



December 2025 - February 2026 **Art News**

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5564 Almond Street, Paradise, CA 95969

Engaging, Encouraging, and Enriching our Community in the Visual Arts



Holiday Boutique

Dates: December 6 - 31, 2025

Stop by Paradise Art Center in December to start your holiday shopping! There will be one-of-a-kind items, all created by local artists and artisans. You'll see paintings, photographs, jewelry, leather products, Christmas cards and ornaments, and more! It's an event you don't want to miss!

We will be open during regular hours almost all month long, Monday through Saturday from 1 - 4 p.m.



Calling All Fiber Artists!

We are having a fiber art show in February. Any fiber artist can be displayed! Membership not required. Please contact Ann Slocum, annkslocum@gmail.com, if you would like to participate in our first fiber art show at Paradise Art Center.

The entries must be submitted to Ann before January 20, 2026. Drop off at Paradise Art Center is February 2 - 6 and the show will be from February 7 - 28.

Opening artist reception will be held on February 7 from 4 - 6 p.m.

2025-26 Upcoming Art Shows

Want to display your art in an upcoming show?



Dyset Gallery Show Schedule

Member Shows:

Open to all Art Center members, no theme required.

Invitational Shows:

By invitation only. If you are interested in participating in an invitational juried show, please contact Greg Sanchez of the Gallery Committee at cubfan1a@yahoo.com

Get a prospectus at the Art Center or on www.paradise-art-center.com

Theme	Show Dates	Receptions	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
Holiday Boutique	December 6 - 31	-	-	12/22
Member Show	January 5 - 31	-	1/2	2/1
Fiber Art Show	February 7 - 28	February 7 from 4 - 6 p.m.	2/2	3/2
SkyCave Art Show	March 7 - April 4	March 7 from 4 - 6 p.m.	3/2	4/6
Member Show	April 11 - May 2	-	4/6	5/4
Member Show	May 9 - June 6	-	5/4	6/8

* must be between 1-4 pm



Nic's Wine Bar & Deli Show Schedule

Show Dates	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
December 2 - January 6	-	Jan 7
January 6 - February 3	Jan 2	Feb 4
February 18 - March 17	Feb 13	Mar 18
March 18 - April 14	Mar 13	Apr 15

* must be between 1-4 pm

Want to display your art in an upcoming show at Nic's?

Nic's Shows:

Open to all Art Center members, no theme required.

President's Message

Winter is fast approaching, and it has been an active Summer and Fall for Paradise Art Center. We are preparing now for our annual Holiday Boutique that has many different twists. First, this will not be a one- or two-day event but will open December 6th and run until the end of the month or as long as the artist/crafters want to sell their wares. Second it will be in Dysert Gallery as the monthly show there. This will also allow us to not disrupt the classroom in any way. A map is drawn and sign-ups are ongoing for space. Contact Doreen at Paradise Art Center for more information. The final show at our gallery at Nic's for 2025 will be hung December 16 and run into the first week of the new year. We also have a new gallery at Paradise Brew Werks featuring Paradise Art Center artists Edie Abeyta and Maxwell Kilbourne as well as two artists from the Chico Art Center. After the first of the year the show will feature our very own Emily Wycoff.

I would like to recap the biggest event of the year as Paradise Art Center is very proud of our Third Annual Art Auction held at Burnt Barn Distilling Company October 18th. This was a profoundly successful event and cements our belief that we can put on major events that ensure funds to restore and keep up our 120-year-old Camp Fire survivor building on Almond Street. Yes we had a few minor problems that we will improve on but the numbers don't lie. We had revenue that evening of \$12,145 including ticket and bidding paddle sales and of course the art sales themselves. We also had the generous support of Cliff Jacobson and Melissa Schuster as our hosts, Jenn Goodlin at Rebuild Paradise Foundation and Staci Galla at Moms of the Ridge, Jason Pieper and Jamie Duncan at Paradise Brew Werks, Collen Corners and of course our outstanding Board members and volunteers at Paradise Art Center. RPF, MOTR, and PBW, along with countless businesses in town contributed all their earnings to the cause. Janae Frutos at Serving Paradise served up beautiful charcuterie and Still House, our band from Chico, was the perfect musical fit for our event. While we did incur expenses, the event raised over \$9500 for our continuing renovations in the pottery area. I am confident we can do even better in the future. My special thanks to "moving crew" Bill and Pam Hartley, Steve Ferchaud and Kim Politano and to our generous art donors including our members and a few new friends of Paradise Art Center. See you next year at Burnt Barn for the Fourth Annual Art Auction.

