

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Most of you have seen the progress that the foundation has made in all areas of our mission - the reports from our committee chairs will enlighten you on what has been happening and what the future holds for art and culture in Santa Rosa County. You will be pleased to know that we have achieved our "permanent" 501(c)(3) status. Thank you for your patience and your continued support.

Jerry C. Cummings - President, Santa Rosa Arts and Culture Foundation, Inc.



Riverwalk Arts Festival

Pat D'Asaro, Chairman

The 21st Annual RIVERWALK ARTS FESTIVAL is coming up, March 14-15, 2009, and promises to be another "best ever" with a strong emphasis on our shared cultural diversity, as well as a burgeoning literary and theatrical arts community now joining visual arts. Applications for both juried Fine Art and Heritage/Folk Art are available on line at www.sracf.org. Sponsorships are available in a range of options, including Festival Program Ads, Purchase Awards (pledging an amount of money to purchase art for your home or office, In-kind services or mini grants. Please let us know if you can assist us. Special thanks to all who have supported us over the past 20 years of this Festival!

Dragonfly Gallery

Jan Dempsey, Chairman

Many positive things have taken place in the Dragonfly Gallery during the past year; track lighting has been installed and all interior walls painted, all of which accents the artworks of our gallery artists.

Our outreach has included several classes on many styles of art; watercolor, wet felting, weaving, polymer clay, jewelry making and photography. High School and Middle School artworks have been displayed as well as art created by adult client members.

The Dragonfly Flight, which was our first call to regional artists was very successful and included 36 participants.

Education Committee

Toni New, Chairman

SR Celebrates the Arts will once again take place at the Riverwalk Arts Festival, March 15&16, 2009. Middle and High School levels will complete in creative writing categories; poetry, short story and song lyrics. Elementary Students will also complete in creative writing, their entry published in the Literary Booklet. The winner of the Poster Contest will be featured on the cover of this publication.

Membership Committee

Wanda Veal, Chairman

Memberships have increased by 25% bringing the total to 94. Several membership drives are scheduled which will enable the SRACF to reach the goal of 150 memberships by December 2009. Membership forms are available at the Dragonfly Gallery

Grants Committee

Ann Scott, Chairman

As the Arts Agency for SRC, we are very excited to announce that, in spite of budget cuts, our grants program will continue.

Applications and schedule will be available in January on our website www.SRACF.org. We are

also seeking the services of grant writers to help Santa Rosa Arts & Culture. If interested, please e-mail Burkettann @ AOL.com

Building Facilitator

Sharon Holley, Chairman

We invite everyone to visit the Gallery and see the progress that has been made. Phase I has been completed which entails the following: outside overgrowth removed, rear deck pressure washed, SRACF office completely renovated, attic insulated and excessive AT&T wires removed. Phase II will begin after the new year and includes the following: Building scraped and repainted, windows re-glazed and repainted, damaged trees removed, white fence and air conditioning unit replaced. Many thanks to Lonnie Joiner, Coastal Insulation, Whiting Field and Sammy Carroll for making the completion of Phase I a reality!

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