

From the Director's Chair

There's something about this time of year--the anticipation of watching a fresh green sprig grow into a burst of color as it flowers. Spring evokes the feeling of possibility with the sun's return and the lengthening of days.



Spring is also in the air at the Cultural Council. We spent the fall and winter sewing seeds of our own by asking grantees and the extended community for their thoughts. And, like any good gardener, we have tilled your feedback into the soil that feeds Santa Cruz County's thriving, creative and diverse arts community. Throughout this newsletter you'll read about the ways our programs are blooming with your help.

Speaking of new life, the Cultural Council is thrilled to welcome the youngest art lover in our midst! Andrew Ian Williams-Vaden was born March 2nd to thrilled parents Michelle and Jon. Michelle is tending to her blossoming baby and will return in June to lead and nurture the breadth of talent and innovation in our arts community.

As the newest member of the Cultural Council team, I'm excited to see what we will grow next with your support.

Warm regards,

Sally Green
Development &
Communications Director

Jury Announced for Open Studios 2011

--Ann Ostermann, Open Studios & Outreach Manager

Each year, the Cultural Council literally opens the doors to a wellspring of opportunities for both artists and our community. We've kicked-off our planning for the 2011 Open Studios Art Tour, implementing enhancements to this local favorite.

We are excited to announce an impressive group of leaders from throughout the Greater Bay Area who have been recruited to jury this year's talent. The new on-line Open Studios application and jurying process will increase exposure of Santa Cruz County artists to the regional community, and



Artist Aaron Johnson creates masterful oil paintings in his studio.

offer artists the ability to both sell and exhibit their work beyond the Tour.

The five-person jury includes Karen Imperial, owner and curator of Bryant Street Gallery in Palo Alto, Karen Kienzle, Director of the Palo Alto Art Center, Melissa Pickford, Director of the Monterey Peninsula College Art Gallery, George Rivera, Executive Director and

Senior Curator of the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara, and Marian Parmenter, Former Director of the SFMOMA Artists Gallery.

Jurors were charged with assessing whether each applicants' body of work is of professional quality for presentation to the public. Criteria on which decisions were based include artistic expertise in a given medium and a consistent body of work reflecting the artist's personal creativity and voice.

**"Very impressive line-up
of jurors! Wow!"**

--Ursula O'Farrell, Oil Painter

We extend our appreciation to the jury, look forward to unveiling this year's Open Studio artists, and to seeing you during the first three weekends in October at the 2011 Open Studios Art Tour.

For full juror biographies and to learn more, visit www.csc.org.



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Developments *in* Arts Learning

--Sonia Deetz, Arts Education Coordinator

This spring saw a resurgence of energy and enthusiasm for the Cultural Council's Arts Learning programs. Several new collaborations were developed, strengthening our well established relationships, leading to increased opportunities for local children to learn from SPECTRA artists.

May was especially lively. In collaboration with the Aptos Farmers Market at Cabrillo College, we held free children's art workshops, conducted by SPECTRA artists Kathryn Weeks-Griffin and Susana Terrell, in honor of Mother's Day and the Aptos Farmers Market's 35th Anniversary. Many families flock to the market each week to meet, have fun and shop, and we found it a great venue to remind folks of the relevance and joy of creating art.

Deepening our partnership with the County Office of Education, we collaborated to bring Family Art Nights to four schools in May: Ann Soldo and Calabasas in Watsonville, Tierra Pacifica with Alternative Family Education in Live Oak, and Gault in Santa Cruz.

"Family Art Nights provide a fantastic opportunity for parents and children to experience the joy of creating art together. This priceless experience depicts the importance of teaching arts in schools," said Michael Watkins, Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools.

Especially rewarding was the opportunity to work with the Tannery Arts Center to introduce new and prospective SPECTRA artists to the community.

Another exciting collaboration is in the making with Mariposa's Art, a program with a 12-year history of providing after-school art and music education in which high school students co-teach with professional teaching artists. By integrating Mariposa's Art programs with SPECTRA, the Cultural Council will be able to offer a broader menu of options to schools, giving students opportunities to experience and learn the arts.

