

AWSOMEART.ORG • MAY 2024

THURSDAY, MAY 16th

Sebastopol Veteran's Building, 282 South High St., Sebastopol, CA

10:30 Board • 12:00 Potluck • 12:30 Meeting • 1:30-2:45 - Art Demo (see below)

May Prompt: AN HOMAGE TO... • June Picnic > July Prompt: ART IN NATURE

MAY DEMO ARTIST: Aiden Kringen



Visit his website! www.aidenk.com

Aiden will be showing the range of his work, comprised of expressionist brushwork, geometric patterns, and the grace and beauty of the human form in many media, followed by a demonstration in pen and ink.





Board Members-at-Large Susan Nestor & Allene Donato

These two women have been sworn in to the newly-established position/s of Member-at-Large on the AWS Board. This is a true commitment to the club and a step toward a leadership position in the future. The Board has been working on revising the AWS Constitution and you will hear more about it from Gail Mardfin at the May meeting.

FROM THE PRESIDENT JUDY GOLDBERG

Hello to fellow AWS'ers, plus any interested and interesting folks!

O! the merry month of May, the apple trees are BLOSSOMING, the wildflowers are BLOOMING and AWS is BOOMING!

After months of planning and a year of art making, our group once again gifted the surrounding community with our **Apple Blossom Show**. As Willie Nelson sings, "What a crazy, crazy party, never seen so many people."

MUCH APPRECIATION is felt by all, and for all, who trekked from near and far (farther than they hoped or imagined), to mingle among the art and artists to the fabulous live music, and enjoy some delicious nibbles and a glass of wine.

So, here again is Willie to remind us, "...all good things must end. Call it a night. The party's over... and tomorrow starts..."

Let's sweep up the crumpled paper, toss the mangled mat board, clean up those palettes, straighten our tables and corners or studios... then order more paint, paper, pastel, canvas, clay, wire....whatever... and get to work on some new stuff for next time! Better get busy!

Judy Goldberg



Congrats to
Prez Judy (left),
who sold two of
her watercolors
at the ABS;
pictured here
with one of her
patrons.



Connie Cook • Santa Rosa
Elisabeth Van Nuys • Rohnert Park

THANK YOU, PAULA!



AWS' Paula Pearce has delivered dozens and dozens of interviews and photos for this newsletter's MEMBER PROFILES since 2009! They have been fascinating to read and helped us to get to know one another. Thank you for your years of service, Paula! Starting next

month, Barbara Evans will be lending her talents to the task, and we can't wait to see her approach to Member Profiles.





"Flower" by James Reynolds

Thank you to Carol Mills & James Reynolds (and others?) who have already donated to Forget Me Not Farm's June fundraiser. The drop-off deadline has been extended until mid-May and all donations of art work - particularly farm/garden/animal subject matter in any media - are welcome!! For drop-off details or to arrange a tour of the facility, contact Carol Rathmann at 707-577-1913 or carol@forgetmenotfarm.org

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT · LONNA NECKER

Greetings to you all.

Our April demonstrator was our very own **Gail Mardfin**. She discussed the history of the mandala - from Buddhist monks in Nepal to rose windows in cathedrals to mandala coloring books - and how they represent different aspects of the Universe and can be used as a tool for meditation. We then, with her guidance, created our own mandalas. The concentration/focus and rhythms of creation helped us understand the professed healing powers of mandalas. Everyone's creations were unique and beautiful. 41 members stayed and participated and examples of their finished mandalas are on the next page.

We had quite a lovely assortment of art for the April meeting, including many pieces based on **Reverberations**. You provided a rich and varied response to that prompt. Can we count all the mandalas we created as "reverberating" outward from the central circle, as well?

The prompt for May is "AN HOMAGE TO...." This prompt gives you the opportunity to celebrate, acknowledge, or give tribute to an artist or person, an idea, or a location.

