

President's Message Happy New Year

"Out with the old. In with the new!"

This common, New Year's phrase has been taken literally at the gallery. If you haven't noticed, (you have to look "up") our frayed old gallery sign has been replaced with a new, aluminum version that will be more weather resistant. And, in a stroke of genius, Phil Murillo, the artist who designed and installed the new sign, took the old sign, added a bit of paint and glaze, and created a wonderful abstract piece of art that is now hanging in the gallery as part of the "Abstracts and Valley Impressions" exhibit. Congratulations, Phil!

Another "new" addition, beginning in 2020, is a small grand piano, which not only adds to the sophisticated ambiance of the gallery, but will be available for the cabarets we and Opera Modesto have scheduled for the coming year. It also gives us the opportunity to entice other organizations to use our facility for their small, classy events. Because of the piano, the gallery has already been booked for a piano recital in May.

The addition of the piano is courtesy of Christopher Bengochea, an operatic tenor (he starred in Opera Modesto's Carmen earlier this past year), piano tuner, supporter of the arts, and all around "good guy." At one last year's cabaret performances, Chris made the remark that it wasn't appropriate for great singers to be accompanied by an electronic instrument and he would look into doing something about it. He also wasn't keen about the high cost of bringing in a grand piano for special events. Several months ago,



Above, work by Phil Murillo.

he was able to purchase a small grand from one his customers and decided to leave it on relatively permanent loan at our gallery. Although it may be removed temporarily for other events around town, such as the production of Mansfield Park at the State Theater in January, it is ours to use and share.

One additional note re. Chris and the piano, is that he and his wife, Sandra, also an opera singer and vocal instructor at Stan State and San Jose State, will be appearing in our cabaret series in September of 2020, performing a pop, Broadway, jazz, blues, rock, opera, crossover concert. (He won't tell me what, exactly, but says it will be highly entertaining and not opera based.)

Beyond that, I'm looking forward to a year filled with artistically exciting events at the gallery. Several highlight



in our exhibit season come to mind. In February, **fo-toMODESTO** will be featuring **Collision VI**, an always popular poetry/photography, event, coupled with a special showing of The Modestan, a



retrospective look at Modesto through the lens of Adrian Mendoza – a Bee photographer and Modesto chronicler for several decades. In June, Chella, Rick Ingraham, and Carson Grubaugh will be hosting an invitational, juried Plein Air Show. And, in July there will be an event-filled show focused on the celebration of the 19th amendment – woman's suffrage – and women's achievements in America. And these are just a few highlights to our other great shows and the schedule of **Expose Yourself (to Art)** lectures and our popular **Grace Lieberman Cabaret** series. More info on those inside.

Stay tuned, the best is yet to come!

David

Cabaret series set for 2020, season tickets available now

An exciting lineup of shows is set for our Grace Lieberman Cabaret concert series. Tickets for the season of concerts is available now through March 14 for a discounted price of \$160 for all four concerts. Tickets can be purchased at the gallery, or online at mistlingallery.eventbrite.com

The first concert, March 14, will feature **Synergy Chamber Players** presenting pieces both classical and contemporary in nature in **Music of the Americas**. As an added bonus, local artist, Nicole Slater, painting a piece inspired by the concert as they play.

Synergy players believe music to be a synergy of the emotional, phys-

ical, rational, and spiritual aspects of human experience. Their goal is to share musical works that connect musicians and audiences in a direct, authentic way. Their show includes pieces of both a classical and contemporary nature and features a cello and piano duet. As an added bonus, local artist, Nicole Slater, will be present and painting a piece inspired by the concert.

On May 9, **Karolina Syrovatkova** will return as **"The Lady in a Bow Tie"** about a pioneering woman composer and conductor.

Sandra and Christopher Bengochea will present an exciting vocal concert on September 12 featuring "a little

opera, a little Broadway, a little pop..."

The final concert of the season, November 7, is the **Rykert Trio**, vocalists who recently won the Valley Talent Project. Joe Rykert is also a cancer survivor and their show is scheduled to be a part of our Healing Arts exhibit, sponsored by Memorial Medical Center's Complementary Therapy program. Their show is an eclectic blend of contemporary and inspirational music.

Ticket prices of \$50 (VIP Table Seating), \$30 (General Admission) and \$20 (Student) include refreshments and dessert. CCAA members are entitled to \$40 VIP tickets.

Cabaret artists are sponsored by generous donations from Sandy and Randy Clark, Diane and Tom Changnon, Pat and Allan Ramsay, Patricia and Joseph Lima, and the Memorial Medical Center's Complementary Therapy Program. Chris Bengochea has generously donated the grand piano that now graces the gallery.

Top to bottom:
Eric Sheaffer
of Synergy,
Sandra and Chris
Bengochea,
Karolina
Syrovatkova and
the **Rykert Trio**.



Women in America: An Artistic Celebration of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment

Between June 30 and July 31, 2020, Mistlin Gallery will be curating an exhibition of art and activities inspired by women's achievements in America. To get involved in the planning, contact Linda at class.ccaa@gmail.com Events will include:

Open Art Show - Women in America - June 30 to July 31, 2020 on the theme of celebrating women's achievements in America. Entry information at ccaagallery.org/current-upcoming-shows/

Thursday, July 16 - Art Walk, hands-on art history activity for families, suffrage trivia game, voter registration

Sunday, July 19 - Poetry Reading with the Stanislaus branch of the American Pen Women.