SPECTRA Fast Track Matching Grants brought 22 artists to 44 schools this year. SPECTRA artist Susan Trimmingham returned for a fourth year of art residency at Mintie White Elementary School in Watsonville, as a result of our continuing partnership with the Women in Philanthropy of the United Way of Santa

Cruz. "The SPECTRA program has been nurturing children's creativity for thirty years," said veteran SPECTRA artist and Arts Learning committee chair Jerry Falek. "We're so pleased to see the program continue to develop and reach out in new ways." Cultural Council patrons feel the same way, as evidenced by guests at this year's *Primavera!* celebration. They raised over \$6,000 in support of SPECTRA!

The Cultural Council continues its efforts to keep the arts active and available for students in the coming academic year as schools continue to face decreased budgets.

Visit our website to learn how you can support Arts Learning through the Cultural Council: www.ccscc.org.



"Some kids are insecure but art helps them open up and let go. School would be kind of boring without art. We wouldn't have inspiration."

--Alexis, 11 years old
Kids' art at the Market participant

Exposure to arts learning:

- * Stimulates and develops the imagination and critical thinking.
- * Strengthens problem-solving skills, adding to overall academic achievement.
- * Develops a sense of craftsmanship, quality task performance, and goal-setting.
- * Teaches children life skills such as articulating a vision; decision-making; building self-confidence and self-discipline; developing the ability to imagine what might be.
- * Nurtures important values, including team-building skills; respecting alternative viewpoints; and appreciating and being aware of different cultures and traditions.

Source: *Young Children and the Arts: Making Creative Connections*, 1998, Introduction.



Judge Ari Symons volunteers at Kids' Art at the Market.

The guests who attended the Cultural Council's annual fundraiser, *Primavera! The Far Out & Fab 1960s*, exhibited pure delight at the prospect of enjoying fantastic art, wonderful food and extraordinary entertainment.



\$45,000 was raised to benefit local arts and arts education.

Santa Cruz City Councilmembers David Terrazas and Katherine Beiers enjoy a far out and fab moment at Primavera!

Creative Grant Proposals

--Nabil Ghachem, Grants Program & Technical Assistance Manager

The call for grant applications recently closed and we have begun reviewing these requests to support our community's vibrant arts activities. The variety and vitality conveyed in the grant proposals is truly amazing.

Proposals range from the first-time applicant artist/scientist who is exploring a multi-media performance through the DNA molecule, to the annual community event that brings people from all over the world to downtown Santa Cruz, to the Symphony, to events honoring the Saw as a musical instrument, to the classic rhythms of 18th century music composers. Individuals, too, are seeking support including a writer taking a first shot as a playwright, and a theatre producer needing a bit more financial support.

There are proposals from a well-established organization that "can't imagine putting out a flyer or program without including a Cultural Council logo," and a developing arts collective that can't wait to visit local businesses for fundraising support—armed with the "Cultural Council stamp of approval."

This is just a taste of what makes this community so unique. On average, Cultural Council grants help offset 50% of the cost of approved grant projects. The other half is covered by the artists themselves and through in-kind donations, community contributions, and ticket sales.

Cultural Council supporters are an indispensable part of the equation. Please keep the arts alive through your continued support of the Grants Program.



Full Circle

--Ann Ostermann, Open Studios & Events Manager

In the spring of 1991, my daughter, Laura, came home from Kindergarten with an amazing work of art, a 6-paned pastel study of butterflies. I knew instantly that it was special, not only because it was beautiful, but also because I could see my daughter's excitement as she told me about her class. Laura's butterflies came to life under the guidance of SPECTRA artist, Kathy DeWild.

In 1992, my daughter's enthusiasm inspired me to join the Cultural Council as a parent volunteer on the SPECTRA Steering Committee, where I became an advocate speaking at School Board hearings and in the community about the importance of arts learning.