Our May demonstrator will be **Aiden Kringen**. Born in 1992, he began developing his own vision and sense of aesthetics, shaped in large part by the artistic influences he was exposed to from a young age. Located in Sonoma County, Aiden spent countless hours drawing and studying the human form. He took inspiration from a multitude of artistic movements and styles, but was mainly drawn to Abstract Expressionism and traditional Classicism. By the age of 20, he was gaining attention at local and international levela. His figurative works, which began with a strictly abstract approach in his youth, quickly developed into a formal, classical portrayal, while using abstraction in the enveloping environments that surround his figures. He will share his latest body of work with us and then demonstrate how he employs pen and ink.

Take care, Lonna

In the past I had not been very interested in coloring in a mandala. However creating my own and then coloring it was great and quite different. Thanks for the lesson. - Julia Hansen

Learning to create a mandala under your guidance was such fun, and calming (in these crazy times). Thanks for a good demonstration. - Rita Rhine

I really enjoyed your demo! I have been doodling since I was a little girl, and this elevates the doodling! - Judy Boles

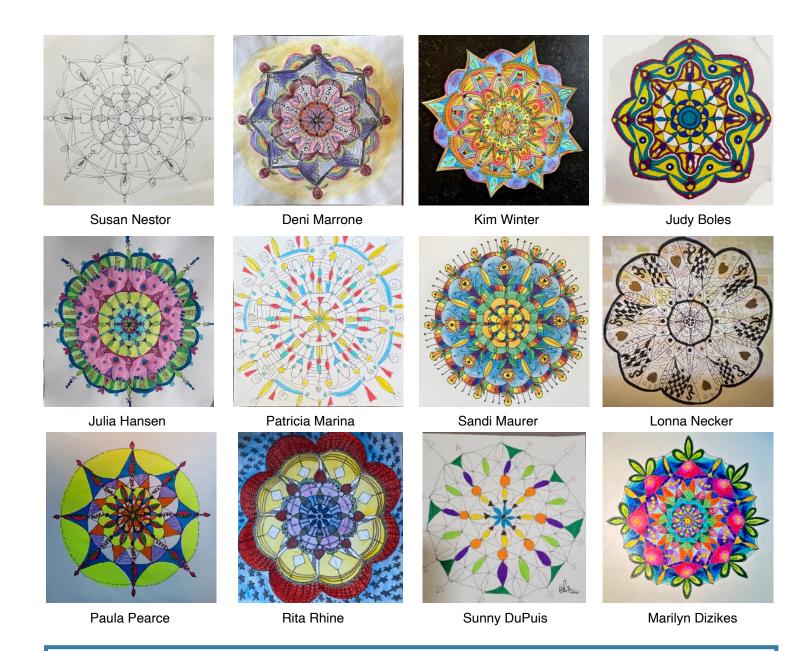


Being part of this interactive demo was such a valuable experience. Although AWS is an organization of accomplished, professional artists, it was so refreshing to just be back in school again for a few moments, learning something new, and now looking for the ways to apply this to the next creative piece.

For me, this had a very personal connection, having chosen mandalas for a senior project as an art major in a private college in Oakland, CA, in the late 60's So, to revisit this art form with the clear explanation that Gail presented was a refreshing reminder of this long ago project...

On Thursday afternoon, when I finally brought my head up from the drawing that I had been concentrating on, and looked at my fellow artists in the AWS group, it was enlightening and inspiring. I loved seeing how different artists continued their mandalas, boldly with dark markers or delicately with light strokes, creatively adding intricate designs. And all of this still in Micron pen without color! Thank you, Gail!

- Susan Nestor



DANA RODNEY WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT





AWS BOARD MINUTES APRIL 18, 2024

Meeting Called to order 10:35 a.m. by President Judy Goldberg.