Rolling into 2026 we will have a Member Show in Dysert Gallery followed by a special Fiber Arts Show and reception and a show featuring SkyCave works produced as part of the Neighbor to Neighbor grants. The 2026 calendar for Dysert Gallery and Nic's is available in the Art Center and will be up shortly on our website. Cheers to all in this holiday season and thank you for the support! See you at the Art Center.

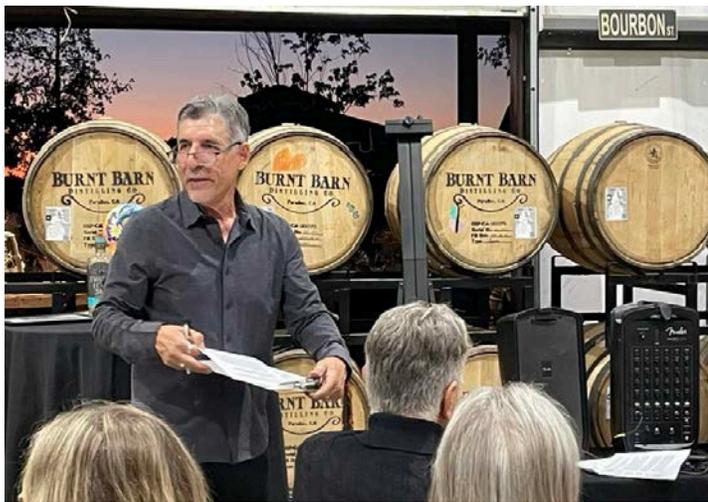
- Greg Sanchez

Thank You to our Volunteers!

The Fundraising Committee thanks all who have supported the Art Center's efforts and fundraising events of 2025. Our Pizza Night, Wine Tastings, Hammers & Harmony and the very successful Art Auction have made possible many of the improvements that our building needs.

Thanks to Patti Lloyd, Ann Slocum and Diana McCollum for their dedication to the work of this committee. We would love to have more join us as we develop fundraising plans for 2026. Contact Karen Voigt to meet with us at our January committee meeting.
858-254-8034 nomokavadc@gmail.com

3rd Annual Art Auction



Glazed and Confused - Reception

The Pottery Department's annual gallery show running November 1 - 29, 2025, has been a great success. The "Glazed & Confused" 70s themed show opened on November 1st with a fun reception and lots of traffic. Our potters/sculptors and many shoppers dressed in 70s garb, with tie dyes aplenty. Around 370 ceramic pieces were beautifully displayed (kudos to Greg Sanchez!), and sales have been brisk. Folks enjoyed the Jello shots, Spam bites, Rice Krispie treats, Ambrosia, deviled eggs, and more. Comments were overheard, such as: "This is the best pottery show I've ever seen here!" "Oh my gosh, so much talent, so much pottery!"



FACILITIES UPDATES

At Paradise Art Center we are always striving to keep up with and enhance our not so young facility. Those efforts are ongoing and we have had many successes over the past couple of years, including a new roof, repainting the entire outside of the building, repairs and new paint in the pottery classroom, repairing the mighty gas kiln in the garage, a mural with lights and new signage to name a few. The following is what has recently happened and what is in the plans for the near future.

