



March - May 2026 **Art News**

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

## **President's Message and Facility Report**

As this PAC Newsletter is coming out to you, our membership of over 350, I thank you for your continued support of our small, but mighty, organization. We have had some early challenges in 2026 and I am grateful to our volunteers, especially on our Board of Directors, for their support and hard work in smashing these challenges. We have also had some early successes after a huge 2025 with our recent Dysert Gallery Show, featuring local Fiber artists. And we have so much more planned.

As many of you in our fire ravaged community have faced, insurance was a major cost hurdle to clear earlier this year. Thanks to Doreen Fogle's research and an emergency Board meeting with all in attendance, we quickly produced a plan, executed it, and moved forward without financial burden. We can thank as always those in the community who continue to step forward in any time of crisis we have.

As for our facility, we continue with major and minor fixes/upgrades. The biggest of those continues to be in our pottery area. It was decided this month that instead of venting out our two 35-year-old electric kilns that we would buy one brand new and larger electric kiln and vent it to the outside. My thanks to our contractor Kyle Ritchie from Ridge Builders and Marcia Regalado for their research and commitment to this project. We should have this wrapped up soon and then jump on replacing the sink and for more enhancements in the pottery studio. Other small issues like a mural light and light in the pottery classroom were fixed by Kyle. And just a personal note about our facility; I take keeping Paradise Art Center functioning and clean as a source of pride. As volunteers and members we should all be aware of how fortunate we are in having what we do, even if it is modest. Please help me help you by being conscious of your (and I emphasize YOUR) community gathering spot by cleaning up YOUR area every time you are in the building. To just use the Art Center is disrespectful to others that put their time and soul into it. We all get paid the same: \$0! Thank you.

And finally, some more about the Fiber Art Show. Thank you, Ann Slocum, for organizing the artists, the art pieces, and the reception held February 7th. According to longtime members it has been a good while since this form of art has been displayed in the gallery and I can say that without a doubt it is the most colorful show I have hung there. We had an outstanding crowd who enjoyed the beautiful work displayed. We have many more events planned this year including another Special Invite Show in Dysert Gallery, "Four Painters, a Printmaker and a Potter" with a reception in June. Our marquee event will be the Fourth Annual Art Auction at Burnt Barn Distilling in late September (Exciting news coming soon about this collaborative event). And finally, our culminating events, the very popular Pottery Show and our month-long Boutique in December. Seems a way away, but you know how that goes. I do.

Cheers to my Board, to our volunteers and our members!

- Greg Sanchez

# 2026 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



## Dyset 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 *
Member Show	March 7 - April 4	-	3/2	4/6
Member Show	April 11 - May 2	-	4/6	5/4
Member Show	May 9 - June 6	-	5/4	6/8
"Four Painters, a Printermaker, and a Potter"	June 13 - July 11	June 13, from 4 - 6 p.m.	6/8	7/13
Member Show	July 18 - August 15	-	7/13	8/17

\* must be between 1-4 pm



## Nic's Wine Bar & Deli

### Show Schedule

Show Dates	Drop Off *	Pick Up *
March 3 - 31	Feb 27	Apr 1
March 31 - April 28	Mar 27	Apr 29
April 28 - May 26	Apr 24	May 27
May 26 - June 23	May 22	Jun 24
June 23 - July 21	Jun 19	Jul 22

\* 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.

# Cathryn Hudin: A Ceramic Artist and Beloved Educator at the Paradise Art Center

For more than four decades, Cathryn Hudin has been one of the most enduring artistic figures at Paradise Art Center, where her passion for clay and commitment to arts education have left a lasting mark on the local creative community. For her dedication, the Paradise Art Center Board of Director's recently voted to present Cathryn a Lifetime Membership.

## A Lifelong Journey with Clay

According to Cathryn, her relationship with clay began early in her life. After taking her very first ceramics class, she caught what she calls the "clay bug," setting her on a path that has now spanned more than fifty years. What started as curiosity quickly grew into a lifelong dedication to the ceramic arts.