Twenty years later, our shared connections continue to grow. I've been a member of the Cultural Council staff since 2002. Kathy continues to be a SPECTRA Artist, committed volunteer and works at the County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services overseeing the Public Art Program. Recently, Laura has come full circle by assisting at the Cultural Council as an intern for the Arts Learning and Grants programs. Through the years, I have witnessed Laura flourish creatively and intellectually as a result of her exposure to the arts. She brings with her a passion for the arts and first-hand knowledge of the benefits of arts in the schools.

The Cultural Council's 30 year history is rich and woven from a tapestry of our community's experience with the arts. We look forward to sharing more of these stories with you.



Laura Ostermann with her proud Mom, Ann.



County Gov't. Center 2011 Exhibit Schedule

April 11 – May 19, 2011 - 1st & 5th Floors

Cultural Council's Student Art Exhibition

SPECTRA: The Nature of Art

June 1 – August 17, 2011 - 1st & 5th Floors

- Val Hairrell - Painting/Acrylic
- Petcharee Tamawong-Benjamin - Photography/ Sculpted Fruit
- Peggy Hansen - Photography
- Chris Miroyan - Painting/Acrylic
- Melissa Offutt - Jewelry

August 23 - October 19, 2011 - 5th Floor

- Linda Curtis - Painting/Acrylic
- Jan Frank - Pastel
- Rachele Weiss - Textiles

October 25 - December 21, 2011 - 1st & 5th Floors

- Stephanie Martin - Printmaking
- Lynn Larson - Drawing/Watercolor
- Andree LeBourveau - Printmaking
- Jeanne Rosen Sofen - Painting/Acrylic
- Heather Richman - Fused Glass

"I appreciated the opportunity to show my artwork to a diverse audience. It was meaningful to show a body of work that reflects my love for our Santa Cruz County woodlands in a space that belongs to the people of the county. I heard a lot of positive comments, was invited to have an exhibit, and received a commission as a result of being involved in this program."

-April Zilber, Artist

Location: 701 Ocean Street, 1st & 5th Floors, Santa Cruz

Gallery Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

An additional resource available to the community is a first-floor area reserved for community groups to exhibit their artwork. There is no charge for the **Community Wall**, however, it must be reserved far in advance as this popular venue fills up quickly.

Learn more: www.ccsc.org.



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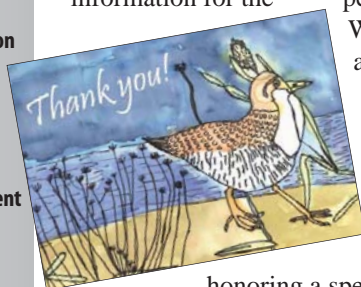
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Honor the extraordinary people in your life!

Has someone made a positive difference in your life? Perhaps there is a friend, family member, teacher or colleague to whom you'd like to express your appreciation. Show them your admiration by honoring them with a gift that impacts others. Your thoughtful recognition of people in your life will make a lasting impact in our local arts community! It's easy--simply send your donation to the Cultural Council with a note stating the occasion and contact information for the person being honored.



Within days, we'll send a handwritten card featuring a local artist acknowledging your contribution to your honoree.


Whether you are honoring a special person, occasion or kind gesture, a gift to the Cultural Council is a meaningful way to express yourself!

Learn more about the Cultural Council...visit

www.ccscc.org

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- * City of Santa Cruz
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Calendar of Cultural Council Funded Events

These are a few of the many performances and exhibits being produced by Cultural Council Associates and Grantees. Check our online Events Calendar for updates or contact organizations for current information.

