

January 2022

A Note from the Editor

Happy New Year!

Despite many challenges, Rancho Cordova Arts remained active in 2021, adding dozens of members and engaging in exhibitions, workshops, and civic activities. We plan to continue in 2022, as well as expanding our outreach to schools in Rancho Cordova. Read on to find out what's happening this year and how you can get involved. — Miriam Rainbird

Upcoming Shows and Events

Aerial View – Get some ideas for your artwork from the RanchoCordovaArts.org Learning Library, Art Video Library. You have until January 14th to submit your art label inforation to CordovaCouncil.org, and another week to show up at City Hall with your finished artwork!

Beneath the Surface – Free Artist Workshop on Saturday, January 29, 2022

Join Ron Hall and Marsha Mason for a fun, inspiring workshop! You'll take away plenty of ideas to get your creative juices flowing for 'Beneath the Surface', the next City Hall show in April. Explore this new perspective and be ready for that call for artists deadline! Because we don't want to contribute to the recent surge in Covid, Ron and Marsha will present the workshop remotely rather than in person. Recordings will be made available in the **Learning Library** video page of **RanchoCordovaArts.org**.



We invite you to submit work for the 38th Art at City Hall exhibit,



"Aerial View."

This will challenge perspective as the viewer is looking down on something from above. However, it does not have to be looking straight down. Great Sacramento artists such as Wayne Thiebaud and Richard Diebenkorn have painted aerial views frequently. Abstract artists can look at Mondrian to get some clues and inspiration.

Questions? Contact cordovacouncil.org

To volunteer, contact Jamie Perry at <u>isperry31@comcast.net</u> This is a juried show.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline to Submit: Monday January 14 Online
- Art Intake for your submissions: Friday, Jan. 21, City Hall Lobby 3-6 pm.
- Art Installation Saturday, Jan. 22 7:30-11:30 am
- Art Reception Jan. 26 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Rancho Cordova City Hall.
- Art Pick-Up Friday 3-7 pm. April 29th or 8-11 am & Saturday April 30 in the lobby at City Hall

ARTIST RECEPTION: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 Open to the public * FREE ADMISSION (check our calendar to confirm status of event)

Please download the prospectus for details and rules



Eugene is a local Rancho Cordova photographer who does little post production editing. Eugene loves shooting portraits and showing the humanity of the human form. Join us at 6:00 PM on January 20th Upstairs at the MACC to hear what inspires his photos and how he thinks about Photography.



A giant of post-War documentary photography and film, Brooklyn, NY native Danny Lyon helped define a

mode of photojournalism in which the picture-maker is deeply and personally embedded in his subject matter. A selftaught photographer and a graduate of the University of Chicago, Lyon began his photographic career in the early 1960s as the first staff photographer for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a national group of college students who joined together after the first sit-in by four African American college students at a North Carolina lunch counter. From 1963 to 1964, Lyon traveled the South and Mid-Atlantic regions documenting the Civil Rights Movement. The photographs were published in *The Movement*, a documentary book about the Southern Civil Rights Movement, and later in Memories of the Southern Civil Rights Movement, Lyon's own memoir of his years working for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.



*** National Ceramics Exhibits come to the MACC! ***



News and Outreach

New Program! Art Supplies for School Kids in Rancho Cordova Kicks Off!

How can we support the visual arts in Kindergarten through 12th grade? How can we help those teachers who realize how important it is to foster creativity, and so spend their own money on art supplies for their students? How can we engage more students to make and show their art in Rancho Cordova? How would we finance such a program? These were the questions we tackled in launching 'Art Supplies for School Kids' in Rancho Cordova.

Committee Chair Cheryl Gleason and Tabitha Jensen researched Folsom Cordova, Sacramento Unified and Elk Grove School Districts, then called and asked every public school secretary within Rancho Cordova to spread the word to their teachers to tell us what art supplies they wanted/needed. Three dozen teachers from eight schools responded with their wish-lists: Rancho Cordova Elementary, Sunrise Elementary, Cordova Gardens, A.M.Wynn, Waldorf Middle School, Riverview STEM, Kinney High School, and Cordova High School.

Requested supplies included papier mache for making dragons for Chinese New Year, liquid watercolor paints, brushes and paper, oil pastels, felt markers, jumbo craft sticks, construction paper, and specialized art materials for kids with special needs. The committee shopped art supplies for the biggest bang for the buck. Teachers will pick up their supplies in person at the MACC later in January.

Start-up funding of \$4,000 for the program comes from two sources. The first is the tip jar at the MACC, which donated over \$1,000 to Rancho Cordova Arts for this purpose. Participating teachers will be encouraged to participate in the MACC's Student Show in April, which is Arts Advocacy Month. All donations collected at the MACC during April will go to our new art supplies program.

