and other cool stuff will be happening! The Eureka Theatre will show a cat movie to fit our theme so people can make a day of it. There will also be a bar with proceeds going to HSNC.

Entry forms will be available soon!



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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The Weave of Life's Color

Berti Welty's unusual entry in the RAA Summer Show is titled "The Weave of Life's Color, Needs Each Single Thread".

It consists of two pieces, one a completed weaving which includes casts of two pair of hands and a community weaving, which invites gallery visitors to participate in the weaving of life's color theme by using colored twine to add their touch to it.

Welty said she views this installation in the larger context of how these weavings stand as a symbol for how "it takes the hands of all of us to weave the tapestry of life."

The entry was inspired by an assignment to Welty from Professor Sondra Schwetman of Humboldt State where she graduated this spring with a BA in Studio Art with emphasis on sculpture and relief printmaking.

The two panels were placed in the HSU library for three weeks before she entered them in the RAA Summer Show, which ends June 26.

She said the inspiration came from a line in a poem, believed to be written by Dana Lyons, a song writer in Washington State.



This community weave is part of Berti Welty's two piece entry, "The Weave of Life's Colors, Needs Each Single Thread".

Awards Announced for 57th Annual Redwood Art Association Spring Exhibition

More than \$2,400, contributed by local businesses and individuals, was awarded to 14 artists who submitted work to the Redwood Art Association's (RAA) 57th Annual Spring Exhibition. A total of 141 pieces of artwork were displayed.

This year's judge was Sandy Erickson, owner of the Erickson Fine Art Gallery in Healdsburg, CA. Erickson holds a Bachelors in Fine Arts from UC Berkeley. In 1982 she opened a gallery on Sutter Street, San Francisco where she represented contemporary painters, sculptors and printmakers. In 1997, she opened an annex where she is currently located.

"So many nice pieces, it was hard to choose. As a judge it is difficult to see only one piece from 100 artists, so I pick pieces based on personal criteria. One of my beliefs is that if a piece has to be explained, it is not successful", she stated.

The judge selected Stock Schlueter as this year's Best of Show winner for his painting called "Rainbow Ranch". Erickson stated, "This piece really worked for me. The rural scene starts at the outside and moves the eye to the center. It has mood, it has change; and it captures that specific moment in time."

This year's Best of Photography award went to Bill Pierson for "Jellyfish Nebula." Erickson described the piece as "powerful, needing no explanation and is pictorially unique."

Other award winners are: Jack Sewell, Curtis Otto, Elizabeth Berrien, Jackson Falor-Ward, John Crater, Camille Regli, Coco Thorpe, Janet Frost, Judy Evenson, Mariko Pratt, Amy Granfield and Pat Durbin.

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Gigi says, "I grew up with film. One of the reasons I came up here was to attend Humboldt State, which still operates a film darkroom." She plans to transfer there to continue her studies in art next year.

She is working on a series of sculptures to represent the seven chakras (energy points in the body). She hopes to finish the series by August. One of those pieces appeared in the Spring Show at the RAA gallery. It is titled, "Spiritual Bondage."

Music is a big part of her life. She also sings and co-writes songs as Gigi Stardust with Doc Gunn for the four-member band, The Mother Vines, which she describes as a psychedelic-surf-rock-punk group.

Gigi also won the digital photography competition in the 2010 California State Fair with a photo of actor James Garrett.

And if that is not plenty to do, Gigi also works at KAEF-TV doing production and graphics.



Art at the Airport

Five Humboldt artists were featured for the past several months in the Redwood Art Association's continuing program of exhibitions at the Eureka-Arcata Airport terminal building.

Artists whose works were on display are Micki Flatmo, Allison Curtis, Rachel Schlueter, Augustus Clark, Scott Hemphill and Anna Sofia Amezcua.

A new show is expected to be up by July, said exhibition curator Rachel Schlueter. The shows run about six months each. The airport program was begun in 2011 by Robert Haynes, RAA vice president, in coordination with airport officials.



Golden Floral Homage to Japanese Masters by August Clark.

Art in the Garden 2015

Twenty-two artists will work en plein air at the seventh Art in the Garden to be held June 28 in Trinidad. The five-acre ocean-side gardens are owned by Howard and Pat Wells.

The gardens feature a variety of labeled rare plant specimens. The artists will have woodland, ponds, sea stack rock garden, meadow, orchard and berry and vegetable patches to capture on canvas.

The event is part of the Redwood Art Association's ongoing programs. During the afternoon there will be demonstrations and presentations by Andrew Daniel, Joyce Jonte and Guy Clement Joy.

Co-chair Jen Snelgrove expects this to be "an extraordinary event for art lovers and people interested in plants not usually seen in Humboldt County. Art in the Garden gives people a chance to watch and talk with artists working outdoors."

Artists this year are Mary Louise Anderson, Bobbi Bennetzen, Jay Brown, Jody Bryan, Marj Early, Howdy Emerson, Nancy Flemming, Janet Frost, Jan Hollander, John Jameton, Margaret Kellerman, Samuel Lunden, Pat Kanzler, Jim McVicker, Terry Oats, Jan Ramsey, Camille Regli, Leo Stafsness and Jim Welsh as well as Daniel, Jonte and Joy.



Howdy Emerson of Trinidad being watched as he paints during the 2014 Art in the Garden.

Last Minute "Art in the Garden" Touches

Mark your calendar for June 28th for the annual "Art in the Garden" fund raiser. This year it will be held at the beautiful Wells garden in Trinidad. Details will be forthcoming.

