



Cloverdale Arts Alliance

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance is proud to have provided another bountiful season of great art events! At the time of our last newsletter, the CAA was days away from presenting the first annual Cloverdale Film Festival. This weekend long celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Summer of Love proved to be a great success. We are so pleased to have started this great new event, and look forward to its continued development.

The United Church was the place to be on the night of November 10th for an evening of professional live theater. The Sonoma County Repertory Theater performed their production of *Tuesdays with Morrie* to a packed house. It's always exciting bringing professional theater to Cloverdale and we look forward to working with 'The Rep' to continue to do so. The fall weather cooperated with us as we were once again able to offer a tour to Steve Oliver's ranch to view his world class collection of installation sculptures.

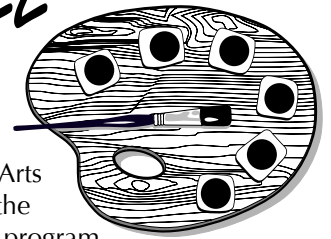
Aside from these new offerings, the CAA continues its highly acclaimed programs of Real Flicks, Discovering Art and the Night Writers. The First Street Gallery is proud to welcome two new artist members Sher Morris-Tice and Angel Fabela. Drop in and see the new show titled *Celebrate*. Come support our local artists who have created many unique works that would make perfect gifts this holiday season!

Returning this February, we'll once again dedicate the entire First Street Gallery to community art. *Buy the Running Foot* allows all "artists" to purchase space and hang their work for everyone to enjoy. See more about this event and others in this newsletter.

Looking for a way to meet people and bring more meaning to your life? The Cloverdale Arts Alliance is a volunteer organization dedicated to bringing art to the Cloverdale community. We're looking for volunteers for all sorts of jobs from gallery sitting to publicity, communications and help at various events. If you think you can help out in any way, big or small, please stop by the Center for the Arts, call us at 894-4410 or e-mail us at info@cloverdaleartsalliance.org. As always, I'd like to thank all our members for your continued support and interest in art in our community.

Beth McEnery – President CAA

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!



Break out your paintbrushes and palettes! The Cloverdale Arts Alliance is pleased to announce the return of the popular community program *Buy the Running Foot*. For the entire month of February, the First Street Gallery is dedicated to community art. This wonderful and unusual event allows artists of all ages, experienced and inexperienced, to display their talent by purchasing space at the First Street Gallery and showing their work for the month. The show opens on Saturday February 2nd, with an opening reception from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and concludes February 24th.

Artists may purchase wall space at \$10 per linear foot for ages 13 and up, and at \$5 per linear foot for ages 12 and under. Space for freestanding art may be purchased at the above dollar amounts per square foot. Participating artists must drop off their work at the First Street Gallery on January 28th or 29th between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. Registration forms are currently available at the First Street Gallery, 105 E. First Street.

The first annual *Buy the Running Foot* brought a large number of enthusiastic and creative artists to the Gallery for a fabulous show. Cloverdale artists delighted our community with considerable talent for this outstanding community event. Please join us again this year or make your debut as a budding artist. For more information call 894-4410 or www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org The results are sure to inspire!

NIGHT WRITERS CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

This December the Night Writers will celebrate our first anniversary. We have grown together as a group and look forward to further honing our craft. Two new writers have also joined the group.

Our summer reading held at Cover to Cover Bookstore was a wonderful success, and a reading in February around the themes of Love/Not Love is being planned. We would like to thank Night Writers member Christi Calson for her vision and direction in starting this much needed outlet of written creativity.

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JURIED SCULPTURE EXHIBIT RETURNS TO THE PLAZA IN 2008



2008 will mark the 6th year of celebrating public art with the Annual Cloverdale Sculpture Exhibit. The exhibit enlivens our plaza each year for the benefit of the local community and those visiting our town, while also contributing to our reputation as an arts destination in Sonoma County. The Cloverdale Arts Alliance is honored to assume management of this important program in 2008.

Our downtown plaza will become a sculpture garden from June 7th to October 1st, showcasing 6-8 sculptures selected from all entries. The show will be juried. The call to artists will be mailed shortly, and will reach out to sculptors locally, throughout Sonoma County, and nationally. A committee will select the sculptures for the exhibit, and a panel of 3 judges will select "Best of Show" and present a cash prize to the sculptor on the opening day, June 7th.

Our selection committee this year consists of Walter Byck, owner of Paradise Ridge Winery and Paradise Sculpture Garden, Joe Hawley, international sculptor, and Ron Siegemund, sculptor, current board-member, and past president of Cloverdale Arts Alliance. If you or someone you know would like to receive the call to artists, please contact us at 894-4410 or by email, info@cloverdaleartsalliance.org."

