

Next cabaret, “Rat Pack in Revue,” August 31



Remember those “cool dudes” from the 1960’s – Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dean Martin, Joey Bishop, and Peter Lawford – The Rat Pack? Their Las Vegas centered, “ring-a-ding” life style and cool, sophisticated, swing music entertained several generations and left us timeless memories of life well lived. This musical legacy was also the inspiration for Rene Daveluy of Central West Ballet, who created (choreographed) the wildly popular Rat Pack in Review for Modesto audiences. We are privileged to have Rene and the Central West Ballet dancers recreate many of the outstanding numbers from the show for our third Grace Lieberman Cabaret of the season. Get your tickets early as I’m sure it will be a sold out event. Tickets online at <http://mistlingallery.eventbrite.com> and at the gallery. Showtime is 7:00 pm., August 31. Champagne and desserts are included in the ticket price.

Autumn Art Festival Gala awards reception, Aug. 24



The **Autumn Art Festival** is approaching quickly. This, our 4th annual festival, is a juried member exhibition and gala, with over \$2,000 in prizes. There’s still time to enter your best pieces. The **entry deadline has been extended to July 31!**

The Aug. 24 awards reception will feature

live music by Mattea Overstreet, gourmet food, wine and a silent auction. The prizes will include member art, gift baskets and other exciting prizes. Tickets are available online at <http://mistlingallery.eventbrite.com> or at the gallery for \$30. Every artist who enters art work will receive one ticket to the gala. Entry information on page 3.

If you haven’t renewed your membership, now is the time. The CCAA membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. You must be a current member to enter the Autumn Art Festival. Jurors for the show are Susan Stephenson, Ann Bailey and Chelsea America. Cash prizes will be given in five categories, plus a Best of Show award of \$500.

The show opens August 13 and runs through October 4.

Donations needed for silent auction

We need the help of our members in order to make this a true fundraiser. This is how you might help:

- If you are an artist, you can donate a piece of your art;
- If you have a contact that you think might be willing to donate a gift certificate or merchandise, you might reach out to them;
- You might donate money so we can purchase some additional items for auction.

Contact the gallery 529-3369 and leave a message or email Mary Jane Kiskinen at jekmak@comcast.net if you’d like to donate an item before Aug. 10.

President's Message State of the Gallery: Yours, Mine, & Ours

One of the unique, fascinating, and mystical things about Mistlin Gallery is that it is, almost entirely, a volunteer member-run organization. That it has survived and continues to function, given this circumstance, is amazing to me and is a tribute to the members who have found ways to work together for the good of the gallery. Without a paid director and staff, or a parent organization, it falls on us, the members, to provide the guidance necessary for the gallery's continued success. What this means, fellow members, is that it's OUR gallery. It succeeds or fails based on what we put into it.

One thing that is needed for us to continue to function as we do and to grow as an organization is to stay in touch with what's going on. To facilitate this process, the board and I are planning a full members meeting for **Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 pm**. At this time, your board members will bring you up to date regarding the particular aspect of the gallery they supervise and will ask for your feedback and ideas for our continued success. Bring your critical thinking and creative ideas to this event and participate with your fellow members in keeping Mistlin Gallery number one in the evaluation



of our Modesto patrons, (We were recently voted favorite gallery in the Contentment Magazine's annual poll.) We'll send you an agenda for the meeting in a couple of weeks and ply you with desserts and drinks at the meeting. See you there!

The other side of my brain tells me to remind you of several seminal events coming in August. The first is the **Autumn Art Festival**, our premiere member show and primary fund-raiser. Get your entries in and plan on attending the **Gala Awards** function on **August 24th**.

August 31st is the date for our third Grace Lieberman Cabaret event. Rene Daveluy and the dancers of Central West Ballet will be coming to the gallery to recreate their hit show, **The Rat Pack in Revue**. Don't miss this exciting and creative event! Champagne and chocolate included.

Coming **September 12**: **Roy Stevens and Annalisa Winberg of Opera Modesto**



will be visiting the gallery as guest speakers in our **Expose Yourself to Art** series. They will be talking about their international experiences of bringing opera to countries around the world. 7:00 p.m., free.

Thought for the month:
"Those who hear not the music, think the dancer's mad."

CLASS program receives grant for Artists in Schools

We're excited to announce that the CLASS teaching artist program has received a grant for \$13,500 from the California Arts Council to continue their art instruction at two area schools. The Artists in Schools matching grant has helped CCAA provide art classes at Fremont Elementary School and Hickman Elementary School for the past 5 years. Teaching artists visit every classroom at the K-6 schools for twelve sessions each school



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year, teaching projects in drawing, painting, sculpture and design. They have received praise from teachers, parents and administration for the high quality of classes as well as being grateful for the opportunity for their students.

Open volunteer positions

Volunteers are needed in all aspects of the gallery's operations – docents, board members, communications, fundraising, education, exhibitions and events.

The following positions need to be filled immediately:

Vice President of the Board – duties include attendance at monthly board meetings, supervising progress of committee chairs and docent activities, and would serve in the absence of the president.

Fundraising Committee Chair – head a committee that seeks funding sources such as grants, donors, and other fundraising activities.

Publicity Coordinator – takes key gallery information and writes press releases and articles for area publications including magazines, newspapers and other news sources, on a timely schedule.

