



September - November 2025 **Art News**

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

## FALL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

This fall promises a vibrant array of events designed to engage our community and support the Art Center's mission.

### **Visions and Verses Art Show**

*August 27 - September 27*

Paradise Art Center kicked off the season with our exciting collaboration of art and literature. The "Visions and Verses" exhibit, curated by Patti Lloyd, opened Labor Day weekend and will continue to run through September. This unique show pairs visual art with inspired poetry and prose, offering a multi-sensory experience for attendees. The show will run through September 27th.

### **3rd Annual Art Auction – An Elevated Experience**

*October 18, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

This year's Art Auction promises to be bigger and better than ever! We're moving to a larger venue, the Burnt Barn Distillery, and enhancing the experience with wine and beer, live music, and a delicious charcuterie spread. This event is not only a significant fundraiser for the Art Center, but also a celebration of our talented Ridge artists and a vital investment in our community's artistic rebirth. It's a fantastic opportunity to acquire unique artwork while supporting a worthy cause.

Tickets are \$15. Scan the QR code, or purchase tickets at Paradise Art Center.



### **"Glazed and Confused" Fired and Fine Art Show**

*Opening Reception: November 1, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Show Dates: November 1 - 29*

Our talented pottery artists are back with their highly anticipated annual ceramic show, themed "Glazed and Confused." The expanded facilities and increased student participation promise a truly unique and exciting collection opening November 1st and runs through November 29th. Get ready for innovative designs and creative expressions in clay!

# 2025 Upcoming Art Shows

Want to display your art in an upcoming show?

## 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



## Dysernt Gallery Show Schedule

Get a prospectus at the Art Center or on [www.paradise-art-center.com](http://www.paradise-art-center.com)

Theme	Show Dates	Receptions	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
"Verses & Visions" Invitational Show	August 28 - September 27	-	-	Sep 27
Auction Preview Show	September 29 - October 16			
<b>Gallery Closed</b>	October 16 - 31	-	-	-
"Glazed & Confused: Fired and Fine Arts Show	November 1 - 30	November 1, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Oct 27	Dec 1

\* must be between 1-4 pm



## Nic's Wine Bar & Deli Show Schedule

Show Dates	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
September 9 - October 7	Sep 5	Oct 8
October 7 - November 4	Oct 3	Nov 5
November 4 - December 2	Oct 31	Dec 3
December 2 - January 6	Nov 28	Jan 7

\* 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

It is my great honor to address you in the Fall Newsletter as the new President of the Paradise Art Center and to welcome Pam Hartley and Steve Ferchaud as new Co-Vice Presidents. Also, please welcome Patti Lloyd, Marcia Regalado and Joanne Wright as new Board of Director members. We all have big shoes to fill after Kathy Dysert's long run as the executive director. Kathy guided PAC into the future pre-Camp Fire and then brought the Art Center to its' full potential post fire. As you may know by now, we have rededicated Wheeler Gallery as Dysert Gallery in her honor. It is a small gesture in comparison to her contributions. Fortunately, we can still lean on Kathy's expertise as she is handling Community Outreach, Paradise Art District (PATCH) and most recently was the driving force in getting round one of the town utility boxes wrapped from artwork submitted by our artists. She will also handle round two. Thank you for all you have and continue to do Kathy.

Goals are a funny thing to address because things happen, life happens and you know what else happens. Sometimes they are the same thing. My immediate goals are to focus on education with our current class schedule which includes the Neighbor to Neighbor grants from Paradise Recreation and Parks District, headed at PAC by our very own Christine MacShane and the fine folks of SkyCave. We have wonderful, hardworking teachers at PAC and we continue to look for more. As Education Chair you may contact me (cubfan1a@yahoo.com) if you are interested in teaching with us. Other goals include focusing on fundraising, especially the big Third Annual Art Auction at Burnt Barn October 18 (See ad in this newsletter). We still have much to improve on with our facility despite major upgrades already accomplished, especially in the pottery area. Finally, a major goal of mine is to focus on our membership and by that I mean all of our members, including our volunteers and board members. Reducing unnecessary communication, hours spent at PAC and shortening meetings is a priority for me.