Just two weeks ago, Budget Blinds installed new composite material horizontal blinds in both the pottery and fine arts classrooms. These are a huge improvement over the failing blinds that were removed. Thank you to Doreen for getting them here for an estimate. The board approved this purchase through the general fund as we have had an outstanding year of sales and the money generated from our extensive Neighbor to Neighbor Grant classes. We are continuing to fundraise (see President's message on page 3) for a major renovation of the pottery sink room. Paradise Art Center has contractor Kyle Ritchey from Ridge Builders looking at our best options and, in the meantime, looking at properly venting our two electric kilns. This is the next project to be completed. Smaller visual and functional enhancements are always being looked at.

These projects hopefully enhance your experience at Paradise Art Center and we encourage you to come down.

- Greg Sanchez



Post photos of your art work, get info about galleries and other art-related news, and stay up to date with Paradise Art Center:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ParadiseArtCenter>

Member Spotlight – Kathleen Dysert

There are many excellent examples of courage, some heroic, others of a more steadfast nature. This month we spotlight a member that exemplifies both types of courage, Kathleen Dysert. After a long career as a teacher, counselor and school administrator primarily serving the Willits area, Kathy retired in July of 2010. With her propensity to be where she is needed, her retirement was short lived. She began to serve as a 5-month temporary high school principal for the Round Valley High School and continued consulting with the district until 2019.

It was during a visit to Round Valley on November 8th, 2018, when she received the fateful phone call that changed her life. Her hometown of Paradise was enveloped in a catastrophic fire. She was one of the 29,000 residents forced to evacuate, left with only her car, an overnight bag, her camera and an iPad. Three days later her grandson, a U.S. Forestry firefighter was able to confirm the destruction of her home and the loss of her two cats.

The months following the fire were a nightmare series of challenges for those that literally lost everything. Survivors faced replacing everything from important documents to toothbrushes and housing. Having lost everything from her previous life, Kathy faced the question of where and what to do next. After considering offers to relocate from friends and family across the country, she felt the only path that felt right was to return to Paradise and to help rebuild the Paradise Art Center.



At the time of the Camp Fire Kathy had already been a member of the Art Center since 2010 and a Paradise Art Center Board member since 2011. She decided to return to post-fire Paradise with the goal of helping her community and the Art Center to recover from tragedy. In July 2019, after living in a series of temporary situations, she returned to Paradise having found a surviving townhouse she had remodeled. She then assumed the position of President of the Paradise Art Center Board at a very crucial time. When asked how important her membership in the Art Center was to her, she responded, "...Paradise Art Center shaped my entire life in Paradise."

Post-fire only 13 members of the Art Center remained out of a record-high membership of 163 before the fire. The 100-year-old building housing the Art Center sustained damage and couldn't be utilized for a year. This was a fight for survival and Kathy was ready to fight. With her efforts to coordinate fundraising, increase membership and encourage community involvement, the Art

