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A Farewell Note from the Editor

It has been my pleasure to bring you this newsletter and to get to know many of you over the past years. In a few months I will be moving (far!) away. I will miss the Rancho Cordova Arts community and all our wonderful activities. I hope you will keep in touch and tell me about your continuing work. You can contact me on Instagram @ mir_rainy.

If anyone is interested in helping with future issues of the newsletter, please let me or Marsha Mason know! (admin@RanchoCordovaArts.org)

Best wishes to all for the coming year.

Miriam Rainbird

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CALLS FOR ART AT CITY HALL

Starting in 2023, Cordova Community Council no longer has size limits for two-dimensional artwork at City Hall. Three-dimensional works not exceeding 9" deep and 20" tall are encouraged, so we can fill the lighted display cases. Rancho Cordova artists wishing to participate should be registered on the artists database. If you have previously registered there is no need to re-register.

Most shows are juried. Please read the prospectus at CordovaCouncil.org for full information about each exhibition. All artists must fill out a Waiver of Liability.

‘It’s So Black & White’

You’re invited to submit your art for ‘It’s So Black & White’, a fine art exhibit at Rancho Cordova City Hall.

This exhibit is about black and white and all the shades of gray between. You may not use any other colors except black and white, and you can use any materials.

We will not have a workshop on this as it is an open theme show. If you have questions contact cheryl@cordovacouncil.org.



- **Deadline to Submit Online Form for Art Labels: Friday, January 20, 2023** (no image upload). Be sure you spell correctly – your information will be on your art label(s).
- **Art Intake for your submission(s):** In person on **Friday, January 27, City Hall Lobby from 3-6pm.** Jurying takes place starting at 6pm.
- **Art Installation: Saturday, January 28 from 8-10am** (You may pick up previous entries at this time)
- **Art Reception:** Wednesday, February 1 from 5:30-7:30pm. City Hall
- **Art Pick-Up:** Friday, April 28, 2023 from 3-7pm.

Rancho Cordova City Hall

2729 Prospect Park Dr.

Rancho Cordova California 95670

‘Abstract Landscapes’ Workshop and Call for Artists

This juried exhibit at City Hall includes all landscape abstracted and non-figurative art. Non-figurative art describes **a work of art in which neither forms nor figures are represented realistically**. Non-figurative art may distort a form or figure so that it is unrecognizable, or it may not present a form or figure at all but rather a design, shape, or color.

Be inspired by our **Abstract Landscapes workshop on Thursday, March 16th at 6 pm upstairs at the MACC.**

Also, take advantage of Rancho Cordova Arts’ **Lending Library** at the MACC to get ideas from abstract landscape artists. It is always open to you to check out books at no charge. If you have questions contact cheryl@cordovacouncil.org.

Deadline to Submit Online Form for Art Labels: Friday April 21, 2023



*“The advice I like to give young artists, or really anybody who’ll listen to me, is not to wait around for inspiration. **Inspiration is for amateurs; the rest of us just show up and get to work.**”*

- **Chuck Close**

New in 2023

New Hours

Thursday 2-7 PM.

Friday 2-7 PM.

Saturday 11-4 PM.

New Art Workshops

Workshops will be \$10 per person, sign up on the website calendar or exhibit page



New Schedule

Magnets are Here! We have a great line up for the 2023 MACC Calendar get yours today!

New Indoor Concerts

Look at our schedule for our new Indoor concerts and events coming in 2023



Always Free Admission

Classes at the MACC in 2023

It's a great time for learning! The MACC, Rancho Cordova Arts, and Ri-Nu-Imagination will all be offering classes this year. We have scheduled eleven (11) hands-on workshops so far, for Saturdays and weeknight evenings in 2023.

