



“Our purpose is to promote and develop the visual arts in Rancho Cordova through inspiring programs, events and classes.”

A Note from Our President

One of my favorite things about working in the city hall building is that I am surrounded by art. I see it on my way to meetings, when I'm setting up for events, and yes, when I'm on my way to and from the loo. Sometimes, I stop and readjust pieces that have fallen askew, tweaking them just so they look even more perfect. The art walls are never drab in Rancho's preeminent government building (!)

All this art reminds me of this unique and special relationship the community of Rancho Cordova has built with creativity that was virtually unharnessed a decade ago. It's easy to lose sight of why we create, appreciate, and support art as we do the mundane daily work of hosting art shows, curating gallery space, developing budgets, organizing events, and corralling volunteer opportunities. I'm so grateful we can live, work, play, and grow here and I hope you each can find moments in which to reflect on your own hard work, creativity, and appreciation.

Rancho Cordova Arts has been a whirlwind of activity lately. We've hosted or participated in free art activities for the public, including the current Fall Fine Art Show at City Hall, workshops and demonstrations. We held our annual general membership meeting, put on Open Studios (special thanks to The MACC for hosting us) to showcase and sell members' work; and, in partnership with The Verge Center for the Arts, helped distribute over 25,000 copies of the Open Studios catalog. We're thinking ahead to next year already and I am so excited to see what's next.

Winter Art Fest is coming and our display for the drive-through Holiday Lights Show at the Mine Shaft is already in the works!

If you haven't come to city hall to check out The Fall Show, please do. And stop by Suite 117 to say "hi" while you're here – I'd love to see you!

Onward and upward!

Lydia Bredin
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ANNOUNCING CITY HALL ART SHOW THEMES FOR 2022!

Thank you to *everyone* who helped brainstorm art show themes at our August General Member meeting [on Zoom]. The Board took this list and narrowed it down to the following recommendations to Cordova Community Council, which is in charge of the quarterly Rancho Cordova City Hall shows.

Themes were chosen to push our artists to look at things in new ways and from different perspectives. We hope these themes will challenge both emerging and experienced artists in new and interesting ways!

January 2022 – An Aerial View: Beauty from Above

April 2022 - Abstract Portraits (people or animals) abstract figurative (e.g., could be cubist.)

July 2022 - Beneath the Surface (e.g., Surfaces could be water, the earth's crust, human skin, a piece of fruit.)

October 2022 – The Fall Fine Art Show (Open-Themed) will require at least one piece submitted by each artist to be on a **vinyl music record** that Cheryl Gleason, Cheryl@CordovaCouncil.org, will provide or artists might have. Art on old records may be 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional. Artists may create whatever they want out of records (e.g., clocks, sculpture, you name it!).

NEW ART PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL KIDS!

At their September 27th meeting, Rancho Cordova Arts Board of Directors allocated \$4,000 toward a new program to bring quality art supplies to the school children in public schools in Rancho Cordova. Cheryl Gleason has volunteered to chair the committee overseeing this project. We'll keep you updated!

FREE SATURDAY ARTIST WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Register at RCMACC.org

ART JOURNALS

October 23, 2021 – 11am-1pm

Make Art Journals for Travel, Events, or Your Day! Get inspired by lots of examples, then learn by doing!

Experience making your own journal of your visit to the MACC with Marsha Mason.
Questions? Marsha@RanchoCordovaArts.org.

Free registration at RCMACC.org

The MACC is an historic two-story building located at 10191 Mills Station Road, Rancho Cordova, CA (at the Mather/Mills Light Rail Station).

AERIAL VIEW

November 20, 2021 – 11am-1pm

Aerial Perspective Workshop by Ron Hall & Marsha Mason

Get started on your artwork for January's City Hall Call for Artists! Be inspired to create that view from above!

Free registration at RCMACC.org

NOTE: Be sure and check out the artist workshop and 'Inside the Artist Studio' interviews in our online video Learning Library! www.RanchoCordovaArts.org

WANTED: Artist Writers! Would you like to write a one-page Art Tip for our members? We welcome you! Please contact Miriam Rainbird, Editor, through the contact form at www.RanchoCordovaArts.org/contact-us.

COMING SOON AT THE MACC

All exhibits are open to the public at no charge at Mills Station Arts & Culture Center!