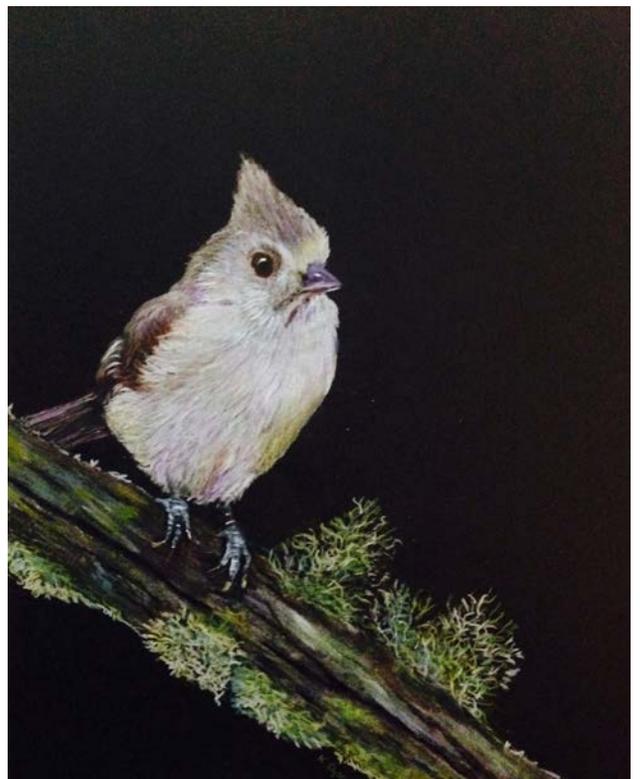
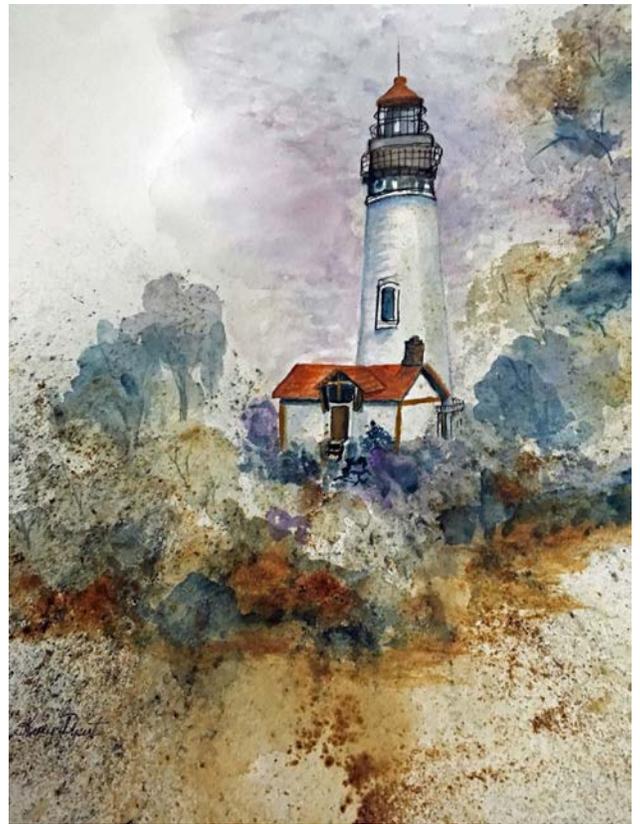
Member Spotlight: Kathleen Dysert

Center has become one of the most successful non-profit organizations in Paradise.

This dedication to the Art Center came from someone who at one time “was totally convinced I had no ability to be creative or the skills to do art.” Other than the usual childhood coloring books and crayons”, Kathy’s early exposure to art really began in the 7th grade when she was sent to Rome, Italy to live with a grand-uncle and his wife. When transferred to Washington D.C. Kathy continued to live with them through high school and was exposed to “all kinds of art and culture, but the only art class she took during these early years was Art History at the University of California in her freshman year. During these early years of exposure to the arts, Kathy found she “love[d] impressionism and the French Impressionists”.

An early intervention by two friends in Willits while she was working 12-to-15-hour days as a vice principal led her to take a decorative painting class during which she felt like “I had come home”. Since then, Kathy has enjoyed taking classes, many at the Paradise Art Center, and exploring a variety of media including acrylics, oils, alcohol inks, watercolor, graphite, colored pencil, pen and ink, markers, and pastels. Art Center teachers she has worked with include Yvonne Cramer, Vera Rogers, Kathy Presentati, Tony Slocum, Barbara Ramsey, Joanne Graham, Lenn Goldman and Christy Beebe. Her favorite media is colored pencils, which she ‘discovered’ through the artwork of Paradise Art Center teacher Barbara Ramsey. Kathy has thrived as an artist but admitted “there’s a small danger to loving so many mediums: my true hobby may actually be collecting art supplies. I only pretend to be an artist to camouflage the addiction.”