What's new? When you make your reservation for classes, you will also pay a **\$10 fee** to help us pay for great instructors and topics. **Online signups open Jan. 9th!**

The MACC will host: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Furoshiki: Fun with Fabric• Gelli Printing• Stamp Making• Paper Kimono Making• The Power of Color• Pet Portraits.	Rancho Cordova Arts will host: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artist Income Streams and Sales Year - with Kate Farrall• Abstract Landscapes (Theme for the City Hall show due in April)
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Anu Aaltonen, CEO of nonprofit Ri-Nu Imagination, will be hosting **Live Figure Drawing classes** on the 3rd Wednesdays of every month. Historically, this is an essential practice for becoming a visual artist. We will start out with a **limit of 12 people per class** and will increase capacity as needed. The cost will be **\$10 + Tip to the model**. You may use the easels, drawing horses or tables available at the MACC, but you will need to bring your own art materials to work with. Each class starts with standard warm-up poses of 1 to 3 minutes, then longer poses afterwards. They will be held upstairs at the MACC and the model will be nude with the exception of the April class, when the model(s) will be clothed.

If you have an idea for a workshop, or a proposal for teaching a class at the MACC contact Cheryl Gleason at cheryl@cordovacouncil.org. Proposals need to include a list of supplies.

Participate in the City of Rancho Cordova Artist Housing Study

Have you noticed the big vacant lot across Folsom Blvd from the MACC? In the next 10 years this new **Mills Crossing** will become the centerpiece of the City-designated **Art Block!** The City of Rancho Cordova is committed to bringing business, housing, and community spaces (some art-related) to the 10-acre site. Projects of this magnitude and complexity always take time and participation from the community, and we are happy that the City of Rancho Cordova has been exemplary in involving Rancho Cordova Arts in its Strategic Art Plan, and now in an Artist Housing Feasibility Study.

In October Stefan Heisler, the City's Housing Manager, contracted with Art Space, a consultant group and nonprofit real estate developer for the arts based in Minneapolis. Art Space and the City started the **Artist Housing Feasibility Study Core Group**, on which Cheryl Gleason and Marsha Mason represent the visual arts. It met online in November to begin gathering data and schedule a first visit. On December 13 and 14th the consultant team conducted in-person focus

group meetings and site walks, and tried to learn as much as they could about Rancho Cordova and the art scene here, utilizing three focus groups.

Stefan and Cheryl led a site tour of properties near the MACC and the future site of the Mills Crossing on Folsom Blvd. Later in the day an **Equity in Housing Focus Group** met at Dos Compadres Mexican Restaurant. This diverse assemblage of people from all sectors of creativity talked about the need for equity in housing and what that looks like. A **Funding Focus Group** met to discuss potential sources of money, both short term and to sustain the project long-term. Thanks to many of you who attended the **Arts Community Focus Group** in the evening at the MACC! Art Spaces gathered as much information about what is important to us as they could.

The feasibility study process has just begun. As it progresses, we will need your help and input. You'll have many more opportunities to participate this spring. Please stay tuned for any upcoming web-based meetings and surveys. You can help shape the artistic vision in Rancho Cordova and make Rancho Cordova the City where art lives!

—Cheryl Gleason and Marsha Mason

**Art Reception and Art Talk by John Angell, Spotlight Artist
Friday, February 3, 2023 from 5:30 to 8pm
Upstairs at the MACC**

John Angell, Encaustic, Photo Encaustic & Mixed Media Artist.
JAngellArt.com

Come hear John Angell talk about his art journey and process.

“In my work, I seek to create pieces which raise questions, poke fun and spawn contemplation. I prefer to work small as I feel that draws the viewer in closer and makes a more personal connection. At its best, I hope my work tells a story which is not always known to me and allows new interpretations with each new viewer. My recent encaustic work often contains images from our travels, each with its own story.”

John graduated from University of Michigan with a BFA and a BA in History of Art. His work is in collections in New York, Chicago, California, Nevada, Vermont, Hawaii and Strasbourg.

His work has many influences, from centuries-old Chinese and Japanese landscapes to African tribal masks, Color Field painting, Theatre of the Absurd, Pop art, Abstract Expressionism, Hunter S. Thompson, Dada, Surrealism and the American Dream.