TO LIVE

A ghost-toned voice
keyed wrong
inside my throat,
the sugar-snap
of longing
podded greenly
on my tongue,

I borrow happiness,
take and fill and rosy
my self with words
to till the day's dry dirt

until, come eclipsed night,
I must admit
to shadow:

bodies are made
to bruise.
To bleed.
To hurt.

Borrowed joy
is pure chameleon,
just a house
I'll never home

a touch
I know alone,
my index finger
tracing skin to tears.

-Christine M. Calson

FIRST STREET GALLERY UPDATE

As we near Christmas, we've opened our last show in 2007, with *Celebrate*. Along with many new artworks, we've added several new artists in the last few months. One of our new artists is Angel Fabela, who is a Plein Air artist (paints on-site). Angel works in oils & acrylics, and reflects the beauty nature offers with her ever changing light & weather. Another is Sher Morris-Tice, who designs beautiful fused glass platters, bowls and sculptural works of art that play with light. She has also taught classes on fused glass. Third is Julia Terr, with her whimsical ceramic teapots, goblets, bowls & more. Finally, Cieulien Tong joins us with her beautiful watercolors & photography. Come see!

Community Outreach: Although the majority of the Resident Artists are new to the Art Alliance this year, Shelby Kennedy has continued from the old group. He put in numerous hours setting up the original gallery, and has also been very involved in the community, including our Cloverdale Boys & Girls Club. He worked with our children, teaching clay sculpting & tile making, including a glorious ceramic map of Cloverdale, displayed at the entrance of the Club. Check it out! Resident Artists Larry Horner & Beverley McChesney have also been working with the Club, providing ongoing Art Classes to the kids. And recently, our gallery artists have been asked by our new High School Chemistry & Art Instructor, Ralph Duell, to periodically assist him with Drawing & Painting Classes for his students. We've gladly accepted to be involved!

In closing, we hope many of you will include art as gifts for those special people in your life. Many people support the arts in different ways, but the best way to appreciate an artist's talent is to buy his or her work. Don't forget to include yourself on your Christmas list, and to include artwork in your next redecorating project (most artist do custom work too). Our current exhibit will run through December 23rd. January will open with *Fresh*, and February will kick off our 2nd Annual *Buy the Running Foot*. Check out the Arts Alliance website for more details. And remember...*Art is the Heart of the Community!*

Oliver Ranch Tour

No Better Time Was Had!

On a beautiful Fall morning in October, 35 art enthusiasts boarded a bus from the Cloverdale Arts Alliance's First Street Gallery, bound for the Oliver Ranch in Geyserville. Nestled in the heart of the Alexander Valley, this 100 acre ranch is one of the country's premiere private reserves for site-specific art. There they were treated to an exclusive tour, lead by Steve Oliver. As they hiked over the ranch's rolling hills, the group was able to view many of the 18 works that have been commissioned for specific sites throughout the landscape. The tour concluded with lunch on the deck of Sbraggia Family Winery, overlooking the majestic Dry Creek Valley. Larry and Madeleine from Sebastopol remarked, "Everyone we told about the day were greatly impressed and would like to join us on the next tour! Thank you CAA for putting it together!"



Cloverdale Arts Alliance Brings Art To Local Students

Many Cloverdale students will soon be receiving quality art instruction through the CAA's 2nd annual "Art Futures" Grant. The CAA is donating over \$2,300 to Cloverdale teachers so that they can provide a variety of art education to their students.

Preschool students at the Cloverdale Co-op will participate in creating murals on the wall surrounding the outdoor play area at the Boys and Girls Club. The entire 3rd grade at Jefferson Elementary will be receiving instruction in chalk pastels from artist and storyteller Ane Rovetta. Second grade students in Jocelyn Hester's class will be receiving instruction in watercolors from artist Barbara Moe. Also, students in Mrs. Healey's and Mrs. Gebb's 2nd grade classes will be learning about the various musical instrument families and will be learning to play rhythm instruments throughout the year.

High school teacher Kenneth Barber and the Drama Club will be presenting a female version of *The Odd Couple*. There will be 4 shows being played in the spring of 2008. High school teacher, Christi Calson, will be taking students to high quality theatre productions that tie in with literature in the classroom. The students will also benefit from the Wells Fargo Center's "Artists in the Schools" program that will tap into the students' own creative and artistic selves.

The CAA is excited to be able to support its local teachers in their desire to bring art to their students.



