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Fall 2007



The Central Sierra Arts Council, Farms of Tuolumne County and the Stanislaus National Forest join together to present California's first-ever Foothill Farmlands Arts Festival, created to support arts and agriculture in Northern California.

Wineries, apple ranches, family farms and historic farming locations will be the focus of this unique week-long celebration of the arts and agricultural traditions. Music and stage performances, artisan and artist booths, interactive demonstrations, activities for children of all ages, and local food and beverage booths offer visitors many ways to taste, see and sample agricultural products grown in Tuolumne County.

For tickets, see back page; Events listings on pages 4-5



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Dear Friends:

The Foothill Farmlands Arts Festival (FFAF) is now just weeks away (Buy your tickets now!). The FFAF is designed to provide benefits for Tuolumne County residents and serve multiple purposes for the arts council. FFAF is a way to enjoy the art, all kinds of music and good Tuolumne County produced foods in different kinds of venues—Tuolumne County's beautiful ranches and farms. This first year we are using seven locations. But, in future years, we will increase and change the venues as well as the entertainment of the festival.

One purpose of the event is to provide a continuing, sustainable, and reliable funding source for the arts council. With local governmental funding non-existent or stagnant, we must rely upon ourselves to create unique funding opportunities. Within the arts council's long-range plan are other similar fundraising activities. This paradigm funding shift is affecting most art councils throughout California and other types of non-profit cultural institutions nationally.

The festival event will also increase the importance of cultural and agri-tourism (heritage tourism) as a part Tuolumne County's economy. With an extensive regional promotion and publicity campaign, this event is designed to attract heritage tourists from the Northern California region.

These tourists are characterized by very advantageous business demographics. Compared to other tourist segments, this group spends 38% more dollars per trip; takes 38% longer trips and is more likely to spend \$1000 or more per trip. Generally they are more affluent than average. Even our scheduling of the event, immediately after Labor Day, is designed to cater to their traveling habits, since they tend to travel in greater numbers after Labor Day to avoid the "summer rush."

The bottom line is that the Foothill Farmlands Arts Festival initiates an innovative event, which stimulates agri and cultural tourism for Tuolumne County and at the same time opening up new ways for the arts council to serve TC residents.

Do your part to support our initial effort toward sustainability. Help get the word out to all of your friends and buy your festival tickets now!

Letter from Bob Casey . . .

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We would like to hear from you. Send your letters and comments to:

Central Sierra Arts c/o CSAC 48 S. Washington St., Sonora, CA 95370 or www.centralsierraarts.org.

21ST ANNUAL INFOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION & EXHIBITION CALL FOR ENTRIES

January 5-27, 2008

Opening Reception: Saturday, January 5, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Entry Deliveries: December 12-15

The Central Sierra Arts Council announces the 21st Annual InFocus Photography Exhibition. This is one of the Council's most successful shows and draws entries from across the State. Entry information and entry forms are available at the Arts Center and as a pdf download at www.centralsierraarts.org. Entries should be delivered to CSAC December 12-15 between noon and 4:00 p.m., for judging on December 16-17.

Each artist may submit up to five entries. The cost is \$10 per entry for CSAC members and \$15 for non-members. All works must have been completed within the last two years. Maximum overall size is 24" x 30". All works will be for sale, and a 35% gallery commission applies. All works must be framed.

Prizes of \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place will be awarded in three categories: Black and White (non-manipulated), Color (non-manipulated), and Alternative Processes (including Black and White, and Color manipulations). Manipulation is defined as to change the image from a realistic interpretation as seen through the camera's lens, such as solarizations, darkroom and computerized double exposures, colorizations, etc.

The opening and awarding of prizes is planned for the Opening Reception on Saturday, January 5 and the show will remain up through January 27.

For more Information contact the Central Sierra Arts Council at 209-532-2787.



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Foothill Farmlands Arts Festival Events

Field, Farm & Family Play Day

Saturday, September 8th, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Venue: Hurst Ranch

Artists: Hardluck Lin
Bill Roberson
Sourdough Slim

Come to charming Hurst Ranch in the heart of Gold Rush Country. Join in hands-on arts engagements: Learn to weave, make your own cattle brand, paint our Festival Red Cow, and more. See farm animals, pan for gold, ride the miniature train, play ranch games, meet Plein Air painters in the Olive Orchard, and enjoy great "cowboy" entertainment.

TICKETS: Adult \$8.00, Teens (13-17) \$8.00, Children (5-12) \$5.00, KIDS UNDER 4 FREE

Western Kick-Off Barbecue & Music of the Wild West

Saturday, September 8th, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Venue: Hurst Ranch

Artists: Faux Renwahs
Sourdough Slim

Yee-Haw! Come to a real Western Barbecue with locally grown culinary faire. Listen to the rangelands tunes of SOURDOUGH SLIM, FAUX RENWAHS and more. Plus, dance the "Virginia Reel" with CACTUS BOB and PRAIRIE FLOWER.

