



Upcoming Events

It is spring, and it has finally stopped raining! We wanted to connect again, to let you know what the Cloverdale Arts Alliance has been doing to bring the cultural arts closer to home. We also want to share our future events, to get your creative juices flowing.



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Friday Night Live Enters its Third Year

Get ready for some balmy evenings in the plaza this summer with our free weekly art performances in the Cloverdale plaza. Enjoy excellent music and dance from world cultures, while having a glass of wine and connecting with friends and neighbors.

You won't want to miss a single one of these performances beginning July 8 – August 26 at 7.30 pm.

This free weekly series of live music and dance is sponsored by Frank Howard Allen Realtors, Dennis Imbach Real Estate, Wine Country Homes, Dustin Deason Realtor ® Full Spectrum Properties, and the City of Cloverdale.

Performance Schedule

July 8 Kathy Kallick Band - A hard-driving, exciting, unabashedly traditional, blue grass band with plenty of humor, pathos, zippy instrumentals, and country harmonies. A wonderful mix of classic bluegrass, fine country tunes, original instrumentals, and some killer Kathy Kallick pieces.

July 15 Pokanomics - A "California-Free style" polka mix that includes traditional polkas, Tex-Mex, standards, oldies and mystifying selections from rock and pop. This four women group is a delightful musical experience.

July 22 Mandeng Djeli - This hugely popular African group is back again, after a year's absence, to bring us their magically hypnotic drumming. Led by Lansana Kouyate, master of bala and drums, Mandeng Djeli will share its rich heritage and culture in a thrilling performance.

July 29 Mariachi Tarasco - The sounds of Mexico are tantalizing, stirring and exciting. Mariachi Tarasco is an 8-person band with trumpets, vihuelas, bass, violins and vocals, steeped in the culture and traditions from south of the border.

August 5 Bonfire Madigan - Bonfire Madigan is an avant-pop, chamber-rock configuration of musi-

cians. Madigan ignites the Bonfire with soul-art-string-sounds. Come and check them out as you hear cello like you've never heard. This is progressive music to set your hair on fire!

August 12 SF Taiko Dojo - Powerful, spell-binding, Japanese drumming, movement, and music. Seiichi Tanaka and the SF Taiko Dojo have redeveloped Taiko from its primitive folk art roots to a powerful sophisticated synthesis of rhythm, harmony, and body movement.

August 19 Flambeau - Flambeau specializes in blazing Cajun and Zydeco two-steps, low-down blues, funky New Orleans grooves, and heart-breakingly beautiful ballads and waltzes. Led by Tom Rigney, Flambeau generates enough heat and energy to lift an audience to its feet and ignite a dance floor.

August 26 Luz - Luz returns to Cloverdale and brings together some of the finest Bay Area musicians to combine subtleties of traditional Cuban Son (popularized by the Buena Vista Social Club) with the exciting sounds of more modern salsa, plus a twist of Latin Jazz.

Arrive early or bring your own lawn chair to ensure seating. Wine, coffee, juices, and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Out-of-town visitors will be eligible for a lodging discount. For details, call the Historic Inns of Cloverdale at 707-894-5956 and mention Friday Night Live. For additional information go to www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org or call 894-4410.

Oliver Ranch Tour on October 1

The Arts Alliance will be hosting a tour of Steve Oliver's sculpture garden on his 100 acre ranch in Geyserville, overlooking the Russian River. Steve Oliver, founder of the construction and development firm, Oliver and Company, has worked with some of the greatest architects in the world. He is now chairman of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and is an art lover. He and his wife are avid art collectors who have collected work for the past 20 years. *(Continued on p. 2)*

They open their ranch and sculpture garden to selected tours of up to 55 people maximum at a time, to tour their phenomenal collection. They have commissioned 17 site specific works from esteemed artists. Each artist has spent time working and living at the ranch so each sculpture speaks to its setting.

Just a few of the works you can see. **Richard Sierra**, a sculptor, has created 6 pairs of rough steel blocks, weighing 250 tons, framing a view of the valley and marking every 17 foot drop in elevation. These steel blocks were forged at Jorgensen Steel in Seattle, a process taking nearly a year.