The MACC is located at 10191 Mills Station Road, Rancho Cordova, at the Mather/Mills Light Rail Station. Plenty of free parking.

Be a part of our exciting annual
Micro-Masterpieces 2023
Rancho Cordova Arts Fundraiser
by donating your 6x6” pieces of original art!

We invite you to participate in our annual Micro-Masterpieces fundraiser that provides art supplies to kids in Rancho Cordova schools. We will make available to you 6x6” gessoed wood panels and ask that you donate your talent with your original art efforts. You may pick up/sign out the art panels at City Hall on Friday, January 27, 2023 from 3-6 pm (during our Black & White show in-take). You may also pick up/sign out the 6x6” wood panels at the MACC during the gallery’s open hours. Please check the open hours for the MACC online or by emailing Cheryl Gleason at: cheryl@cordovacouncil.org

The **intake deadline for your donated pieces of art is Thursday, June 29th** from 11am-4pm at the MACC. Your donated original art will be made available for sale online at 32Auctions.com on Monday through Saturday, July 10-15th. Mark your calendars!

Your help is *vital* important to the success of this fundraiser. The net proceeds of each year’s Micro-Masterpieces goes to our Art for School Kids program to encourage the next generation of artists in Rancho Cordova.

This is also an opportunity for your creativity to be recognized by our community. Your art will be displayed upstairs at the MACC in person, and online before and during the active auction.

Rancho Cordova Arts supports artists of all ages and *you* make it possible. It’s easy to become a member of Rancho Cordova Arts. Check out our website for further information on membership, events, and how you can get involved at www.RanchoCordovaArts.org

We look forward to appreciating your wonderful art!



Edith LeFebvre, Chair

Kids Benefit Big Time from Micro-Masterpieces Fundraiser in 2022!



December 15th at the MACC was full of good cheer when 35 teachers from 14 schools in Rancho Cordova stopped by to pick up over \$7,000 of art supplies they'd put on their wishlists for the kids in their K-12 classrooms.

Cheryl Gleason chaired this event for the Art Supplies for School Kids in Rancho Cordova Program by Rancho Cordova Arts, with plenty of help from board member 'elves', Judy Pinner, Edith LeFebvre (Chair of

Micro-Masterpieces), Tabitha Jensen, and Rick Sloan (photos). 2022 Was the second year of our new program, and we were thrilled to expand the program to 175% of 2021. We are grateful for our donor artists' generosity, and the wonderful folks who contributed to a good cause by purchasing this Small Art for a Good Cause!

Winter Art Fest

This year we celebrated our 5th Winter Art Fest at the MACC. The Mills Station Arts & Culture Center is home to what started in 2013 as our 'Holiday Pop-Up,' an event which formerly moved to a new location in vacant retail space each year. Now that the arts have a home at the MACC, 16 to 18 artists can display their work each year, kicking off a two-weekend tradition on Black Friday. This year, 17 artists showed art in a wide variety of mediums. One of the key drivers to Winter Art Fest is variety. Many thanks go to the artists who participated this year!

Turnout and sales have varied during the covid pandemic, and the art market is not impervious to the ups and downs of the global economy. With fewer restrictions on covid, almost the same number of people attended as did last year, but with concerns about impending inflation and war in Ukraine people clasped their wallets a bit tighter.

The best part of Winter Art Fest is spending time with fellow artists, getting to know people a little better between guests, and of course talking about your art and process with those who are interested. Winter Art Fest allows artists a chance to be seen by prospective patrons and collectors and sell their artwork. Some artists do better one year over the next and it's hard to say what next year will bring. No matter what, this is also a community art fair, an opportunity to enrich the culture of Rancho Cordova by showing and discussing our art.

If you would like to participate in next year's Winter Art Fest, look for the deadline to submit samples of your work on the MACC Call to Artists page for details. Your membership in Rancho Cordova Arts must be up to date.

Hope to see you all next year! — Cheryl Gleason