MAD HATTER – AN EXTRAORDINARY EXHIBIT ON HATS

Thursday, October 21 – November 20, 2021

This exhibit will display approximately 500 period hats ranging from the 1800s to the present. Hats from many cultures and countries will fill the rooms accentuated with hat boxes, shoes, handbags and dresses of the time period. This collection was acquired from Barbara Alfidi, Rancho Cordova collector and historian, and tells a story of fashion and culture through the century. This exhibit will run for 6 weeks instead of our normal 3-week exhibit length.

For gallery hours and more information, see RCMACC.org

MORE AT THE MACC

Upstairs at the Mills Station Arts & Culture Center during the Mad Hatter Exhibit!



PHOTOGRAPHIC SHORT STORIES

A Solo Exhibit by Richard McHenry

October 21-30, 2021

Richard's photographic journey began in his high school's darkroom, and has evolved to create a uniquely expressive body of work. His art includes the natural and built world, and the juxtaposition of the artifice of fashion with the natural world.

You'll want to hear his Artist Talk on Thursday, October 28th at 6pm upstairs at the MACC. Don't miss this opportunity to see this collection of Richard's artworks!

Next Up: Check RCMACC.org for Joseph & Paula Bellacera's exhibit in November!

A Rancho Cordova Arts Tradition - Winter Art Fest 2021!

It's been seven years since we kicked off our annual holiday art fest/sales event as a pop-up gallery in the vacant space of a local shopping center. No matter where it's been held (and it did move around for several years!) it's been a wonderful place to find thoughtful and meaningful gifts of art for the special people in your life.

Continuing that community tradition, this year the MACC (Mills Station Arts & Culture Center) will be filled to the brim with an array of one-of-a-kind wonders for your holiday 'retail therapy' (shopping) pleasure.

Winter Art Fest will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for two weekends starting the day after Thanksgiving: November 26-28 and December 3-5, 2021: The gallery will be open from 12noon to 7pm each of these days.

Come peruse the creative treasures on display by our Rancho Cordova Arts member artists. And when you do buy art, remember - you are not only you're buying local, you are supporting the ultimate small business person!



2021 Winter Art Fest
Fine Art by local artists - A Holiday Tradition
Give the gift of art for your someone special and support the ultimate small business

Nov. 26-28 | Dec. 3-5
Open 12-7 pm

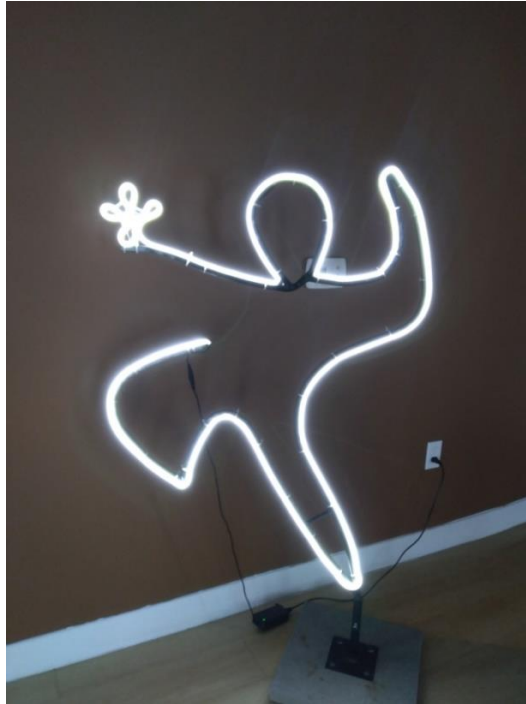
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Rancho Cordova Holiday Lights Event at the Mineshaft!



One of a dozen lighted abstract figures from Rancho Cordova Arts' "Holiday Party" display

Friday, Dec 10 through Sunday, Dec 19, 2021

Open nightly at 5:30pm

Advance purchase ticket required at www.CordovaCouncil.org

The Mine Shaft is located at 2300 Mine Shaft Lane, Rancho Cordova

The Rancho Cordova Holiday Light Drive-Through Experience will return for a second year. This Drive-Through will feature more than 200 lighted silhouettes, plus many more light features, in nearly 3 dozen vignettes!