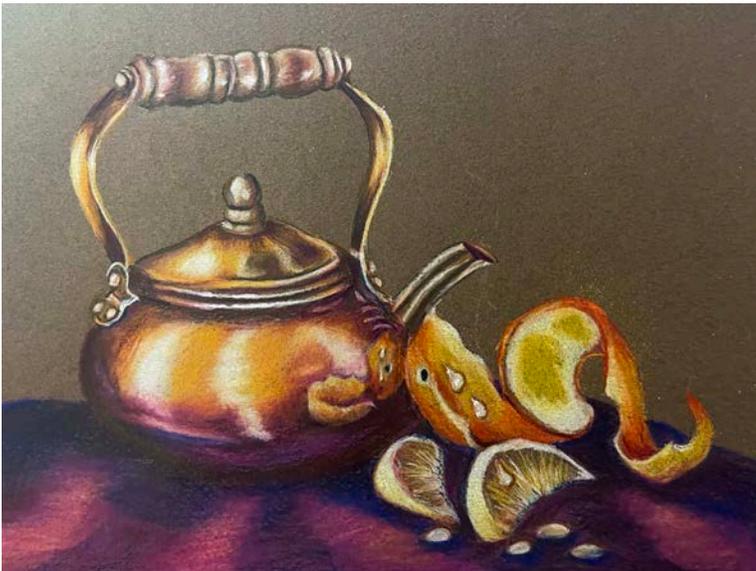
As in every life there are challenges to overcome. In 2005 she was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and lost her left eye. This left her with “radical changes to the way I was able to perceive both depth and dark colors. It took me several years to adjust to this and the new, different, and sometimes erroneous ways the brain tries to compensate for these deficits.” The resilient manner in which she dealt with the loss of her husband after a long illness and picking up the pieces of her life after the Camp Fire exemplify her steadfast courage.



Member Spotlight: Kathleen Dysert

Since retiring from the Art Center Board of Directors this year Kathy states, "I'm at a stage in life where my love of art makes me long for the quieter hours—time to create purely for my own pleasure and sense of fulfillment. Yet my deep appreciation for art, paired with my devotion to our community, keeps pulling me toward something larger than myself. I suspect that instead of slowing down, I'll remain joyfully entangled in the work of our nonprofit arts and culture organizations as we build the Paradise Arts District. It feels less like an obligation and more like a legacy project---an opportunity to help ensure that future generations can enjoy the richness of the arts, just as we have. If I can leave behind even a small piece of that cultural foundation, then the time and energy invested will have been worth every moment."

- Kathleen Presentati



PARADISE ART CENTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Ongoing Classes

Lab fees are charged for all sessions, in addition to instructor fees, to pay for site maintenance. Instructor fees vary by class. For more info contact the instructor or facilitator, or Kathy Dysert at 707-480-2426

Lab fee per class: \$3/member, \$6/non-member

Some classes are ongoing, you can drop in on the listed day of week. For other classes, contact the instructor to sign up because they are 4-week sessions (4 classes over the course of 4 weeks). To get specific session start dates and costs, visit <https://www.paradise-art-center.org/classes.html>

Classes, by Media

Instructors

ACRYLIC (Neighbor 2 Neighbor) - *Beginning*

(These are single-session classes) Each class is restricted to 20 people. All materials and instruction are provided. No experience necessary! Classes are step-by-step, and very positive and motivating. Classes are generously funded by Paradise Recreation & Park District.

Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00 am

- December 4, 11, 18

Fridays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

- December 5, 12, 19

Christine Mac Shane

530-370-1285

christinemacshane@gmail.com

COLORED PENCIL - *All Levels*

Mondays 10 am - 12:30 pm

Instruction focused on studying basic compositional rules, color theory, the properties of light and the application of a variety of techniques and approaches will enable you to grow as an artist and transform your drawings into vibrant colored pencil paintings as opposed to a drawing.

Kathy Dysert

707-480-2426

kdysert@pacific.net

DRAWING and WATERCOLOR - *Beginning*

Mondays 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Choose your passion...drawing, watercolor, or both! Mentoring self-expression through the artistic process.

Individualized instruction in a small group studio setting. We will review materials, techniques, style, design, and composition. Individual instruction will compliment each student's unique process.

Lori Tennant

tennant.lori@gmail.com

IMMERSIVE WORKSHOP - *Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)*

(These are single-session classes) This workshop builds on the themes, tools and materials used in the specialized SkyCave Arts classes. Gain ideas, feedback and inspiration from the teaching artists and fellow guests- artistic collaboration in action!