If you're interested in serving in one of these positions or would like more information, call president, David Schroeder, at 209-402-6092 or email schroederdavid64@gmail.com for information on how you can help!



Upcoming workshops:

Basic Gourd Art Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 12th and Sunday, Oct. 13th

Students will sketch a design on a gourd surface, then using a combination of woodburning, dyes and metallic highlighting pigment, they will bring their design to life on an intact gourd. An option to make a bird house will be available. \$150.00 registration fee for 2 days. Materials fee of \$35 is paid directly to instructor. All supplies, including the gourd, are furnished. Classes will run on Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. and Sunday will be 10:00 am until 3:00 pm or until we finish which may be earlier. We will break 1/2 hr. for lunch each day. When signing up at the gallery, a mandatory \$45.00 deposit will hold your spot. Any questions please call instructor, Bernadette Burns, at 209-681-3687.



Animal Portraits in Pastel with Chris Obers

Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22, 10am - 3 pm

In this two-day workshop participants will learn techniques for accurately representing the subject of their choosing. The medium will be soft pastels in stick form and pencils. Christine will show you how to work with values and create a strong composition. Subjects can be a favorite dog, cat, horse or hamster or...even wild birds and animals.

Instructor, Christine Obers is an internationally recognized pastel artist, known for her animal portraits.

Registration fee is \$170 for the two-day workshop.

Find information and register for classes at Mistlin Gallery, 1015 J Street, or online at <http://mistlingallery.eventbrite.com>



2020 Exhibition Highlights

by Marianne Ward, exhibition chair

The CCAA board has approved the 2020 exhibition schedule! We were just voted best gallery in Stanislaus county, the second time in three years, by Contentment Health Magazine, so maybe we'll do it again. Here are a few of the highlights for the next year:

We'll open 2020 with a member show in gallery B, **Valley Impressions, Figures and Abstracts**. Gallery A will feature a showing of the work of **Susan Maithya**. Susan is from Kenya, Africa and will show her stylized works of people and animals.

In February, David Schroeder will present another photo Modesto. This time it's **Collision V** showcasing photographers paired once again with local poets.

March, as always, is devoted to our children's show, **Young@Art** which features over 200 works by students from 0-18.

In April we'll repeat **Meet the Artist** which helps us get to know our member artists a little better by including their biography and a "mini" gallery of their work. In May the Country Crossroads Quilters return with another **Fiber Arts** exhibition.

Shows 6 and 7 are new to the gallery. Show 6 (June) will be a juried **Plein Aire** exhibit open to all artists in Northern California. Chella and Rick Ingraham are the show hosts. We'll be trying out online entries and jurying for this one – details to follow soon.

In gallery A for show 7, we'll feature an **homage to the ratification of the 19th amendment** – anything to do with women's rights, from portraits of suffragettes to the 'me, too' movement. Gallery B will be devoted to an **Americana** theme since this show is scheduled for July.

The remainder of the year will be **Autumn Arts Festival V**, followed by Memorial Medical Center's **Healing Arts** exhibit and closing with our annual member show, **Home for the Holidays**.

We're also planning to do some pop up shows (one day to one week) here and there like the **Congressional Student Art Show** and works by the Friday open studio artists.

Entry and receiving dates for all shows will be posted on our website calendar soon, <https://ccaagallery.org/calendar/300/>, as well as email news updates in your in box.

“Featured Artist” window space available to members in good standing

Would you like to be a featured artist in 2020? We're taking names of interested member artists to be featured in our front window in 2020. You can hang whatever pieces you want in the space and get some great additional promotion for your work.

Member Meeting August 1st

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A brief history of CCAA and Mistlin Gallery

1950: Persons interested in forming a group met in the basement of the McHenry Library. This group included Chella Gonsalves and Carolyn Rossmann who are still active members! The First show of CCAL was held at the Winter Gardens.

1951: A sales and rental gallery was formed.

1968: First show in cooperation with Gallo Winery, held in the administration building atrium.

1972: After several moves, the group landed in the basement of the newly formed McHenry Museum on I Street.

1974: First Young Master's student art show (now called Young@Art)



Photo by Bill Harris

1987: Granted non-profit status as an organization of volunteers and artists working to promote the visual arts.

2003: Remodeling at the McHenry Museum necessitated a move from the basement gallery. It was decided to move to the J Street space we now occupy. The goal of moving to this space was to have a more professional gallery presence.

2009: Financial troubles caused a reorganization of the board and the Mistlin Foundation committed funding to keep the J Street gallery from closing.

2019: CCAA and the Mistlin Gallery offer a wide range of programming including the annual Autumn Art Festival, the CLASS teaching artist program, the Grace Lieberman cabaret concert series, exhibitions, lectures, classes, a gift shop and more!

Would you like to make a donation? Central California Art Association is a 501c3 non-profit. We use donations to run Mistlin Gallery, including art exhibitions, classes for children and adults, and art education programs in area schools. Donations can be mailed to 1015 J Street, Modesto 95354 or made online at <http://ccaagallery.org> through PayPal or by credit card. We appreciate your generosity!



July's gallery window featured abstract artist, **Arron Buttram**. Arron is a nurse by day, but loves working with color, shape and line in his art. @arron_buttram_art


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