She began teaching ceramics in 1975 at Butte Community College, sharing her skills and enthusiasm with students of all ages. By 1980, she was also teaching at Paradise Art Center, where she went on to instruct beginning, intermediate, and advanced ceramics students for more than 44 years.

## Teacher, Mentor, and Inspiration

At the Art Center, Cathryn became much more than a pottery instructor. Her classes became places where creativity flourished and confidence grew. She is known for her patience, encouragement, and deep technical knowledge of clay, glaze, and firing techniques. Many of her students have gone on to pursue higher education in the arts or become working artists themselves. Others simply discovered a lifelong love of ceramics because of her guidance. Cathryn's impact can be seen not only in the pieces her students create, but in the passion for art they carry forward.

In addition to her work with adults, Cathryn served as a Butte County Artist-in-Schools for eleven years, bringing hands-on pottery experiences into classrooms across the county and introducing countless children to the joy of making art with their hands.

## Artistic Achievements

Cathryn's own body of work is extensive. Since 1969, she has created, exhibited, and sold thousands of ceramic pieces. Her work has been displayed at venues across the United States and is included in museum and private collections nationwide. She has also contributed to ceramics education beyond the classroom. Cathryn has produced instructional videos, authored a book on glaze making, and has been featured in respected ceramics publications, including the well-known "500" series of ceramic art books.

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**Cathryn Hudin - continued**

## **Leadership and Community Commitment**

Cathryn's dedication to the Paradise Art Center extends beyond teaching. She has served on the Center's Board of Directors, including time as President and Vice President, helping guide the organization through both growth and challenges as PAC struggled through tough financial times and the Paradise community rebuilt and renewed itself after the Camp Fire. Her long-standing service, artistic excellence, and commitment to education exemplify the important role artists play in strengthening and sustaining a community.

As Cathryn often says, her longest relationship is with art — “it has always been there.” Fortunately for Paradise Art Center, she has always been there. Look for more news about our appreciation for Cathryn in the near future. Through her teaching, her artwork, and her leadership, she has ensured that art will continue to be there for many others as her legacy continues at PAC through many of her former students.

- *Greg Sanchez*

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## **Fundraising and Grants**

The Fundraising Committee continues to work hard to generate funds that allow us to make much needed improvements to our building. The big event last Fall was our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Art Auction at Burnt Barn Distillery in Paradise that raised over \$12,000.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> (4-8:00) is our Pizza Party at Mountain Mike's with a % of all dine-in pizza orders coming to the Art Center. This is a fun event for all in our community and we are grateful for Mountain Mike's support once again.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual music event will be held in Chico this year at Paradise Brew Works. The Committee is hard at work selecting musician groups and a workable date for all. The event will likely be on a Sunday afternoon in June. Stay tuned for more details. We'll need your support! Kudos to Committee members Patti Lloyd, Diana McCollum, Roxanne Parsons and Ann Slocum for their dedication to the work of this Fundraising Committee.

We continue to seek grant money whenever possible. Our most recent award was for \$5,000 from North Valley Community Foundation. These funds will allow us to extend Christine MacShane's free watercolor/acrylic classes another 10 -15 weeks. These classes have been well attended and provide a great opportunity for many in our community to try something new and make new friends. Encourage your neighbors, family and friends to participate.

- *Karen Voigt*

# Member Spotlight – Karen Voigt

What is an art center? Your first thought may be that it is a place for artists to do what artists do...art. However, that definition hardly describes the complexity or diverse membership needed to support a community art center. One definition of an art center is that it is a “community-focused facility or organization designed to foster creativity, showcase art, and provide spaces for artistic practice, education, and performance.” That definition makes it clear that not exclusively artists, but active, dedicated volunteers and patrons are needed to ensure the survival of a community art center. Looking behind the scenes at the continuing success of Paradise Art Center, you will quickly see the hard work and commitment of Art Center member Karen Voigt.