Sundays 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

- December 14, 21

SkyCave Arts

415-823-4418

PASTEL - *All Levels*

Mondays 1 - 4 pm; This beginning pastel class focuses on the application of pastels as well as blending of colors and creating texture. Instruction includes a pre-drawn lesson.

Joanne Graham

gundog777jg@aol.com

ONGOING CLASSES, continued

Classes, by Media

Instructors

POLYMER CLAY - *All Levels*

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. The basics of polymer claying will be covered. Learn to create blends, canes for slicing, faux-semi-precious stones, etc. Each four-week session, beginning the first Tuesday of the month, will focus on a new project, such as wall art, covered vases, mobiles, bowls, jewelry or wherever your imagination leads.

Sheri Schwarzweller
760-504-5056
sheriwindo@gmail.com

POTTERY: HAND BUILDING - *Beginning*

Thursdays 2 - 4 pm. In this introductory class all skill levels are welcome. We will learn the process of working with clay, its "rules" and tools and how to use them to create. We will explore the hand building techniques: coil building, slab rolling and the pinch pot method. In this class tools will be provided but, you are encouraged to find, make and/or purchase tools that you are interested in using as we explore.

Liz Mateson
3peastudio@gmail.com
[Contact to register](#)

POTTERY: WHEEL THROWING - *Beginning*

Tuesdays, 6 - 8 pm, Wednesdays 2 - 4 pm, Wednesdays 6 - 8 pm. Class will offer the beginner a chance to learn the fundamentals of wheel throwing. We will practice skills that will allow you to progress to become a proficient wheel thrower. We will learn centering, opening, pulling and shaping clay.

Liz Mateson
3peastudio@gmail.com
[Contact to register](#)

POTTERY - *Intermediate/Advanced*

Mondays 2 - 4 pm, Mondays 5:30 - 8:30 pm
In the ceramics class, students work collaboratively, sharing techniques and ideas to create unique pieces while fostering a supportive, hands-on learning environment. Students must have an intermediate knowledge of ceramics. This is not a drop in class. It is "ongoing", and meets every Monday. More advanced levels of pottery will be covered including hand building, wheel throwing, glazing, and kiln loading.

Claire Neal
530-876-4181
[Contact to register](#)

PRINTMAKING (INTAGLIO) - *Beginning*

Wednesdays 6 - 8:30 pm
This class will give students the skills and knowledge they need to make dry-point etchings at home using inexpensive and readily available tools and materials. We will use traditional materials, unconventional materials and even recycled materials to produce printing plates. We will print with homemade presses, inexpensive press alternatives and a full sized studio press.

Mark Hoover
markdhoover@gmail.com
530-864-0840
[Contact to register](#)

PRINTMAKING (RELIEF) - *Beginning*

Wednesdays 6 - 8:30 pm
This class will give students the skills and knowledge they need to make prints at home using inexpensive and readily available tools and materials. We will focus on cutting linoleum, rubber and wood to make relief prints. Students will have the opportunity to make prints on paper and fabric. We will print with hand tools, homemade presses, inexpensive press alternatives and a full sized studio press.

Mark Hoover
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530-864-0840
[Contact to register](#)

ONGOING CLASSES, continued

Classes, by Media

Instructors

WATERCOLOR - *Intermediate/Advanced*

Wednesdays 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Saturdays 12:30 - 3:30 pm

This class is a 5-week course in landscape watercolor painting for intermediate and experienced students. In this time frame, the artist will be challenged to develop a series of paintings with a common theme and subject matter based on the season. We will study other artist's works, explore color theory and mixing, painting techniques as well as in studio demonstrations.

Lenn Goldmann

530-343-1181

lenngoldmann@gmail.com

[Contact to register](#)

WATERCOLOR (Neighbor 2 Neighbor) - *Beginning*

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530-370-1285

christinemacshane@gmail.com

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Saturdays at 10 am - noon

- December 6, 13, 20, 27

OPEN STUDIO TIMES

Lab Fees only (\$3 members/\$6 non-members) • Days and times subject to change.