Remember that no one is being paid at PAC and very few of us do the heavy lifting. Education is one way we serve our members. Volunteers serve PAC's members as well. We would welcome more contributions in both of these areas. Again, contact us if you are interested.

Finally and personally, I am always amazed at how our community is recovering and the contributions Paradise Art Center has made in this area. I am dedicated to continuing that as a 52-year Paradise resident. It is once again a honor to lead this great organization and thank the Board for entrusting me with it. Don't be bashful. Join us or tell us what we can do to be better.

- *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>

# Paradise Just Got a Little More Colorful!

We're thrilled to unveil the Utility Box Mural Project — a celebration of creativity, community, and color! Local artists transformed six utility boxes across town into stunning works of art, turning everyday infrastructure into eye-catching public art pieces.

## Locations and Artists

- Skyway & Neal — Libby Sofer
- Oliver Road — Emily Wycoff
- Skyway & Pearson — Jenn Ponci
- Skyway & Elliott — Patti Lloyd
- Maxwell Drive — Shelley Miller
- Black Olive Drive — Steve Ferchaud

These murals reflect the beauty and resilience of Paradise — and we're so proud to showcase the talent in our community! A huge thank you to the Paradise Art Center for partnering with us to make this project possible.

- Kathy Dysert



# FACILITIES UPDATES

For the first time in awhile things are generally running well at Paradise Art Center with the only exception being some items that funds are being raised to address in the pottery area. Recently new signage was hung on the front façade giving some update and direction to that area. The mailbox was painted black and new address numbers were installed.

As for those items in the pottery area, we are looking to first replace and rewire electrical for a new fan for the electric kilns. Thanks to the estate of longtime PAC member, Mary Ryan, this will soon be accomplished. Continuing fundraising from donations to the Art Auction are generating what is needed to replace the pottery studio sink and perhaps rework the entire room.

In the newly renamed Dysert Gallery new black display panels were ordered and first deployed at the Visions and Verses Show and will be used at the Art Auction at Burnt Barn Distilling Co. in October. Again, this upgrade displays our commitment to making PAC the best in can be.

With your help we have carried out so much to keep our old fire survivor open, moving forward and keeping the home of PAC vital to the community it serves. Stay tuned and get involved to be a part of the progress we continue to make.

- Greg Sanchez



# Member Spotlight – Jeannie Myers

In this month’s Member Spotlight article, we introduce a Paradise Art Center member who personifies the meaning of the word resilience. Jeannie M. Myers has been a member of the Art Center since 2003. (She is known as Jeannie Gleisner Myers on Facebook and “Jeani M” when signing her art.) During the time she has been a member – and in the years prior – Jeannie has met many difficult challenges with courage, grace, and positivity and has never lost her joy of creating art.

Jeannie and her husband Jim were displaced by the 2018 Camp Fire which destroyed their home. A few days before the fire Jeannie had begun treatment for lymphoma, and the fire forced her and Jim to evacuate quickly with only her medications and little else. A close friend took them in until they were able to find a furnished rental north of Chico. She was able to continue her lymphoma treatment in Marysville through her Chico oncologist and was in remission within several months. Jeannie feels the arrival of Covid was especially difficult for fire survivors with their already-major challenges. While dealing with the loss of her home and community, the isolation of the pandemic made social media and Zoom calls essential for connecting with others and helping in the process of building a new life.

Unwilling to rebuild on the site of their previous home, she and her husband discussed a variety of possibilities. Settle out of state? Stay local in Chico or Durham? When considering factors such as friendships, medical care, shopping, and local resources, they ultimately decided on a lovely home just south of Paradise.

Jeannie was raised in a traditional midwestern farm family and “didn’t dream very big.” Having earned straight A’s in high school business classes, she was hired by a local law office right out of school.

She acquired the skills of a ‘top-notch’ legal secretary, which served her well until the neglected “artist within” cried for permission to more seriously explore her creative side.



