

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Through the quiet winter months, The Cloverdale Arts Alliance continues to bring our high quality programs. With spring and summer just around the corner, the CAA is busy with some new programs and events that are sure to delight the palate of the Cloverdale community.

For the entire month of February, the First Street Gallery was dedicated to community art with its annual exhibit *Buy the Running Foot*. This wonderful and unusual event brought a considerable 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.

March 4th marked the return of the next *Discovering Art* series, titled *Art Across the Ages*. This three month program will present the first 12 of 48 lectures surveying Western visual art from its beginnings to the present. Find out more about this program, and take a ride on a journey of discovery and development of art through the ages.

Join the CAA at the historic United Church on Saturday evening, April 5th, for an evening of chamber music. The Glendeven String Quartet will fill the church with music that reflects nationalistic themes by Arriaga, Dvorak, Ives, Prokofiev and Grieg. This is an event not to be missed for all classical and chamber music lovers. Tickets are available at The First Street Gallery.

Soon it will be time to dust off your lawn chairs and dig out your dancing shoes as Friday Night Live will return for its 6th season. This summer's outdoor world music and dance series will run June 13th through August 22nd. The downtown plaza is the place to be every Friday at 7:30 pm for 10 evenings of world-class music.

The First Street Gallery and its 12 member artists continue to bring original two and three-dimensional art to the Cloverdale community. From oil painting to sculpture, ceramic and fused glass; you'll be pleasantly surprised by how much talent is in this area. Make sure to stop by the next time you're downtown.

2008 will mark the 6th year of celebrating public art with the Annual Cloverdale Sculpture Exhibit. The Cloverdale Arts Alliance is honored to assume management of this important program in 2008. The exhibit enlivens our plaza each year beginning in June for the benefit of the local community and those visiting our town. This event is helping to make Cloverdale an Arts Destination in Sonoma County.

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance is a volunteer organization dedicated to bringing art in all its diverse forms to the Cloverdale community. If you think it sounds like a fun way to get involved with our community...you are right! Stop by the First Street Gallery, call us at 894-4410 or email us at info@cloverdaleartsalliance.org. We're looking for folks who can volunteer in a variety of capacities.

Beth McEnery – President, CAA

Chamber Music Comes to Cloverdale



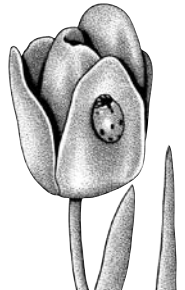
The United Church is the place to be on Saturday, April 5th, for an evening of classical music from around the world. The Cloverdale Arts Alliance is proud to welcome the Glendeven String Quartet as they perform "Five Flavors of Nationalist Music". The evening's program will begin at 7:30pm with a reception immediately following the performance at the First Street Gallery.

The program will feature the Glendeven String Quartet performing and discussing music by composers Arriaga, Dvorak, Ives, Prokofiev and Grieg. The musical selection reflects nationalistic influences from Europe, Russia and America on these composers. The ensemble will demonstrate how each composer incorporates the colors of their cultural heritage into their personal style.

The Glendeven String Quartet is currently "resident ensemble" of Russian River Chamber Music. The group was formed in the Fall of 2000 and has been performing for enthusiastic audiences since that time. These four skilled musicians communicate with their listeners through diverse and engaging programs delivered with grace, energy and commitment.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the First Street Gallery for \$12 for CAA members/ \$15 general. This is an event you'll not want to miss, so get your tickets early. Tickets at the door will be \$18. Call 894-4410 for reservations or information.

The United Church is located at 439 N. Cloverdale Blvd, and The First Street Gallery is at 105 E. First Street.





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ANNUAL SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

Fourteen Sculptures Head for the Plaza in 2008 For Exhibit

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. This year we will showcase 14 sculptures selected by a team of experts from the large number of applicants received. A panel of three judges will select "Best of Show" and present a cash prize to the sculptor on the opening day, June 7th.

Our judges this year are: **Debra Lahane**, renowned art consultant who built the Civic Art Collection Program on behalf of the San Francisco Arts Commission. This program is responsible for the cataloguing, care and preservation of public art belonging to the City and County of San Francisco. **Steve Oliver**, well-known art patron and owner of Oliver Ranch, one of the premier private reserves for site-specific art in the United States. The Cloverdale Arts Alliance has twice sponsored private tours from Steve Oliver of this jewel. **Allan Voigt**, who together with his wife Judy founded the Voigt Family Sculpture Foundation in 2005 to facilitate the installation of larger outdoor sculpture in publicly-accessible places. Some of the Voigt Foundation work can be viewed in Healdsburg at Foss Creek pathway.