Thursday, July 23 - SCCW annual meeting and open house for local Women's organizations.

Saturday July 25 Concert - featuring Patty Castillo Davis and girlfriends. Fundraiser for our art education programs.

July 6-10 - Art Camp with projects inspired by women artists, for kids, teens and adults. Registration opens soon.

Gift Shop Artists:

There will be **NO gift shop receiving in February**. Please bring new works for review on March 10. A new and revised set of guidelines for the gift shop has been approved and will be distributed soon. Please make sure you're aware of criteria and regulations regarding your gift shop works. The guidelines can be downloaded from our website at <https://ccaagallery.org/gift-shop/>

Upcoming classes

Pastel Portraits from a Photograph with Chris Obers

Saturday/Sunday, March 7-8
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Chris will instruct how to use graphite paper to get a good likeness, and use pastel pencils to achieve fine detail. Bring your own supplies. Nothing larger than 11x14 sanded paper or board. Max 8 students. No walk-in's. Students can call instructor, Chris Obers at 209-535-2956. \$170 registration. Ages 18 and up.

Screen Printing 101 with Chris Garcia (Myth and Arrow Press)

Saturday/Sunday, March 14-15
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ages 12 and up. Come and learn the bold and versatile art form of screenprinting. You can be a complete beginner or someone looking to brush up on their skills. A two day class that will show you how to take your art, hand drawn or digital files (photos), and create hand pulled screen prints. You will learn how to make an edition of prints (two colors) as well as garment printing on T-shirt and tote bag. All supplies included in fee (You may bring additional things to print on) Cost: \$150 Must register before March 1.

Preschooler/Adult Art Exploration

Thursdays, March 26 – April 30
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a fun, low stress exploration of art materials and creativity aimed at pre-school aged children with a parent, grandparent or other caregiver. Ages 2-5 and an adult. \$85 for six sessions, materials included.

Register at the gallery, or online at
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February 13
Adrian Mendoza
The "Modestan"
Photojournalism

March 12
Dr. David Chapman
Strummed
Instruments

April 9
Stella Berattis
Gillian Wegener
MoSt Poetry

May 14
Christine Obers
Art Travels in France

Artists
talk about
art!

Doors open
6:30 p.m.
Program at
7:00 p.m.

June 11
Vance Whitaker
Stage Make-up

July 9
Aaron Vickery
Modesto Mural Art

August 13
Ken White
Writing
Modesto's
History

September 10
Rene Daveluy
Central
West
Ballet

October 8
Jack Sousa
Prospect Theater
Project

November 12
TBD

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Donations received for Art Scholars, sponsors needed for Young@Art student exhibition in March

Thank you to our local **California Retired Teachers Association** for a donation to support Art Scholars, our teen program that runs this spring. At-risk youth benefit from taking 11 weeks of classes and will put on a show in April. Also supporting the program, we received a donation from **Target Circle**, Target's new community giving program.

March is Youth Art Month, and the time of our annual **Young@Art** student show. As always, we need sponsors for awards and support for the show. If you'd like to donate, or volunteer, please contact Linda Knoll at class.ccaa@gmail.com. Donations are tax deductible and go directly to the programs requested.

Photographer, Adrian Mendoza, will speak at our first 2020 Expose Yourself (to Art)

The Modestan: A Photographic Portrait of Modesto, 1975 – 2015, featuring photographs by Adrian Mendoza, will be on display at the Mistlin Gallery between February 4 and February 28, 2020. On **Thursday evening, February 13th**, beginning at 6:00 pm, The gallery will host a reception for the artist. At that time, Adrian will present a slide show and lecture titled, **#OKBoomer: 45 Years of Photography** by Adrian Mendoza. Every picture tells a Modesto story.

Adrian began his documentation of the life and times of Modesto in 1975. For 17 years he was a staff photographer for the Modesto Bee. Following the downsizing of the Bee in 2008, Adrian invested his time, energy, and money in airplane rentals and continued his chronicling of Modesto and the surrounding areas from the air. Although he moved to San Francisco

in 2011 and then to Santa Rosa in 2013, Adrian says, "I will never be a San Franciscan or a Santa Rosan. I am a Modestan."

Doors open at 6:30 and the program begins at 7:00. The purpose of this "lecture" series is to expand views and knowledge about all the arts and is free and open to the public.

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2020 Exhibition Schedule

fotoModesto: Collision VI
"The Modestan" by Adrian Mendoza
February 4 - 28

Young@Art Student Show
March 3 - 28

Meet the Artist II*
March 31 - April 24

Fiber Arts Invitational
April 28 - May 29

Plein Air Juried Exhibition
June 2 - 26

Women in America Open Show
June 30 - July 31

5th Annual Autumn Art Festival*
August 11 - October 2

Healing Journey Complementary Art Therapy Program Show
October 6 - November 6

Home for the Holidays*
November 7 - December 23

*designates member-only show

Entry information for artists can be found on our website: <https://ccaagallery.org/current-upcoming-shows/>



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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, programs, 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!



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