TICKETS: Adult \$40.00, Teens (13-17) \$10.00, Children (5-12) \$5.00, KIDS UNDER 4 FREE

Home on the Range at Fahey Cabin

Sunday, September 9th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Venue: Fahey Cabin

Artists: The Black Irish Band
Katie May Broderick
Sequoia
The Story Quilters
Zach Toberer

Step back in time to the lively mountain camp life of the early 1900's. Celebrate the rich heritage of our public lands and our local farms and their contribution to the quality of life we enjoy today. Tucked into the pines, this old cabin has been restored by volunteers and the Stanislaus National Forest, future plans include restoring the old barn.



The festival at the historic Fahey cabin features Plein Air painters capturing the scenic beauty on canvas, cowboy demonstrations, home grown foods, activities, music and other entertainment scheduled throughout the day. Old time ranchers and local farmers will be on hand, and you can visit our Foothill Farmlands Food & FINE ARTS Marketplace. Aspen Meadow Pack Station will be offering guided horseback rides to the beautiful Emigrant Wilderness. Event hosted by The Stanislaus National Forest.

ADMISSION FREE

Classical Musings: Music & Storytelling for Adults

Wednesday, September 12th, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Venue: La Bella Rosa Vinyards

Artists: Bach Chamber Ensemble
The Story Quilters

Join us at twilight for classical music offered by the Sonora Bach Festival's chamber ensemble, and hear stories "for adult ears only" told by our own nationally recognized tellers, The Story Quilters. Enjoy the robust flavors of La Bella Rosa Vineyards' wines and taste a sampling of hors d'oeuvres, prepared with locally grown foods. Plein Air artists will round out a late summer's evening near the vineyard pond.

TICKETS: Adult \$20.00 (no children at this event, please)

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Festival Gallery Night

Friday, September 14th, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Venue: Mt. Brow Winery

Artist: Coyote Hill

One of our festival highlights will be the Festival Gallery. With over 50 entries, this first Foothill Farmlands ARTS Festival Gallery exhibit promises to attract Tuolumne County's finest painters, sculptors, potters, textile artists, metalsmiths and photographers. On Friday evening join the artists who have been hand-picked for this unique exhibit in the Mt. Brow Winery Barn. Chat with Tuolumne County's farmers, ranchers and artists, while listening to the music of Coyote Hill and its own blend of jazz, blues and Bluegrass.

ADMISSION FREE

Golden Hills Traditions: Stories & Art

Saturday, September 15th,
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Venue: Cover's Apple Ranch

Artists: Arvada Fisher, Me-Wuk
Hardluck Lin
The Story Quilters
Clara Yen



Enjoy the great outdoors with your family at Cover's Apple Ranch! Ride the train, visit farm animals and the hay maze. All the while, you'll be entertained with Gold Rush stories with THE STORY QUILTERS, Chinese stories with CLARA YEN, puppeteers, traditional MiWuk Indian dancing, Chinese Lion Dancers and more. Plus see antique farm equipment on display. A full day for the whole family with hands-on art engagements and art demonstrations.

TICKETS: Adult \$8.00, Teens (13-17) \$8.00, Children (5-12) \$5.00, KIDS UNDER 4 FREE

Last Days of Summer Art Fair

Saturday, September 15th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Venue: Mt. Brow Winery

Artist: James Richards

A day in the sun and the vineyard with Tuolumne County's finest artists and artisans at the Foothill Farmlands Fine Arts Marketplace. Taste Mt. Brow's latest vintage, sample our county's fine food products, and enjoy music in the hills while browsing among Plein Air painters, potters, photographers and more. A glorious feast for the eye, as well as the tongue.

ADMISSION FREE

Swinging in the Vines

Saturday, September 15th,
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Venue: Mt. Brow Winery

Artists: Alma Melodiosa
Blue Shoes



The Grand Finale for the first Foothill Farmlands Arts Festival. Enjoy CELEBRATION CATERING'S fine dinner, created with Tuolumne County locally grown foods and meats along with fine Mt Brow wines and Snowshoe Brewery beers. Dance beneath the stars with music by BLUE SHOES and ALMA MELODIOSA, two of the foothills' premiere hot jazz and Latin fusion bands. Find original treasures at Central Sierra Arts Council's Silent Auction AND enjoy your last visit to our Foothill Farmlands Fine Arts Marketplace.

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ART ANNEX Workshops

Fall 2007:

CHILDREN'S WATERCOLOR: PAINT OUR FOOTHILL FARMLANDS with artist instructor Jan Palemone. FEE \$45/\$41.50 CSAC members. DEADLINE TO REGISTER—September 6, 2007! ONLY 14 STUDENTS! Fee includes supplies. For ages 8 & up. OFFERED AS A PART OF THE FOOTHILL FARMLANDS ARTS FESTIVAL

Children will learn basic watercolor painting techniques, color mixing, design & composition while creating a beautiful image, inspired by one of our local farms.