<u>Voting Members Present:</u> Judy Goldberg, Patty Bird, Gail Mardfin, Patricia Marina, Fran Nielsen, Lonna Necker, Lorraine Stribling, Linda L. Reid, Merri Krisl, Judy Boles, Judy McFarland, Deni Marrone

Others Present: Carol Mills, Susan Nestor

Discussion:

- · <u>Board Member-at Large</u>: Welcome to Susan Nestor who has volunteered to be one of the two Members-at-Large.
- · Gravenstein Fair: Carol Mills reported the check is in and insurance is on file, so we're ready to go.
- · <u>Apple Blossom Show</u>: Linda Reid reported that the Sebastopol Chamber contract is signed with rent to be the same as last year. She has gate passes for those volunteers working Saturday and Sunday and will pass them out at the meeting. Still need a few volunteers.
- · <u>Publicity</u>: Judy McFarland and Patricia Marina have placed articles publicizing ABS show in local publications.
- Presentations and Prompts: VP Lonna Necker reported that she has booked presentations for all of this year and has a few lined up for next year.
- <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Merrie Krisl reported the checking account balance is \$5,814.07 and the awards account balance is \$5976.67.
- Membership: After the meeting, Lorraine Stribling reported 50 artists are entered in the ABS, 127 pieces of art are entered and 37 pieces of donated art are entered.
- · <u>Correspondence</u>: Fran Nielsen reported no correspondence this month, but received some very nice thank you responses.
- Venues: Deni Marrone reported that we possibly have a new venue at The Livery in Sebastopol.
- <u>Communications</u>: Gail Mardfin reported that the distribution list for the newsletter is growing. Barbara Evans has volunteered to do Member Profiles for the newsletter.
- Constitution Revisions: Committee presented proposed changes to Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules. Discussion followed. Changes will be presented to the membership in May and the membership will vote on the changes in July.

11:37 a.m. Motion to close: Lonna Necker. Second: Patty Bird. Motion passed.

Submitted by Judy Boles, Recording Secretary



Our new Treasurer,
Merrie Krisl, gives the
financial report at the
Members Meeting. Merrie
has been working sideby-side with Patty Bird,
who has ably served as
AWS Treasurer for
TWELVE YEARS!

THANK YOU, PATTY!!!

Patty will continue to be the person to contact for ordering name badges.

May 18 Refreshments

Please have your contribution (enough for 12 people) on the table so the potluck can start promptly at noon.

> Remember to sign in at the door AND on the food table.

SANDWICHES/ FINGER FOOD

Julia Hansen
Lorna Ho
Diana Jones
Gail Mardfin
Judy McFarland
Sally Privette
Gail Radice
Honora Russell
Genie Rhodes
Nancy Sanchietti
Nancy Tulloh
Gary Wilson

DESSERT/FRUIT

Linda Immer Linda Grainger Merrie Krisl Judy Leandro Patricia Marina Sandi Maurer Paula Pearce Joan Rumrill

RAFFLE

Sarah Hegerty

GREETER at DOOR

Elizabeth Gomes

Special Thanks to Diana Jones & Rita Rhine for volunteering to help with Hospitality this month... *Helpers, please arrive by 11am.*



THANK YOU, HEDDA GOLD,

for our beautiful new Coffee Urn!

Not one, but two, of AWS' prior coffee pots have been tampered with, so this donation is much appreciated! (And we will hide it well between meetings!)

SEBASTOPOL VENUES May 16 - July 18

This is a switch-out month. The current artist/s should arrange with the next artist a mutually convenient day/time to change.
Use your AWS roster to get contact info.

Coffee & Moore

OUTGOING: Gail Mardfin INCOMING: Linda Dove-Pierson

Fandee's Restaurant

OUTGOING: Susan Bradford INCOMING: Bob Hart

Hair Masters

OUTGOING: Linda Dove-Pierson INCOMING: AVAILABLE

Hole in the Wall Restaurant

OUTGOING: Carolyn Jarvis, Carol Mills, Deni Marrone

INCOMING: Lorna Ho
Specialty Center

OUTGOING: Elizabeth Gomes & Barbara Evans

INCOMING: Enid Barnes

Umpqua Bank

OUTGOING: Kathleen Andre INCOMING: AVAILABLE

Please click & read the VENUES GUIDELINES
and after visiting the venue,
you can sign up with
Venues Coordinator Deni Marrone call or text (408) 202-3875

ANOTHER SALE!