The second funding source of over \$3,000 comes from our annual **MicroMasterpieces** fundraiser. Artists donate 6" X 6" artworks for Rancho Cordova Arts to sell at online auction the first week in June. See the following article for details!

Small Art for a Good Cause! Pick up panels at January Art Intake!

We're eager to engage all our artists in 2022's one major fundraiser, MicroMasterpieces. Last year's successful online auction allowed us to start a new program; we give new art supplies to teachers for their Kindergarten through grade 12 students to use on art projects in school. The proceeds also allowed us to purchase nicer 6" x 6" x 3/4" panels for artists to use for this year's Micros.

We encourage artists to make and donate 6" x 6" artworks in any medium on any substrate. You don't have to be a member! You may pick up panels for your MicroMasterpieces starting on Friday, January 21st, at City Hall between 3pm and 6pm when you deliver your art for the **Aerial View** show.

After January 21st, you may pick up panels at the MACC during gallery hours, or by appointment with <u>Cheryl@CordovaCouncil.org</u>. There is no charge for the panels, however, we ask that you return any that are not used for MicroMasterpieces.

Edith LeFebvre returns to chair this online auction, which opens on Wednesday, June 1st and closes the evening of Sunday, June 5th. Everyone will be able to preview the MicroMasterpieces in person for three days during the Member Show at the MACC - from that Thursday through Saturday. Save the dates! It's not too early to tell your friends – Small Art for a Big Cause will help fund our new program, Art Supplies for School Kids.



The Kathy Young-Ross Lending Library

Two years ago, I thought it

would be great to have a

library where kids, artists,

and the community could check out art books for free. Art books are expensive, and many libraries don't have a good selection to choose from. The MACC seemed to be the best place to house the

library, as it was quickly becoming the "Heart of the

Arts" in Rancho Cordova.

A group of artists (most of them RC ARTS members) quickly donated funds and books to start the library. This arts group started by Kathy Young-Ross still meets every Thursday, and has for over 20 years now.

Pam Pankey, a RC Arts Founding Member and local artist, donated a self-portrait her mother, which now dawns the library wall with her name. Also, you will find a couple books Kathy published with her work. She was an accomplished watercolor artist, teacher to many, mentor to everyone who knew her, but mostly she loved art. The MACC has been receiving donations now for over a year, and in fall of 2021 a visitor to the MACC saw our library and wanted to donate. She bought \$1000.00 worth of art books and donated them to the Kathy Young-Ross Lending Library.

Now we just need everyone to know it is there and that they may use it. Thanks to all our contributors over 500 books are waiting to be borrowed in our library at the MACC. It is an amazing resource for teachers, artists, art lovers, and anyone wanting to learn more about art and the history of art.

-Cheryl Gleason

Holiday Lights Survive the Tempest!

High winds and hard rains couldn't stop the Rancho Cordova Arts 'Porch Party' display from a starring role in Cordova Community Council's second annual Holiday Lights Drive-Through event this December. Our 'Let's get this pARTy started' signs were all constructed of flexible LED neon tubing, zip-tied to recycled coroplast MACC signs, imitating true neon lights in red and magenta. Abstracted bigger-than-life-sized, lighted metal figures dance, watch, and paint [en plein air] in this vignette of holiday celebration. Thanks go to Cordova Council for the great location and logistical support, and to our volunteers, who set up, waterproofed, repaired [storm damage], and packed up bins of lights, cords, and figures: Eileen Noyer, Frances Dack, John Lambert, Marsha Mason, Rick Sloan and Tabitha Jensen.

Volunteers Needed:

We're beginning our Rancho Cordova City Hall shows with "*Aerial View*". Intake is on January 21st from 3-6 PM at City Hall, installation is on Saturday, January 22nd from 7:30 - 11:30 AM. The Art Reception is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM and we need volunteers for all these dates! Please contact either Cheryl Gleason at <u>cheryl@cordovacouncil.org</u> or Jamie Perry at <u>jsperry31@comcast.net</u> if you can help.

Spreading the Word

Rancho Cordova Arts made a great first impression at the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce **Holiday Arts & Craft Faire** at City Hall on Thursday Nov. 18th. Our purpose was to promote our organization, and visual arts in our community, particularly at City Hall and the MACC. Six member artists described the benefits of joining our group, passing out flyers for the MACC and forms for membership. They also sold their art and donated artworks for the Chamber raffle. A good time was had by all! Thank you to Sheri Kindsvater, Judy Gustafson, Patience Mabray, Deborah Kelly, Janet Regan and Marsha Mason for volunteering to represent Rancho Cordova Arts that evening!





Winter Art Fest at the MACC; photos courtesy of Rick Sloan