

Artists of Cambria

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The Allied Arts Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the development of the arts in Cambria Community.

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GALLERY HOURS

Thursday thru Fridays

1 to 4:00pm

Saturdays & Sundays

11am to 4:00pm

NOTES FROM THE GALLERY

Color and creativity are always on the CCA Gallery's agenda, and that's particularly true this May. It's the return of Petals & Palettes – the biannual pairing of flower arrangements and fine paintings.

This unique collaboration between the Cambria Garden Club and CCA opens on Friday, May 5, with a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The event includes live music, a wine bar and refreshments.



The show, by the way, has been around for more than a half century. Formerly held in Cambria's Veterans Hall for one weekend each year, the event eventually moved to CCA, where it now covers an entire month every other year. The current version runs through May 28.

Take in & pick up: As always, the featured show also includes a separate display of works by other artists – along the center's long hallway. It's recommended that submissions follow the theme of florals, plants and landscapes, but non-themed artwork is welcome, too. Exchange Day is Tuesday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to noon, with take-in of new art and pick-up of unsold pieces.

ART IN THE PARKING LOT AT CCA: Mark your calendars for the first outdoor fair of 2017! This one-day event is scheduled during Memorial Day Weekend – specifically Saturday, May 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artist spaces measure 10 feet by 12 feet – a taped-off blank section of asphalt along CCA's front parking lot. Entry is free for members, although artists must provide their own set-ups (tents are urged, though not required).

Good news: No need for a permit or license! All sales occur inside the gallery, with artists retaining their usual 70% while 30% goes to Allied Arts.

To reserve your spot, email Kerry at kerry.drager@gmail.com

Kerry Drager, Gallery Director, Jack Della-Bitta, Co-Gallery Director

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Behind the Scenes Odds and Ends

Like a well-cut diamond, the view is different depending on the angle of observation. And depending on one's vantage point regarding the Cambria Center for the Arts, one's assessment of the health of CCA may be as varied as this diamond's glimmer. What seems to be becoming the standard, the Gallery shows, the Theatre productions, and the Art Talks are maintaining a high standard of excellence. This is not just idle boasting--feedback both locally and abroad has been uniformly and enthusiastically positive. And if you have any doubt, just come out to any of CCA's events—you will not be disappointed.

Unlike this diamond however, not all of these assessments glitter. As I have mentioned in several of my past articles, volunteerism remains a nagging issue with CCA. The board has been searching for a treasurer since last summer. For the time being, yours truly will act as treasurer. So far, so good. But the search must continue to maintain a healthy status with the State of California (we are technically not out of compliance, just not in a desirable state).

Another issue plaguing CCA is our compromised website. As you may know, it was severely hacked several months ago. We thought we had it under control, but it still remains infected. At this time, we are cautioning members not to log on. If you happen to log on, it may work fine until you go to a link. Then it is possible that the blue screen of death will appear, freezing your computer. Fortunately, there is an easy escape with little or impact on your system. Simply hold down Ctrl + Alt and then press Delete.

Steve Kellogg, the content manager of the CCA website is working with the webmaster to either find a solution, or more likely to start from scratch with a new web engine. Bottom line: When we feel the web is secure and risk-free, we will notify all the members and friends we have listed. In the meantime, we will keep you posted through e-blasts and this newsletter, along with the customary snail mail announcement cards. Again, our apologies for the inconvenience.

Finally, on behalf of the board of directors, I wish thank you all for your continued support and engagement in this association—it does not happen by itself, it needs all of you.

Randy Schwalbe, President

THEATRE SPOTLIGHT

We are very excited to announce the installation of new Acoustical Panels on the walls of the Theatre. Joe Crowley, CCAT's Sound Techy, has spent considerable time measuring the sound and areas which need improvement by this installation. We are so grateful to Joe for his expertise, support and volunteer time to make YOUR CCAT experience "perfectly" enjoyable. Our thanks also go to the Cambria Community Council for their generous grant, making this improvement possible.

JUDE JOHNSTONE will be appearing on our stage, for your pleasure, on Saturday, May 6 @ 7:30 P.M. and on Sunday, May 7th @ 2 PM. Jude lived in Cambria for many years and performed locally until she moved to Nashville several years ago. She was the opening act for Bonnie Raitt on her recent Texas Tour. We're happy to welcome Jude back home and hear her new songs and music. Please join us at CCAT!

FILM NIGHT ON Tuesday, May 9th @ 7 PM (\$8.00). We will be showing the 1936 classic movie "It Happened One Night" starring Claudette Colbert & Clark Gable. Elaine Fournier will be our hostess giving us info about the making of the film, the stars and after the film a Q&A. If you've seen this on the "small screen", you're in for a treat seeing it on the "big screen". And speaking of films.....

HANG ONTO YOUR HATS was the intro in last month's newsletter to the event being planned for February, 2018.