Congratulations to

Kathleen Andre who
recently sold "Flight of
Cranes" at Umpqua
Bank to a "very
appreciative West
County man."

(24x18 acrylic)



BEFORE SCHEDULING YOUR VENUE DATES...

Please visit the venue and see how many, how big, and what type of art would be appropriate there.

Be sure to **check your calendar FIRST** to avoid lastminute changes, which can be hard to fill.

To be fair to our many members, please don't sign up to be in a venue if you have been in it within the last 12 months.

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SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

ARTS

Call for Entries: "HAVEN"

Remember our January prompt...?



Clark Mitchell

Where do you feel comfort, engage in thoughtful contemplation, or experience a sense of security?

Deadline for submission: June 17 Show: August 17 -September 22

CLICK HERE to ENTER



SUPPORT YOUR ARTS CENTER!!

CLICK TO DONATE HERE!

The goal is \$60,000 by May 31.

THROUGH MAY 7,
ALL GIFTS WILL BE MATCHED
UP TO \$25,000,
SO DONATE TODAY!

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SebARTs "Incubator Program"



Artist Alyson
Dobbert was
introduced by
her mentor,
Linda L. Reid,
at the April
member
meeting.
SebARTs is
supporting
eight emerging
artists from
Sonoma
County with
studio space

and mentors who provide training in the making and marketing of art. These artists will be showing their work at the SebARTs Open House on May 18.

Regular Gallery Hours: Thurs-Sun, 10am-4pm

ART by AWS Members





Sandi Maurer - "Mandala 2" 8x8 acrylic & "Ode to the Orange Tree" 8x8 acrylic *Inspired by the April demo, the possibilities are endless!*



Diana Jones -"Bird in Paradise" 12x9 watercolor



Carol Mills - "Watching" 12x9 watercolor



Susan Bradford - "Springtime at the Laguna" & "Still Life on Plaid" 9x12 oils



Fran Nielsen - "Quiet Vistas"

18x14 acrylic On the back cover of the "Year in Pictures" magazine from the Press Democrat was a pic of a hot air balloon. I was inspired to paint a picture of one, and added the balloons to a landscape that I really liked.



Elizabeth Gomes - "Inside Outside 6:39 am" 16x12 pastel *This is the finished version of the piece Elizabeth brought to the March critique.*



Nancy Tulloh - "Xs" 20x20 mixed media

APRIL PROMPT: REVERBERATIONS REVERBERATIONS



Lorna Ho - "Reverberations" 24x20 mixed media collage Reverberations or echoes of sound can be felt not only by what we hear, but by touch and sight. This piece reflects what I see when I think of echoes of sight, represented by line and shape repetition.



Becky Brendlin -"Sun Rise / Lost Pail"
11x14 acrylic



Gail Mardfin - "Feet on Table" 18x24 charcoal drawing on paper on drawing board on feet on table



Charito Shetty "Echoes of Color:
Reverberating Ripples"
14x11 watercolor
My first ever abstract painting!

FREE!!

Two Ink Cartridges for HP DeskJet 1250 Series #67

They work with the following printers: 2700 All-In-One-Series 4100 All-In-One-Series HP Envy 6000 All-In-One Series HP Envy Pro 6400 All-In-One Series

First come, first served.
Contact Lorraine Stribling
lorrainestribling@comcast.net













@ Sarah Anderser

Did you know Thursday, May 11 is World Collage Day!?