To make this extra nice, the membership is asked to pitch in. A group has been assembled but if you missed out and want to help, here are some "wish list" items:

If your last name begins with A through H you may wish to design a nice platter of cookies, brownies, chocolates or cupcakes. For anyone from I to R, a cheese arrangement or red wine would be pleasing to the eyes and tongue. Names from S through Z, please supply a fruit tray or white wine to round out the refreshments.

While shopping, please pick up some nice beer, juice or other non-alcoholic beverages to satisfy those not caring for wine.

Dolores Terry is assembling items for a raffle. If you have something you would like to contribute, please contact Dolores at 444-1445.

These items may be dropped off at the RAA Gallery on F Street on Friday, June 26th or Saturday, June 27th between noon and 5:00 pm.

If you would like to help and don't know where you might fit in call Sarah Marina at (707) 502-4400 or e-mail sarah@sarah-marina.com.



Member Benefits

- A professional gallery in which to show and sell your art
- Numerous professional exhibitions to display your work
- Opportunities to network with other artists
- Workshops and lectures presented by artists and art authorities
- Small Galleries available to rent for your personal exhibitions
- Membership meetings and social events
- Special Receptions for judged exhibitions
- Notifications of businesses seeking art for display
- Links to your website on the RAA website
- The Redwood Art Quarterly (newsletter)
- Facebook exposure
- Use your RAA membership card to receive discounts at local merchants:

Ellis Art and Engineering

20% Discount on art supplies

Eureka Glass Company

15% Discount on glass used for artwork

Eureka Art and Frame

10% Discount

Art Center Frame Shop

10% Discount

K and M Glass

10% Discount on glass used for artwork

Eureka Books

10% Discount on art books

• New and Renewing Members •

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

Sustaining Members

Pam Mendelsohn

Sara Westfahl

Linda Wise

Individual Members

Mohsin Aziz

Kathrin Burleson

Lynn A Carlin

Regina Case

Roger Clark

Karan Collenberg

Ginny Dexter

Deborah Dixon

Winnie Edmondson

Micki Dyson Flatmo

Nancy Flemming

Betty Fowler

Karen Chase Frazee

Amy Granfield

Nora Harrison

Scott Hemphill

Patricia Holbrook

Sandra Howard

Sharolyn L Hutton

Clarissa Jones

Yvonne Kern

Thomas Klapproth

Carol Lauer

Daniel Lazarus

Claire Mannheimer

Orr Marshall

Madeline McMurray

Karen Merry

Stephen Miller-DeWitt

Kristi Nicola-Clark

Kathy O'Leary

Jamie Pavlich-Walker

Peace

William S Pierson

Tsuya T Pratt

Barbara J Pulliam

Laura Rose

David Safier

Stock Schlueter

Bonnie Shand

Marcee Siemens

Hans Spek

April Sproule

Coco Thorpe

Michael W Tiller

Dana Utman

Gigi Ventura

Don R Walker

At the Library

Louise Bacon-Ogden is showing her (mostly) black and white art at the Hagopian Gallery located on the second floor of the Humboldt County Library. Her works will hang until July 29th.

"I just love black and white images, so it was natural that I gravitated to pen and ink as my favorite drawing medium," says Louise, "However, some pieces seem to require color."

Nature is the basic theme of her artwork, with birds being the central focus.

The Hagopian Gallery is open during library hours.



"Home in the Redwoods" by Louise Bacon-Ogden.

EXHIBITIONS

Redwood Art Association

*57th Summer Exhibition In Honor of
Julia Bednar*

May 27—June 26, 2015

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

Arts Alive! Saturday, June 6

Art in the Garden

Sunday, June 28, 2015

HumCats Fund-Raiser

July 4 Arts Alive! Weekend

Humboldt Photography Exhibition

In collaboration with the RCC and
EPEG

Sponsored by Pierson Building
Company

July 22—August 21, 2015

Entry Day: Saturday, July 18, 11:00am—
2:00pm

Arts Alive! Reception: Saturday,
August 1, 5:00pm—6:00pm

Redwood Art Association

57th Fall Exhibition

A judged exhibition with awards

Sponsored by Eureka Natural Foods.

August 26—September 18, 2015

Entry Day: Saturday, August 22,
noon—3:00pm

Arts Alive! Saturday, September 5

Destination Humboldt

September 23—October 16, 2015

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

Arts Alive! Reception: Saturday,
October 3, 5:00—6:00pm

Redwood Art Association

Artist's Choice Exhibition

A judged exhibition with awards

October 21—November 20, 2015

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

Arts Alive! Reception: Saturday,
November 7, 5:00pm—6:00pm

Lorraine B. Miller

Lorraine B. Miller will be exhibiting her photographs: *CAMP TIME!* at the Hagopian Gallery in the Humboldt County Library from July 30 to August 28.

"In May of 2013, my husband and I volunteered at the Enchanted Hills Camp for the Blind near Napa for a week. My husband was the camp doctor and I was the camp photographer for the Adult Immersion Program, which provides intensive training for people who are adjusting to blindness and visual impairment. The 'campers' are introduced to blindness technology that enhances their independence. It was so inspiring to watch the transformation that happened in each of the campers as they blossomed in a caring and supportive environment. My photographs in this exhibit show the power of community at work!"

Transportation Exhibition People's Choice Award Winner



The People's Choice Award went to Janet Frost's watercolor entitled "Racers".