CAMBRIA FILM FESTIVAL February 8-11, 2018

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Very exciting plans are in the works for this big event next year. We will keep you informed monthly on the progress of this event. CCAT has a wonderful committee working enthusiastically on this project and because of its scope, we will be asking for volunteers to help with the promotion of this event. Matter of fact, you can put your name on the list NOW by signing up on the website or calling Nancy Green (927-5951).

READERS THEATRE - May 26 @ 7:30 PM and May 27 @ 2 PM.....Original Musical written by Michael Kaplan & Mark Pietri, DANNY, COME HOME. Directed by Jill Turnbow.

Be one of the first audiences to see a production of this new musical comedy. Come and meet the authors.....

CURTAIN UP!

Nancy Green, Theatre Executive Director

ART TALK



Our next Art Talk is Sunday, May 21 in Conference Room #1 at the Cambria Center for the Arts.

Unlike many talented artists who stay solidly in their comfort zone while creating art, Schuster is constantly exploring new multi-media techniques to create her imaginative work. Her talk is designed to help her fellow artists dare to take chances and give themselves permission to loosen up and try new things.

Starting with fabric design classes at Cornell University and her lifetime love of weaving Schuster's talent grew. She received a Masters Degree in Fine Arts from California State University Long Beach and did post-graduate work in computer graphics at UCLA to round out her education. A Fabric Arts Symposium at UCLA in 1971 inspired her to try art tapestry weaving. Her innovative explorations in this field lead her to create work that was shown in national and international exhibitions. However, her ingenuity wasn't limited to textile techniques, she also explored painting, collage, and beadwork, sometimes incorporating several media in one work. Herself full of spontaneity, Schuster hopes to convey the "mood or atmosphere in her work to enable viewers to interpret each piece from their own perspective or experience".

Schuster is well aware of the difficulty artists have leaving what they know and do well to try new techniques and ideas. She insists that it is important for artists to try new ways. She hopes her talk will inspire some Cambria artists to create even more imaginative work.

As usual this event is open to all. Free for Allied Arts members and a \$3.00 donation suggested for non-members. Coffee and snacks will be available. For questions call 927-3291 or 927-1356.

THEATRE HAPPENINGS

BELLISSIMO Handbells with Rebecca Hendricks

June 10, Saturday 7:30pm (Wine Bar opens 6:30pm)

June 11, Sunday 2:00pm

\$20

Rebecca has been singing for many years and has added the magic of hand bells over the last 20 years. She has degrees in music and education from St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where she sang in the world-renowned choir, in addition to a career in corporate training and consulting.

She and her husband moved to Cambria two years ago and she joined the Cambria Chorale and music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she currently directs a hand bell choir. She is also delighted to sing with Lyra, the women's vocal group created by



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Jan Callner.

Rebecca is joined by her Bellissimo partner, Judy Zaretzka and accompanied by Kate Hepworth on piano.

Danny Come Home is an original musical from the creators of the SLO Little Theatre hit, *We're Canceling Cable* (And Other Empty Threats). Inspired by our own local headlines, the story is about a small town that is split in half over a homegrown controversy: who gets to keep a run-away dog? It's about the way rumors and public opinions spiral out of control, and how people fall in love and reinvent themselves on the internet. But above all, it's a classic musical comedy tale of Boy meets Girl meets Dog.



This is his third Central Coast production of original work, including *Love Town* and *We're Canceling Cable!* (And Other Empty Threats).

This production is the 2nd collaboration between Michael, Mark Pietri and Jill Turnbow.

May 26th, Friday 7:30pm (Wine Bar opens 6:30pm)

May 27th, Sunday 2:00pm

\$10

Tickets: brownpapertickets.com (800) 838-3006

Box Office (805) 927-8190

OPEN STUDIOS APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

Last call for registering for the 2017 Open Studios Art Tour! Application deadline is May 15th.

This year's Tour will take place the weekends of October 14/15 & 21/22, 10am to 5pm daily and you may choose to do one or both weekends. Remember, this year included with your fee, you will have an option to participate in a bonus spring weekend next year on May 5/6, 2018. Go to artsObispo.org to register.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Monday **Oil/Acrylic** and Tuesday **Watercolor** groups continue 9--12 in Rm 12 at Old Grammar School, through the end of June. Cost will be \$30--35.00 for session. Questions? Call Nancy Warrick 927-0756

Susan Jenkins is having an **Oil painting workshop** in the Mauve Rm on Saturday May 20th. Contact Susan at: SusanJenkinsArt@msn.com or 805) 203-5413

WATERCOLOR FROM THE BEGINNING A three-week course starting with basic techniques (brushstrokes, color mixing, values and composition), Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 12:30 - 3:30 PM, May 1 thru May 17, Room 12. Fees: \$15 per session for Allied Arts members; \$20 for non-members. For further information contact Steve Kellogg at sjk312@charter.net



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