Year-round

KUSP on 88.9 FM
(831) 476-2800 or www.kusp.org

Kuumbwa Jazz Center, Santa Cruz
(831) 427-2227 or www.kuumbwajazz.org

Museum of Art & History, Santa Cruz
(831) 429-1964 or www.santacruzmah.org

Pajaro Valley Arts Council, Watsonville
(831) 722-3062 or www.pvarts.org

Poetry Reading Series, Santa Cruz & Capitola,
(831) 464-8983 or www.baymoon.com/~poetrysantacruz/

Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz
(831) 426-5787 or www.scal.org

Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond
(831) 336-3513 or www.mountainartcenter.org

Spring / Summer 2011

May 20 - 29 - "Orestes Terrorist;" Mainstage Theater,
Theater Arts Center, UCSC; (831) 459-2159 or
www.shakespearesantacruz.com

May 21 - "Antiques Appraisal Day;" Museum of Art & History,
Santa Cruz; (831) 429-1964 or
www.santacruzmah.org

May 21 - "Celebrating Museum Month;" Museum of Art & History,
Santa Cruz; (831) 429-1964 x10 or
www.santacruzmah.org

May 21 - "Spring Gamelan Concert;" Music Center Recital
Hall UCSC; tickets - www.santacruztickets.com

May 25 - July 23 - "Let It Be," Latest and greatest artwork
from talented local artists; Santa Cruz Mountains Art
Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-3513 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

May 27 - "Mountain Voices - Poetry Night;" Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

May 28 - "Flowers & Music of the World;" UCSC Arboretum,
Santa Cruz; (831) 427-2998, Norrie's Gift Shop (831)
423-4977, or <http://arboretum.ucsc.edu>

May 28 - June 26 - "81st Annual Statewide Landscape
Exhibit," Santa Cruz Art League; (831) 426-5787 or
www.scal.org

June 2 - 5 - "OPERA: Albert Herring;" Music Center Recital
Hall, UCSC; (831) 459-2159 or
www.shakespearesantacruz.com

June 3 - "Free Noontime Tour;" Museum of Art & History,
Santa Cruz; (831) 429-1964 or www.santacruzmah.org

June 4 - "Across the Universe & Beyond-Symphony
Benefit with the White Album Ensemble;" Santa Cruz Civic
Auditorium; (831) 462-0553 x 10 or
www.santacruzsymphony.org

June 4 - "Our Threads of Allegiance Free Family Day;"
Museum of Art & History, Santa Cruz; (831) 429-1964 or
www.santacruzmah.org

June 5 - "Avant Garden Party;" Soquel; New Music Works;
(831) 425-3526 or www.newmusicworks.org

June 16 - "Tannery Arts Lecture Series," Tannery Arts
Center, Santa Cruz; www.tanneryartscenter.org

June 18 - "Japanese Cultural Fair, Mission Plaza Park,
Santa Cruz; (831) 462-4589 or www.jcsantacruz.org



June 24 - "Mountain Voices - Poetry Night;" Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

June 24 - "Summer Art Camp - Eco-Explorers;" Santa
Cruz Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025
or www.mountainartcenter.org

June 25 - "Ukuleles Gone Wild!" Concert; Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-3513 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

June 25 - "Evergreen Cemetery: Dig Into Your Ancestral
Roots;" Santa Cruz; Museum of Art & History, Santa Cruz;
(831) 429-1964 x10 or www.santacruzmah.org

July 1 - 31 - "International Society of Acrylic Painters,"
Santa Cruz Art League; (831) 426-5787 or www.scal.org

July 9 - "Boomerioa Extravaganza;" Beauregard
Vineyards Tasting Room & Winery, Bonny Doon; (831)
425-7777 or www.beauregardvineyards.com

July 22 - "Mountain Voices - Poetry Night;" Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

July 27 - "From the Mountains" Gallery Exhibition; Santa
Cruz Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-3513
or www.mountainartcenter.org

July 30 - "Ukuleles Gone Wild!" Concert, Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-3513 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

Aug. 5 - Sep. 4 - "Mix It Up! Mixed Media;" Santa Cruz Art
League; (831) 426-5787 or www.scal.org



Aug. 26 - "Mountain Voices - Poetry Night;" Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

Aug. 27 - "Ukuleles Gone Wild!" Concert, Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-3513 or
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Sep. 7 - 11 - "SCCMS Physicians' Art Show," Santa Cruz
Art League, (831) 426-5787 or www.scal.org