Meet the sculptors and hear from the judges which exhibit is chosen as Best of Show 2008. Mark your calendars now to attend the opening reception, June 7th 4:30-6:30pm. We look forward to a successful 2008 exhibit.

BUY THE RUNNING FOOT ARTISTS...



Claire Carter



Joe Halstead



Bobbie Morrison

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE UPDATE

Submitted by Steve Nurse

The Friday Night Live team is starting to get busy, so I guess it must be springtime! Our volunteers are busy every Friday evening during the summer, but now is the time of year when the Friday Night Live team really starts to crank up. Our team is halfway through soliciting wine donations. This requires hours of phone calls, letter writing and visiting wineries to procure the necessary donations for our cause. In addition, the team working on obtaining sponsorships and supporters is hard at work following up on letters and phone calls. We see it as a perfect win-win situation. We get the sponsorship money we need, and the businesses and wineries get the exposure they need. Although we know we provide terrific exposure, it's not always easy to articulate the benefit of supporting such a popular event as FNL. So when you meet business owners who have supported us in the past take the opportunity to thank them and let them know how much you appreciate their support of the arts in Cloverdale.

When it comes to FNL, the focus is naturally on the performers. It seems there are more opinions than Imelda had shoes. You'd be surprised how many people remember the couple of 'duds' we've had, out of the 50 or so acts we've booked over the past 5 years. They are very quick to remind us. Booking performers is a long, tedious process. It requires soliciting ideas, obtaining samples, selecting the best ones, arranging dates and then working up a contract that suits both parties. All of this with performers best known for their talent than their business skills. One of the selection committee equates it to "herding cats". I'm pleased to report we're well on the way to finding great talent. We've got a couple of old favorites coming back, along with some new faces to Cloverdale. As an arts organization our goal is to bring refreshing, interesting examples of "world music" to FNL – the sort of performances you don't readily find in our neck of the woods, while at the same time finding performers that resonate with the majority of FNL attendees. It's a daunting task, but I'm glad we have a dedicated and hard working selection committee.

Our next task will be to develop the publicity and find volunteers for the individual Friday nights. We're looking for people to help with setup and tear down and to work the wine table. If you'd like to donate just one evening this summer we'd love to hear from you.

Here's a list of last year's sponsors: City of Cloverdale, Brandywine Design Center, Century 21 Real Estate, Frank Howard Allen.

Last year's supporters: Ace hardware, Eagle Tech Collision and Towing, Rueser Inc, Animal Hospital of Cloverdale, Antiques and Uniques, James DeMartini, Keegan and Coppin Realty, Mail Center Inc, Vineyard Valley Inn.

DISCOVERING ART

Cloverdale Arts Alliance announces third series of Art Appreciation Classes

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance proudly announces the upcoming DISCOVERING ART series, titled *Art Across the Ages*. This three month program will present the first 12 of 48 lectures surveying Western visual art from its beginnings to the present with a focus on the chronological, geographic, cultural, religious, and political contexts which influenced artists and their works in painting, sculpture, architecture, drawing, decorative arts and photography.



Classes will be held at 7 pm to 8:30 pm, every other Tuesday, starting on March 4th, at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance's First Street Gallery (105 E. First St., Cloverdale, CA). Each evening will feature two DVDs presented by a prominent art historian, with a short informal discussion following each.

Course curriculum is as follows:

March 4	Continuity and Transformation- What is Art? Art as the Offspring of Religion
March 18	Pre-classical Greek Art Toward the Classical Athenian Moment
April 1	Beyond the Borders of Classical Greek Art The Birth of Hellenistic Arts
April 15	Hellenistic, Etruscan and Early Roman Art Roman and Judean Art
April 29	Early Christian Art The Beginnings of Jewish Art
May 13	Christian Medieval Art and Architecture The Language of Romanesque and Gothic Art

In order to reimburse the Cloverdale Arts Alliance (CAA) for the expenses of administration and refreshments, a nominal donation (\$3 per evening for CAA members, \$5 for non-members) will be requested. Seating is limited to the first 40 participants.