In her young adult years Jeannie tried oil painting but preferred doing figure drawings and portraits in pencil, often enlisting friends and family as live models. This continued as a hobby while working and raising a family. She took general art classes in high school including drawing and painting and began her journey into clay work in 1973-1976 at the Concord Ceramics Studio. She continued with sculpture classes from 2000-2002 in Danville, California, clay labs in 2003-2006 with June Smith at the Paradise Art Center, a glazing class from 2004-2005 at Butte College, and pottery classes from 2021-2024 at the Paradise Art Center with Cathryn Hudin. Most recently in 2025 Jeannie is in a student/collaborative pottery class at the Art Center.

Throughout her life Jeannie has explored many media and subject matter including portrait and figure drawing, oil painting, photography, poetry, songwriting, jewelry-making, website design, graphic arts, landscape

## Member Spotlight: Jeannie Myers

design, clay sculpture and wheel throwing. When asked about her views on formal and informal art education, Jeannie responded that some education and training are important in learning the basics of each media. After becoming familiar with the basics of clay work, she continued to “enjoy developing [her] own style/techniques”, and “always learning directly from the clay itself!” Jeannie’s “Deco Torsos,” originally inspired by Donna Thomas’s small coil-built torso vases, have evolved using clay slabs to make larger objects. Her torso sculptures express the classical curvature of the female body and the power and energy emanating from the body’s mid-torso area. Jeannie decorates her clay torsos with surface texture, carved lines, and cut-outs without using stencils or patterns, making each piece truly unique.

Jeannie’s interview responses were imbued with a sense of calm introspection. As a longtime member of the Paradise Art Center she stated, “The Paradise Art Center gave me a creative home in which to discover and rediscover my talents and capability within various mediums. It’s given me a safe space in which to grow and flourish as a sculptor and artist... and person.” In discussing the value of community art centers she added, “Good local art centers absolutely enhance a community and create a venue for sharing of so much vital energy, hope, and aliveness. I believe that discovering one’s own power to CREATE is transformative for students and people in general.”

This passionate and versatile artist looks forward to creating more of her unique clay “Deco Torsos,” faces/busts, figures and other pottery; plus drawing portraits that capture a likeness with sensitivity and depth. If one day you happen to meet her at the Paradise Art Center, be sure to ask her about ‘Bu.’ The story she tells of “Bu” and the Camp Fire is as inspiring and fascinating as this resilient Paradise Art Center member, Jeannie M. Myers.

- 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

- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- November 6, 13, 20
- December 4, 11, 18

Fridays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

- October 3, 10, 24
- November 7, 14, 21, 28
- December 5, 12, 19

Christine Mac Shane  
530-370-1285  
christinemacshane@gmail.com

### **ACRYLIC - All Levels**

Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00 am (through end September)  
Techniques for making acrylic paintings go from good to great.

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christinemacshane@gmail.com

### **DRAWING - All Levels**

Tuesdays 4 - 6:30 pm. Instruction will be tailored for individual needs, focusing on improving observational skills/reacting to source for pure drawing and/or as a tool for improving the foundation for the use of other media. The class will work as an open studio for more advanced drawing with the support of the instructor.

Greg Sanchez  
cubfan1a@yahoo.com

### **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

### **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

## ONGOING CLASSES, continued

### Classes, by Media

### Instructors

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#### **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](#)

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#### **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,

Liz Mateson  
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[Contact to register](#)

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#### **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](#)

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#### **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](#)

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

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#### **WATERCOLOR - *Beginning***

Mondays 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Learn watercolor techniques in detail. Come and play with colors. Students need to bring their own materials.

Lori Tennant  
tennant.lori@gmail.com  
[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

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**Contact to register**

#### **WATERCOLOR (Neighbor 2 Neighbor) - *Beginning***

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Thursdays 12:30 - 2:30 pm

- September 11, 18, 25
- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- November 6, 13, 20
- December 4, 11, 18

Saturdays at 10 am - noon

- September 6, 13, 27
- October 4, 11, 18
- November 1, 8, 22
- 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

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sheriwindo@gmail.com

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## Paradise Art Center Committees

*Committee Chairs:*

**Education:**  
Greg Sanchez

**Gallery:**  
Greg Sanchez

**Fundraising / Grants:** Karen Voigt

**Membership:** open

**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

**PLEASE PRINT**

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:

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My artistic interest(s) is/are

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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