Bruce Nauman created a ¼ mile long cast concrete staircase that follows the changes in elevation on its hillside location. **Roger Berry** created "Darwin" in 1989, a sweeping Cor-ten steel arch over a ravine that tracks the path of the sun.

The biggest and most ambitious project is now in progress – an 8 storey, stone-clad tower by Ann Hamilton, inspired by a 16th century well in Orvieto, Italy. This tower will have 2 interlacing staircases like a double helix spiraling up, open to the sky.

This tour of these incredible works will be an eye opening experience. We will keep you posted about sign ups as details are finalized.

Independent Film Series

The "Real Flicks" Independent Film Series, sponsored by the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, in conjunction with Clover Cinemas, is a success. Due to the widespread support from members of the Arts Alliance and from the Cloverdale community in general, Cinema West (owners of Clover Cinemas) has agreed to extend the series through October 2005.

All of the films shown on the second Monday of each month have almost sold out. Not bad for a Monday night at the movies! We have traveled to Spain in the The Sea Inside, to wartime Berlin in Downfall, to 1950's London in Vera Drake, South America in the 1950's with Che Guevara in Motorcycle Diaries, just to mention a few. On June 13, treat yourself to the Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available directly from Clover Cinemas and may be purchased a day or two before the showing

If you would like to be notified of the film titles, give us your email address, and we'll update you as soon as we have the film title (email info@cloverdaleartsalliance.org or leave a message on our voicemail at 894-4410). Plan to show up early to ensure a seat. See you at the movies!

Membership

Why should anyone be a member of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance?

We rely on a growing membership in order to continue to bring art to Cloverdale. While membership dollars are very important to us, healthy membership numbers say we have support from within the community. This support allows us to obtain sponsorship for our events.

Your membership is very important to us. It provides us with the stimulus to continue, and it has direct benefits unique to our members. Beyond ensuring continuation and growth for the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, other benefits of membership are: discounts at paid events, priority seating at some events, special "members only events" (e.g., guest performers such as Randy Rutherford, Sandy Thompson and receptions with wine and food)

We need all kinds of members. If you want to get actively involved and help at events, we appreciate that. However, volunteering is not a membership requirement. It is also wonderful to have your support and encouragement by simply becoming a member.

Tribute to Our Volunteers

We are a volunteer organization. Our dedicated volunteers bring art and cultural events to the Cloverdale area because they feel they have the support of the community. They work hard because they believe in the benefits of culture and art to our town. The CAA board members are very appreciative of the many hours of hard work and planning that our volunteers put in. Thank you to all our volunteers.

What Have We Been Up To Since February, 2005?

Arts and Lectures

The Cloverdale Arts Alliance again sponsored another successful Art & Lectures series, the Twilight Poet's Society from February through May. Held at Sweet Rosebud's Coffee House, a diverse group of eight well-known poets gave their gifts to the poetry lovers who attended.

The Friday night poetry readings were scheduled as follows:

February 11 – Joyce Jenkins and Richard Silberg

March 11 – Lynn Trombetta and Stephen Kessler

April 8 – Albert Flynn DeSilver and Amber Flora Thomas

May 13 – Penelope La Montagne and Terry Ehret

These award winning poets shared their visions of life, of country and city, and nature and art. Terry Ehret, Sonoma County's current poet laureate and stellar poet, shared with the Arts Alliance co-ordinators of the event that her reading was a delight for her. She found the audience members were generous and warm in their responses. Many thanks to you poetry lovers who came out to support these gifted poets as they shared their interpretations of our world.

Rites of Spring Sculpture Garden

On Mother's Day, May 8, we hosted a sculpture garden called the Rites of Spring as part of the Cloverdale Historical Society's garden tour. Held in the gardens and vineyard of Kenyon Lewis' art studio at 462 N. Cloverdale Blvd., our local artists exhibited their works. There were colorful tile sculptures by **Shelby Kennedy**, wooden sculpture by **Bruce Johnson**, creative tiles and pottery by **Kenyon Lewis**, and 3 cutout paintings of frolicking nymphs and satyrs by **Eileen Baker**. One of our Art-Corps volunteers, Walt Arnstein, volunteered his artistic eye to photograph adventurous visitors who posed in Eileen's cutout works.