WATERCOLOR STUDIO

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm

OPEN STUDIO (any media)

Fridays 1 - 4 pm

POTTERY STUDIO

Saturdays 11 am - 2 pm (additional \$8)

Sundays 1 - 4 pm (additional \$8)

Fridays 2 - 5 pm

Sundays 9 am - 12 pm



BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are scheduled the third Thursday, every other month in January, March, May, July, September and November at 4:00 pm on Zoom. Agendas, special announcements and minutes of Board meetings are sent via email. Board meetings are open to all and may be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/artcenterzoom>. All Art Center members and the public are welcome.

Executive Board meetings take place in months the full board does not meet, same day and time.

Board of Directors

(through June 2026)

Greg Sanchez (26) - President
cubfan1a@yahoo.com

Steve Ferchaud (26) - Co-Vice President
steveferchaud@gmail.com

Pam Hartley (26) - Co-Vice President
sheriwindo@gmail.com

Doreen Fogle (26) - Treasurer
dafogle@gmail.com 873-5023

Karen Voigt (26) - Secretary
nomokavadc@gmail.com 858-254-8034

Patti Lloyd (27)
angelloyd48@yahoo.com

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Ann Slocum (26)
annkslocum@gmail.com

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jpotterwright@gmail.com

Paradise Art Center Committees

Committee Chairs:

Education:
Greg Sanchez

Gallery:
Greg Sanchez

Fundraising / Grants: Karen Voigt

Membership: Joanne Potter Wright

Community Outreach / Awareness: Kathy Dysert

Graphic Design (part of Community Outreach): Sheri Schwarzweller

Social Media, Newsletter, Website Committee (part of Community Outreach): Berta Roebuck

TV, Radio, and Print Publicity Subcommittee (part of Community Outreach): Brian Corbitt

Facilities: Greg Sanchez

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARADISE ART CENTER!

If you would like to help us make improvements to our needed building improvements, please consider a direct donation to the Art Center. Here are a few ways to donate:

- **Send a check** directly to Paradise Art Center, 5564 Almond St, Paradise, CA 95969
- **Buy merchandise or donate online through PayPal** via our merchandise website, <http://paradiseartcentersales.org/>
- Make a donation **via PayPal or credit card**, <https://www.paypal.com>.



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MEMBER APPLICATION

All memberships in Paradise Art Center are for one year beginning the date of sign up. Please make check payable to Paradise Art Center. Questions? Please call us at (530) 877-7402.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer

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Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

email _____

artist website www. _____

• include link on Art Center website? yes no

Art Center membership was referred to me by

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONAL MEMBER:

Name _____

email _____

DUES CATEGORIES - check one applies:

___ \$50 Single Membership, new or renewal

___ \$75 Family Membership, new or renewal

___ \$20 Student Membership, with proof

___ \$80 Sponsor

___ \$100 Business / Patron

Contribution to General Fund

___ Cash ___ Check # _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ .00

(For tax purposes, please consult with your tax advisor)

Membership Benefits:

Show and sell art in all member shows in Wheeler Gallery, cubicles, and other venues.

Pay lower lab fee for classes and workshops.

Link your art website from the Art Center website.

Possible membership fee paid for by GrouperGroups.com/ParadiseArt, if eligible

Membership Survey:

Paradise Art Center depends on volunteers. Please check any that apply to let us know how you can help.

___ Phone tree / clerical

___ Event coordination, planning, or assistance

___ Fundraising

___ Publicity

___ Gallery docent / set-up assistance

___ Computer / technical assistance

___ Construction

___ Yard work / Cleanup

___ Community Outreach

___ Committee Member

___ Teaching classes / workshops

___ Other _____

I have these business / professional / artistic skills that may provide support to the Art Center:

My artistic interest(s) is/are

Please mail this form and your check to 5564 Almond Street Paradise, CA 95969

Visit our website for updates and information:
www.paradise-art-center.org