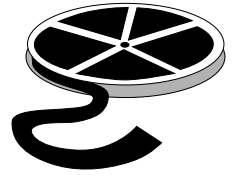
DISCOVERING ART is meant for a wide audience, both for those who are first discovering art, as well as those who have experienced art their entire lives, and realize that it is a journey of constant discovery. *Art Across the Ages* is designed to give you a firm familiarity with the basics of Western visual art, acquainting you with major artists and styles in various media and providing a broad foundation for deeper exploration.

Call 894-4410 or visit www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org for further information and full schedule regarding this or the many other fine Cloverdale Art Alliance programs.

Real Flicks, Like No Other

By Diane Browning

Come to think of it, there's really nothing comparable to our own little grassroots independent film series, Real Flicks, in any other community in Sonoma County. Three short years ago, the non-profit Cloverdale Arts Alliance initiated its movie series, initially on a once-a-month basis. Shortly thereafter, along came Bill Lambert.



A local movie buff, Bill was delighted and intrigued by the possibilities of showcasing less mainstream movies here in his own hometown of Cloverdale. With characteristic enthusiasm, he threw himself into the effort. Regular Real Flicks attendees are familiar with Bill's well researched introductions to each movie, complete with handouts and featured "letter," a playful homage to the kids' TV show Sesame Street. Despite his busy schedule, Bill comes out to introduce each movie on both Monday and Tuesday nights, on the second and fourth weeks of each month. A super-friendly and engaging guy, Bill also puts his personality to good use when facilitating discussions about featured films immediately after each Monday night showing at the CAA Art Gallery. In recognition of his commitment to the local arts scene, Bill is now the newly elected president of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance.

In conclusion, let's applaud the letter "B" for Cloverdale's Bill Lambert – he's bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, a busy booster whose dedication benefits all movie lovers here in Cloverdale. Bravo, Bill – thanks for making Cloverdale's film series the very best!



FIRST STREET GALLERY UPDATE

If you missed our March 1st reception for our current show "Breaking New Ground", you can catch the exhibit through April 13th. We are currently showing works from 11 fine local artists with many new pieces.

This spring, we will be "Blooming" on April 16th with more new works, and likely some new talent, as we've had several individuals submit their applications to join the First Street Gallery. Come in & see how we've grown!

On June 4th, anticipate even more special & unusual artworks as all the artists think "Outside the Box". All mediums will be involved, but with an emphasis on 3D work to tie in with the 2008 Cloverdale Sculpture Exhibit.

July 9th will be heating up when several Guest Artists from New York plan to visit, collaborate and share space with several of our resident artists here in Cloverdale. Crossing over and integrating different art mediums is the theme, with video & the performing arts also getting involved.

So come into the Gallery to view the artwork throughout the year. Support the arts and local working artists with your purchases and become a member if you're not already. And tell a friend! Remember, art is the heart of the community!

Upcoming Events:

Chamber Music at United Church

Saturday April 5th, 7:30pm

Real Flicks

2nd & 4th Monday and Tuesday 7pm

Post-Film Discussion Group - Mondays

Night Writers

1st Monday

Discovering Art (Starting March 4)

Every other Tuesday, 7 - 8:30pm

First Street Gallery

Breaking New Ground - Thru April 13th

Blooming - 4/16 - 5/25

Opening reception 4/19

Outside the Box - 6/4 - 7/6

Opening reception 6/7

Gallery Located at 105 E. 1st St.

Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 11-5

SPRING INTO ACTION!

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance is a volunteer organization and needs the talents and time of people like you to make our events successful. Be on the lookout in early spring for an email invitation asking you to join us for a fun volunteer get together at which we will be signing people up to help with our many events. This is a great chance to meet other CAA members and to get out and volunteer within the community and support the arts. If you would like to get involved, you can call Charmaine Garland at 894-2738.

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:

Karen Eckhart
Gail Kennedy

Ralph Duell
Sue Jackson

CAA Members benefit from membership in many ways: with personal notification of upcoming events, discounts on certain events, a quarterly newsletter, and an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and become part of a vibrant organization with talented members.

Thank you for continuing to support the arts in Cloverdale! Without your support we couldn't continue to bring you the quality programs that we do.

** 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

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\$100

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Please contact me about volunteering

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