The art was fabulous, the champagne and wine complimented the homemade brownies, but Mother Nature let us down. It poured with rain all day. The weather was a disappointment. However, many thanks to our loyal board members and spouses and the 6 intrepid visitors who braved the rain and wind to see some art and nature. Lastly, thank you to our participating artists, whose work made the garden so beautiful. Wish more people had seen it.

Art Show at Asti Winery

On May 21, the Arts Alliance participated in a festival at the Asti Winery, the site of Italian Swiss Colony winter since 1881 and now owned by Beringer Blass Wine Estates. This festival was a benefit for the Wine and Visitors Center in Cloverdale. Amidst the afternoon of food, music, dancing, fine wine and tours of the historic winery, we showcased art work by local artists. Visitors saw thought-provoking paintings by Rick **Baldomero**, whimsical and clever copper sculptures by **Ron Siegemund**, astounding nature photography by **Michael Ecton**, glimmering glass jewelry from **Jean Herschede**, beautiful tile designs by **Shelby Kennedy**, glass and pottery inspired by nature by **Kenyon Lewis**, wine country watercolors by **Marge Gray**, pastels and color by **Eileen Baker**, masks and paintings by **Bruce Johnson**, and oils by **Beverly McChesney**. Thank you to our artists for participating and to all who attended. We were able to enjoy art of various media, situated among the beauty of the winery and the Russian River.

Portfolio about Local Artists

Please check out our beautifully bound portfolio of local and regional artists available for perusal by the public and visitors. It is located at the Cloverdale Wine and Visitors' Center at 105 N. Cloverdale Blvd. People can find out about the incredible talent of our local artists, keep current about their latest works and be able to contact them. Also do not forget that you can access our artists' registry at the Cloverdale Arts Alliance web site, www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org.

Plans for the Future

The CAA board is looking at the future directions of the Arts Alliance, looking at ideas generated from our strategic planning meeting on November 20, 2004. Our short term goal is to rent gallery space locally, and a long term goal is to develop an Arts Center in town with performance space, classrooms, gallery space, etc. We envision this long term goal to be 15 years at least in the future. Our biggest obstacle is fundraising. This is an area that none of the current board has much expertise in. We are looking for a fundraiser, someone to help us steer this project into fruition. O, fundraiser, where art thou? If you have

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Yes, I would like to become a member of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance for \$35.00 per year

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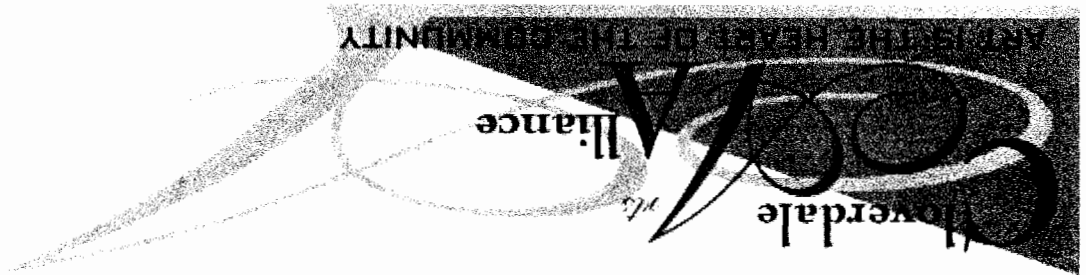
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Interested in volunteering? Yes, please contact me _____

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We Want Your Feedback!

Thank you for supporting the Arts Alliance, now in our 4th year. We have worked hard to bring arts and culture to our town, and will continue to work hard. We would like to hear from you. Let us know :

What have you enjoyed this year?

What could have been better at these events?

What future events, people, art, would you like to see here?

Please email us at: info@cloverdaleartsalliance.org, or contact us at

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