Rancho Cordova Arts has an artful, custom 'Porch Party' display that you won't want to miss! Volunteers requested for set-up and take-down, contact Marsha@RanchoCordovaArts.org.

A HUGE THANK YOU

***“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.”***

– Elizabeth Andrew

In the short time that I have been the Volunteer Coordinator for Rancho Cordova Arts, I've been so impressed with our members who have given their hearts, souls, sweat, and time to help this organization and our community. I've met wonderful people who give their strength, creativity, and ideas to help us become the dynamic group we are!

Not only in Rancho Cordova but in the larger surrounding area, people are recognizing Rancho Cordova Arts by name and by impact! Our shows at City Hall (intake, curation, hanging), workshops (presenters, assistants), and participation in larger community events are eagerly anticipated by folks who've met us in one way or another...

It couldn't have happened without you, our volunteers! (You know who you are; I'd mention you all by name, but I fear leaving someone out.) Thank you for giving your time and energy!

We have more events that are coming up and will need your help. The biggest one will be our **Holiday Lights display at the Mine Shaft in December**. We need your help setting up and taking down our display. Please contact Marsha Mason at marsha@ranhocordovaarts.org

And we'd love a few of you to help out at **Winter Art Fest at the MACC**. Let me know if you'd be interested by contacting me at jsperry31@comcast.net or Cheryl Gleason at cheryl@cordovacouncil.org

Again, I can't tell you how much we appreciate your service. After all, Rancho Cordova Arts is a membership composed of volunteers who are making our community a better, happier place in which to live.

Jamie S. Perry, Volunteer Coordinator

Rancho Cordova Artists and the MACC Wow Visitors at Open Studios!

Mick Martin's blues band rocked the MACC during the Friday night Preview Kick-off of Open Studios this year. What is Open Studios? This annual art event is sponsored by the Verge Center for Arts and is open to all artists in and around Sacramento. It's a self-guided tour of artists and their studios, held on two weekends in September, the first within Sacramento City, and the next in surrounding communities like Rancho Cordova.

The event drew 262 guests, with sales just short of \$11,000. Artists reported hearing many comments from guests that complimented our city's amazing facility, and the variety and quality of the artists' styles. Hey! The more people know about us...the more the visual arts will grow in our community!

Typically, artists set up their work outside at their [home] studios. But for visitors from Rancho Cordova and beyond, the MACC offers a great place to experience the art of many local artists and talk to them about their processes in one unique venue!

Ten Rancho Cordova Arts member-artists showed their artwork at the MACC this September.

The artists participating at the MACC for Open Studios 2021 were:



- Ron Hall ~ Acrylic/Mixed Media
- David Peterson ~ Watercolorist
- Judy Gustafson ~ Ceramicist
- Christine Kerr ~ Oil Painter
- Sheri Kindsvater ~ Glass Artist
- Cheryl Gleason ~ Cold Wax & Oil/Encaustic
- Uli Smith ~ Acrylic Painter
- Edith LeFebvre ~ Oil & Acrylic Painting
- Deborah Kelly ~ Jewelry & Mixed Media
- Janet Reagan ~ Gourd Art/Jewelry and Glass

In addition, these Rancho Cordova Arts members participated in Open Studios in other studios and homes: John Angell, Kate Farrall, Linda Nunes, Marc Cardinet, Melani Grube, Nikki Thompson, Mary Rodgers-Destatte, Paula & Joseph Bellacera, and Steve Hayhurst.



CHECK OUT AN ART BOOK at Rancho Cordova Arts' Kathy Young Ross Lending Library!

If you've been upstairs in the MACC for this year's art workshops or solo shows, you've seen our lending library – the one with the bookshelves, comfy chairs and the purple rug! The art library is a program Rancho Cordova Arts set up to provide our community with access to quality art books at no charge. We're grateful to Kat Davies, who volunteers to keep everything in order.

The library is named in honor of the late Kathy Young Ross, an inspirational watercolor artist and vibrant person from Rancho Cordova, who served as a mentor to many of us.

The library is open during the MACC gallery's open hours, and by special arrangement with Cheryl@CordovaCouncil.org. Checking out books is on the honor system, and there are no defined return dates. We just have a sign-out sheet for you to fill out. We also encourage you to **donate your unused art books** to the library, so others can learn from them.

