



PAA NEWS

PORTERVILLE ART ASSOCIATION

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From the President...

Season's Greetings, everyone! Now, as we come into what is the busiest time of the year for most of us, I hope you will all remember to take time out for yourselves. Stop, have a cup or glass of your favorite beverage, the stuff you save for special guests, sit in a comfy chair or stroll through your yard. Treasure your life's little pleasures. We are all so blessed.

We, as artists often see what others do not. The slight change of hue on a leaf can bring joy to a heart overly burdened with the everyday "stuff" of life. And, isn't that a blessing, just to see the little miracles of beauty around us all. The problem comes when we try to capture that beauty on paper or canvas and we discover great frustration and perhaps even a few moments of satisfaction in our endeavors. I believe the true gifts in our lives are the people who share them with us. And, so, I would like to celebrate with my special friends in the Porterville Art Association on December 21st, at the gallery. There will be cake and coffee at this all day affair. Drop in, stay a while, rest your feet and gab with friends. This is just my way of saying, "Merry Christmas to you all," and that I thank you for being special gifts in my life.

Carol

P.S.: Don't forget the Christmas Boutique sale days on the 15th and 16th, of December, which you can read about below. Let's all participate and have a lot of fun.

PAA Christmas Boutique

The Porterville Art Association is announcing its first Christmas Boutique sale, Friday and Saturday, December 15th and 16th. All artists are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this first venture. The boutique will be a two-day affair where artists can set up tables and easels in the gallery to show and sell their works. We have a very diversified field of art for the customer to choose from. Let's show Porterville what we have to offer in the way of a different and lasting gift. The boutique will be advertised in the paper and hopefully, on KTIP, our local radio station.

We will ask for one small door prize from each artist, these prizes to be given away throughout the two days. There will be no other fee for taking part. This can be a fun and very rewarding experience for us all. We will come into the gallery late in the afternoon on Thursday, the 14th, to set up. Vedra will assign the areas for each of the artists. Punch and cookies will be served for customers (and vendors). Hours will be from 10 am until 4 pm, unless artists want to stay open longer. Vedra would like the unsold items to remain on display at the gallery through Christmas in hopes of attracting more sales, but that would be at the artist's discretion. Please call Vedra at 784-8748, or me, Carol, at 784-6678, to reserve a spot for yourself at the gallery for this new fun event.

Members In Our Thoughts...

A few of our members could use some support. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Sue Bottoms is continuing her treatments.

Ann Quirk will have her second surgery Nov. 29th.

Stephanie Tungate has had complications from her Total Knee Replacement surgery, but is at home.

Pearledna Shropshire is still recouping from her broken wrist.

At The Gallery...

FEATURED ARTISTS

Through December:

Joy Harvey's Chinese Brush class-work.

Reception: Dec. 10th, from 1pm to 3pm.

January 1 - February 7:

Pauline Hayes, Ann Quirk, and Kay Hays

February 10 - March 31:

Noi Thomas, Gourds

BOARD MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, Nov. 1st

At the November 1st Board meeting, Vedra reported that our **October Fund Raiser** was the best one ever and brought in \$7,100. We lost some sponsors over the past year but other sponsors were able to increase their contributions, which made the difference.

Vedra passed along to Carol Byker that she had received many compliments and positive comments on **Carol's letter "From the President"** in the last newsletter. She said that everyone enjoyed the letter very much.

Under new business, both Carol and Vedra wanted to be sure that a copy of the new **changes in the rules for hanging pictures in PAA shows** be included in the December newsletter with the reminder to everyone to save these rules so there would be no problems at the next change of show.

In other new business, it was agreed that the **entry limit** of three pieces will apply primarily to hanging pieces. Jewelry items, because of their small size, will be held to 5 items.

The **Featured Artist scheduled dates** will be:

Through December, Joy Harvey's Chinese Brush classwork. Reception Dec. 10th, 1 -- 3 pm.

From 1/1/07 to 2/7/07, Pauline Hayes, Ann Quirk, and Kay Hays will show.

From 2/10/07 to 3/31/07, Noi Thomas will show.

The Board wants to say, "Thank you," to the **PAA docents** who sat the art show at the **Tulare County Fair**. They are Don Hensley, Manuel Abad, Valerie and David Tyrrell, Muriel Gagnon, Chris Watts, Linda and Bob Hengst, Jess Land, Pearlledna Shropshire, and Flo and Verne Chapman.

Vedra mentioned that it was time to do a thorough **cleaning of the gallery carpet** and suggested that a professional carpet cleaner be hired to do the work. This item was voted on and was approved to be done.

There will be no **regular membership or Board meetings** now until the Board meeting, Jan. 3rd, 10 am at the gallery.

As a closing item, Carol wanted to invite all artist members and friends to a **coffee and cake gathering**, Dec. 21st, at the gallery, from 10 am to 4 pm (see "From the President" on page 1 of this newsletter for more information).

Rules For Show Entries --- SAVE FOR REFERENCE

1. **Eligibility:** Entrant must be a member in good standing (current dues paid).
2. **Specifications:**
 - A. Only original work, completed within the last three years, will be accepted for **judged shows** (older work will be accepted for non-judged exhibitions only).
 - B. Artwork may only be entered once in any PAA Member Show that is **judged**.
 - C. Each artist may submit up to a total of three (3) pieces for **judged shows or non-judged exhibitions**.
 - D. The maximum size of accepted work is **48"** in any dimension, including frame.
 - E. No screw eyes, alligator clips, saw tooth, or bulldog hanging devices or temporary hanging materials may be used. **Only flat type hangers will be accepted.** Wire ends must be taped or sleeved.
 - F. Paintings and photographs utilizing mats must be **properly matted**, and all submitted artwork must be safely framed.
 - G. Members may submit 5 shrink-wrapped works (no fee) for display in the open bins. Maximum size of bin work is 24" x 24". The artist's name, price, and medium should be clearly visible. **Prints must be labeled as such.**
 - H. A 10% commission on any sale will be paid to PAA, Inc.
3. **Entry**
 - A. A non-refundable fee of \$5.00 will be charged for the first entry, and \$2.50 for each additional entry, with a **total of \$10.00 for 3 entries**.
 - B. Hours for registration will be announced prior to each show. **Business hours will prevail (no exceptions)**.
 - C. **Entry forms will be provided** to every exhibitor for all pieces at sign-in. Insurance is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
 - D. **A prospectus for Juried Shows will be mailed** to all members prior to the date of the show.
 - E. **THE DECISION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HANGING COMMITTEE OR THE GALLERY DIRECTOR, ON ACCEPTANCE OF WORK SUBMITTED, IS FINAL.**