Sep. 16 - "Ceram-A-Rama Film Night;" Santa Cruz Moun-
tains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-3513 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

Sep. 17 - "Ceram-A-Rama Demonstration / Workshop;"
Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-
3513 or www.mountainartcenter.org



Sep. 18 - "Ceram-A-Rama Clay Extravaganza;" Santa
Cruz Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-3513
or www.mountainartcenter.org

Sep. 23 - "Mountain Voices - Poetry Night;" Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

Sep. 25 - "Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County's 2011
Open Studios Art Tour Preview Exhibit;" Santa Cruz Art
League; (831) 475-9600 or www.ccsc.org



Oct. 1 - 2 - "2011 Open Studios Art Tour - North County;"
Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County; (831) 475-9600 or
www.ccsc.org

Oct. 8 - 9 - "2011 Open Studios Art Tour - South County;"
Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County; (831) 475-9600 or
www.ccsc.org

Oct. 15 - 16 - "2011 Open Studios Art Tour - Encore
Weekend;" Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County; (831)
475-9600 or www.ccsc.org

Oct. 22 - Nov. 20 - "Works on Paper;" Santa Cruz Art
League, (831) 426-5787 or www.scal.org

Oct. 26 - Dec. 25 - "The Gift of Art;" Santa Cruz Moun-
tains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 336-3513 or www.mountainartcenter.org

Oct. 28 - "Mountain Voices - Poetry Night;" Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

Nov. 25 - "Mountain Voices - Poetry Night;" Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

Dec. 4 - "Drawing and Reception - Luck of the Draw;"
Santa Cruz Art League; (831) 426-5787 or www.scal.org

Dec. 10 - Jan. 8 - "Small Wonders;" Santa Cruz Art
League; (831) 426-5787 or www.scal.org

Dec. 23 - "Mountain Voices - Poetry Night;" Santa Cruz
Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond; (831) 335-8025 or
www.mountainartcenter.org

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grants from the Cultural
Council.

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attending an event this season!

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Donor Spotlight: Artisans Gallery

--Michelle Reynolds, Marketing & Development Coordinator

The Cultural Council is fortunate to know the finest champions of the arts. They generously demonstrate their support for the agency time and again, allowing us to continue working toward keeping the arts alive and thriving in Santa Cruz County.

One such supporter is Artisans Gallery in Santa Cruz. For the past two years, gallery owner Linnaea Holgers James has hosted a month-long fundraiser for the Cultural Council known as Hearts for the Arts at Artisans Gallery. This year, from January 14th to February 14th, Artisans raised \$2,515 from the proceeds of art sales for the Council.

"I purchased Artisans in 2009 at the age of 32 after working there for half of my life. Even with all the hard work of ownership and with the tricky timing of the down-turn in the economy, I still felt quite lucky to have a job involved in the arts, in large part because I was fortunate enough to have many artistic



Linnaea Holgers James, owner of Artisans Gallery in Santa Cruz, with her daughter.

opportunities as a kid growing up in Santa Cruz. I took art classes in town and at school from dedicated teachers, and was influenced by some amazing SPECTRA artists that I still see today. 'Hearts for the Arts' was a Cultural Council fundraiser when I was growing up and Valentine's Day is one of my favorite holidays. Artisans had our own

mini 'Hearts for the Arts' to specifically raise money to help put SPECTRA artists in local schools so kids today could experience art. I believe the programs supported by the Cultural Council really helped lay the foundation for me, and they continue to do so for children, providing opportunities to incorporate art into all aspects of kids' lives."

--Linnaea Holgers James

Thank You!

These artists exhibited not only their work but also their support for the Cultural Council by donating works of art for the Hearts for the Arts at Artisans Gallery fundraiser.

- Andree LeBourveau
- Bruce Holgers
- Carissa Dickson
- Cat Shelby
- Charles Prentiss
- Claudia Amling-MacFarland
- David Fleming
- Don Lobner
- Elise N. Mahoney
- Erika Perloff
- James Aschbacher
- Judy Miller
- Kim Parrish
- Linnaea Holgers James
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