When: 4 SESSIONS. MONDAY & WEDNESDAY FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS
Sept 10th & 12th; Sept 17th & 19th; 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Where: The ART ANNEX, 19 W. Bradford St. downtown Sonora CA

More info: www.foothillfarmlandsartsfestival.org

BEGINNING BEADWORK FOR JEWELRY-MAKING with art instructor Vicky Vermeer. FEE \$40/\$36 for CSAC members. DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS 9/23/07! LIMITED TO 10 STUDENTS! WORKSHOP FEE INCLUDES ALL SUPPLIES

Learn techniques for weaving and stringing beads in preparation for jewelry-making. Students will work on bracelets, earrings and necklaces in this 3-hour class.

When: Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: The ART ANNEX

CALLIGRAPHY: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHANCERY CURSIVE with artist instructor Dianne Stearns. WORKSHOP FEE \$90/\$81 CSAC members. DEADLINE TO REGISTER—SEPTEMBER 26th, 2007! FEE INCLUDES SUPPLIES. 8 hours instruction.

Focus is on CHANCERY CURSIVE CALLIGRAPHY. Join top teacher Dianne Stearns to learn this fascinating and useful discipline. All materials provided.

When: 4 Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, OCT 3, 10, 17 & 24.

Where: The ART ANNEX, 19 W. Bradford St. downtown Sonora, CA

MAKING GLASS BEADS: INTRODUCTION TO LAMPWORKING with artist instructor Marlyn Hagler-Simmons. FEE \$70/\$63 CSAC members. FEE INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER—OCTOBER 2, 2007! ONLY 8 STUDENTS!

FOR ADULTS & TEENS

For beginning and experienced students, Hagler-Simmons will teach how to make unique glass beads using rods of colored glass and heating torches. Each student should be able to create up to a dozen colorful beads.

When: Saturday, October 06, 2007 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: The ART ANNEX, 19 W. Bradford St. downtown Sonora

More info: <http://www.myglassshop.com>

BEGINNING METALWORKING FOR JEWELRY-MAKING with art instructor Vicky Vermeer. FEE \$40/. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP 10/8/07! LIMITED TO 10 STUDENTS! WORKSHOP FEE INCLUDES ALL SUPPLIES.

Learn how to make metal chains, clasps and loops for use in jewelry-making

When: Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: The ART ANNEX, 19 W. Bradford St. downtown Sonora

**CHECK THE CSAC WEBSITE AT:
www.centralsierraarts.org/events.aspx**

CSAC Volunteers: Please come in to the George Post Gallery to pick up your special Foothill Farmlands Arts Festival mug as a thank you gift for your invaluable and indispensable work for CSAC. You may have received a little tag at the CSAC Volunteer Recognition event on May 5th to exchange for your mug. If you were not able to attend the event, or have started volunteering recently, please come in to get a mug.

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

MLA Juried Art Show

Mother Lode Art Association presents their 55th annual Juried Art Show at the Sonora Opera Hall to be held at the following times:

October 26 6-8 p.m.

October 27 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October 28 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information call (209) 586-0798 or (209) 586-9663

Plein-Aire Class with Jim Millard

A small number of places in a class with watercolor painter Jim Millard are available for CSAC members for \$200, a significant discount from the regular price. The Plein-Aire class will take place from October 14-19, 2007 in Yosemite and is arranged under the auspices of Yosemite Art Tours. Please call (858) 945-1817 or (949) 553-9130 for more information or e-mail cbieler623@aol.com.

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Sonora Bach Festival 2006 Youth Concert

September 7 and 21

Painter Dennis Garcia

October 5 and 19

Woodworker John Hongola

November 2 and 16

Ceramicist Harry Nakamoto

December 7 and 21

All programs are the first and third Friday evenings, 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Art Yard Sale

The Vault Gallery will sponsor an Art Yard Sale from October 1 through 8 in the upstairs Vault Gallery at 42 South Washington Street. Bring art and art objects to be sold beginning September 15 through September 28. Kristen Kestly, owner of the Vault, will examine and accept all items, which will then be priced and added to the show. Call 209-533-1384 for further details.

This sale will benefit CSAC. We are seeking volunteers to staff the sale October 1 to October 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

Formation of an "Art Colony"

Approximately twenty artisans are sought to form an Art Colony between Angels Camp and Murphys off Highway 4. An aesthetic environment, teaching, exhibit and performance space will be provided, along with opportunities for collaboration among artists. Please call Lynn at 209-736-4497 for more information.

Check our website for information on more ways to get involved at CSAC!

CSAC Members Wanted

The Central Sierra Arts Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening Tuolumne County through the arts. Your membership is very important to us! Benefits of membership are as follows:

- Newsletter
- Advanced invitations to members-only events
- 10% discount on Gallery sales
- 10% discount on Art Annex classes

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