Karen has been a member of the Paradise Art Center for about 10 years. In the beginning she took watercolor classes at the Art Center with Evonne Cramer and then from Kathy Presentati. Over the years she explored classes in drawing, colored pencil, acrylics and pastel. Each medium she explored gave her an appreciation of the processes involved in creating artworks. It wasn't long before Karen began serving on various committees such as Membership and Events which over time led her to her current positions on the Art Center Board of Directors as Secretary as well as Grant Chair and Fundraising Chair. Her efforts have been critical in providing needed funds to the Art Center. Karen added, “PAC [Paradise Art Center] was really tested after the Camp fire and then Covid. Thanks to strong leadership and dedicated teachers and volunteers, membership now surpasses pre-Fire numbers. I see PAC continuing to play a key role in support of rebuilding the community.”

Her dedication to ensuring the success of the Art Center leaves little time for Karen to enjoy creating her own artwork, but that doesn't mean that art and art appreciation aren't important parts of her life. She stated that she “love[s] visiting art museums and galleries whether locally or on travel. [She] started picking up matted prints when on vacation as a reminder of that trip.” Karen also enjoys the Chico Art Center's annual Open Studios Tour each fall. At home, she finds cooking and baking to be creative outlets, enjoying the colors and textures of different foods “Whether cooking just for myself or for guests, making a dish both tasty and attractive to the eye gives me pleasure.”

Karen shares that “outside of normal childhood art activities and a high school art class, I've had limited formal art experiences.” That said, she is proud to highlight two very talented artists in her immediate family whose art she enjoys. Her sister-in-law, Kathy, is an accomplished pastel and watercolor artist ([kathansenart.com](http://kathansenart.com)) and her daughter-in-law Michele is a successful artist who works almost exclusively in oils ([Mauvisual.com](http://Mauvisual.com)).

When asked about the “why” of her dedication to Paradise Art Center Karen was very specific. “PAC [Paradise Art Center] has always been known for its welcoming atmosphere. It's easy to feel right at



## Member Spotlight: Karen Voigt

home, included in its creative energy and comradery. I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn new things, to make new friends and to contribute to the community through PAC." She admits that it has been challenging as the Chair of Fundraising and Grants, but that it has been very satisfying to work with others to reach important goals. Karen stated the Art Center "has been and continues to be one of the leading organizations supporting the rebuilding of the Ridge. We play an important role by providing a welcoming, inclusive environment to heal, to grow and to meet new friends, fostering the feeling of belonging and community. It's great to be a part of that."

Karen's own words support this article's earlier definition of a community art center. Without volunteers, donors, patrons and artists a community art center cannot survive, let alone thrive. Karen Voigt and many others like her are a valuable and integral part of the diverse membership contributing to the success of Paradise Art Center.



- 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.

Fridays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

- March 6, 13, 20, 27 **NOTE:** Starting in April, the fee per class will be \$20 plus \$3 lab fee.

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

### **ACRYLIC ESSENTIALS - *Beginning***

Each class is designed with the beginner artist in mind and is a great skill builder for the intermediate or returning artist. In these classes we will build on basic skills as well as finesse what you create all while keeping fun in the mix. Painters may work on their own projects with Christine's guidance where needed. From time to time we will choose a piece to work on together to develop techniques. No experience necessary.

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

### **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

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#### **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

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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, opening, pulling and shaping clay.

Liz Mateson  
3peastudio@gmail.com  
[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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#### **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](#)

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

Saturdays at 10 am - noon

- March 7, 14, 21, 28 **NOTE:** Starting in April, the fee per class will be \$20 plus \$3 lab fee.

## 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

Mondays 10 am - 1 pm

Fridays 9 am - 12 pm

Fridays 2 pm - 5 pm

Sundays 9 am - 12 pm



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>



# 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 weekday but at 12:00 p.m..

## Board of Directors

*(through June 2026)*

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

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steveferchaud@gmail.com

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## 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

**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

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

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