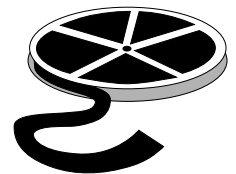
From left to right, David McChesney, Ron Siegemund, Kenneth Barber, Trish Healey, Ashleigha Foxworthy (student), and April Holz (student)

Tuesdays with Morrie

It's been a while since we brought professional live theatre to Cloverdale. Last time was a couple of years back when Randy Rutherford presented his one man play at the Grange. This year we made special arrangements with the Sonoma County Repertory Theater (The REP) to bring their production of *Tuesdays with Morrie* to the sanctuary of the United Church. The United Church was converted into a perfect "theatre in the round" for this wonderful two man production. The REP kindly agreed to present this production virtually at cost, allowing us to contribute proceeds from the play to the Wallace House shelter for the homeless, a United Church supported program. We were very excited to be bringing the play to Cloverdale and were thrilled at the large turnout. Clearly the name recognition and touching story line helped, but we feel this sets the stage (excuse the pun) for more live theatre in Cloverdale. The REP was also very happy with the reception they received in Cloverdale and look forward to more collaboration with the Arts Alliance in the future.

Staging a play and moving it to a new location is a lot of work. It is easier with a two man play with limited props and becomes progressively difficult with a large cast, complex scenery and finding a suitable location. We support the efforts of CPAC to build our own community theater here in Cloverdale and look forward to it's completion so Cloverdale can continue to enjoy professional productions. In the meantime we'll continue to look for opportunities to bring challenging and interesting theater productions to our town.

Real Flicks' Discussion Group Thrives



By Diane Browning

Do you enjoy puzzling over a good film? For many, scenes from a good movie keep popping up in our consciousness for days afterwards, as the pieces of the film come together in new and surprising ways.

It's always fun to share post-film insights with your companion and friends, too, which explains the success of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance's one-of-a-kind film discussion group.

Everyone is invited to attend these chat sessions held immediately after each Monday night Real Flicks showing. Next time you enjoy a Real Flicks film, why not check it out? Just stroll over to the Center for the Arts and see for yourself what the buzz is all about.

The group's relaxed format allows everyone to share their opinions and observations. By sharing and listening, everyone leaves with a better understanding of the movie in terms of character development, plot points, and structure. Most attendees find the discussion to be so enlightening they keep on coming back for more.

For example, both *Pan's Labyrinth* and *Miss Potter* featured imaginary characters coming to life and interacting with the actors. The group had mixed opinions on what was real or imaginary, and whether or not the filmmakers' goal was to allow the audience to interpret this for themselves. The viewer's imagination was also sparked in *Talk to Me*. In this film, the audience catches impressionistic glimpses of real life characters from several different points of view, and it was fascinating to share personal insights about the period and events depicted in the film.

Real Flicks' post-film discussion group is led by a facilitator who keeps things focused and brisk in order to make the most of a tight late evening, work night schedule.

In December, Sean Penn's *Into the Wild* will be screened on December 10th and 11th. This will be the final Arts Alliance sponsored film for 2007. Local movie lovers can look forward to a fresh new lineup of independent films in the year ahead.

Upcoming Events:

Real Flicks

2nd & 4th Monday and Tuesday 7pm
Post-Film Discussion Group - Mondays

Night Writers

1st Monday

Buy the Running Foot Art Drop off:
Mon 1/28 & Tues 1/29, 4-8 pm

First Street Gallery

Celebrate Thru December 23rd

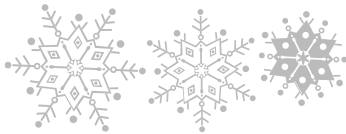
Fresh - Opening reception January 5

Buy the Running Foot - February 2-24

Gallery Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday 11-5

Friday & Saturday 11-6



DISCOVERING ART

Cloverdale Arts Alliance successfully completes second series of Art Appreciation Classes, titled "Museum Masterpieces: The Louvre." This three month program of art appreciation classes explored and examined the artistic treasures housed in the famed Parisian museum.

Cloverdale Arts Alliance looks forward to presenting yet another series early next year. Visit www.cloverdale-artsalliance.org and/or check e-mails for dates, times and topics.



Membership News

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance would like to thank all of you who have renewed your membership this last quarter and we welcome the following new members:

Art and Nancy Trujillo	Heidi and Wynn Bailey
Donna Ferguson	Betty and Lawrence Simmons
Dora Nell Ross	Dwight and Judy Peterson
John and Vicki Trowbridge	John Feare
N. Chelsea	Vicki Keever
Jeff and Tami Collins	John Lyons
Amanda West	Sherry Luginbill
David Shepard	Wendy and Gerald Sinclair
Jackie Cofield	Angel Fabela

* *When you are done with this newsletter, why not pass it on to a friend who might like to know about all the art happenings in our town!*

BECOME A MEMBER!



Single Senior or Student
\$20

Individual/Family
\$35

Business
\$100

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Company _____

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Please contact me about volunteering

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