Art at the Source (AATS) was launched more than 30 years ago by a handful of passionate people — and it is still going strong! Sponsored by SebARTs, it is one of two Open Studio programs for established and emerging artists. This year, ten AWS artists are among the 137 on the tour.

In SEBASTOPOL: James Reynolds (#19), Fran Nielsen (#25), Beverly Bird (#41B), Susan Bradford (#54c), and Patricia Marina (#8A) will be sharing her space with Elizabeth Gomes (#8B).

In FULTON, you can visit **Aimee Tomczak** (#73) in her studio in Fulton Crossing. In PETALUMA you will find **Marilyn Dizikes**

(#136), and in COTATI, **Linda Loveland Reid** (#121A) will be sharing her space with **Kim Winter** (#121B).

Get the fantastic online brochure **BY CLICKING HERE** to see maps for planning your tour. Artists are listed alphabetically, by location, and by medium.

It's a great reason to traverse the beautiful Sonoma countryside and be inspired! The twoweekend event is **Saturday/Sunday**, **June 1st & 2nd and 8th & 9th, 10am to 5pm.**

You can also visit artists who have been demonstrators or judges for AWS - Jane Ingram Allen (#106), Wendy Brayton (#125), Michael Coy (#56), and Diana Majumdar (#124A), or perhaps you will meet an artist that you can recommend to VP Lonna Necker as a potential demonstrator in the future.

I'll be away in June and would love to hear of your experience of the tour - photos welcome!
- GM. ed

Art by Some of Our AATS Artists

RIGHT: "Far Far Away" by Elizabeth Gomes (mixed media) and "Channeling Cezanne" by Susan Bradford (oil)

BELOW: "A View from the Past" by Patricia Marina (mixed media) and "Barlow Wall" by James Reynolds (pastel)









Redwood Cafe presents

♦ 13 ON THE WALL ♦

A group show by Assists
May 15 - August 13, 2024

Enid BARNES ♦ Susan BRADFORD

Linda DOVE-PIERSON ♦ Katha ENGBLOM

Sarah HEGARTY ♦ Lorna HO ♦ Carolyn JARVIS

Gail MARDFIN ♦ Sandi MAURER

Leah OCEAN ♦ Linda Loveland REID

Honora RUSSELL ♦ Kim WINTER

RECEPTION

Friday, May 31 © 6-8pm
Music by Mostly Marys
8240 Old Redwood Hwy, Cotati, California
707-795-7868 • RedwoodCafe.com

Redwood Cafe - Lots to Offer!

Art by 13 AWS members will be on the walls of the **Redwood Cafe in Cotati** for three months, but WE will be there for one special night of celebration, **Friday, May 31 from 6 to 8pm**. Come for drinks or dinner, but come! Music is by Mostly Marys, a BLUEGRASS group. Should be fun!

And did you know we have talented MUSICIANS in AWS who also play at Redwood Cafe? Here are the deets:

Jerry Fabiano plays Traditional Celtic music with a group of friends who have been playing together for many years, know each other well, and play very skillfully. Every first and third Sundays of the month from 5 to 8pm.

Becky Brendlin is part of the Cedar Mountain String Band. There are five players on guitars, bass, and ukuleles; they all bring songs they like so the music is very eclectic, from 60s folk music to the Beatles to Santana and originals written by Gary Sugiyama (Becky's husband, whose name translates to Cedar Mountain). Every fourth Thursday of the month from 6 to 8pm through the summer.

So *if you can't make the May 31st "opening,"* at least come on one of those other nights and enjoy live music by our talented AWS friends.



Linda Grainger and Her Show at Steele Lane

Now 88, Linda Grainger still remembers the beauty that captivated her as a child living near a small fishing village in Taiwan, where she watched the glistening water drip from the fishermen's nets, "dancing in the sun." "All my life, I have been searching for that kind of beauty in the peaceful, quiet moments of life, the tiny things my eyes see around me," she explains.

Whether a seascape, landscape, still life, or images of everyday people — all of which are on display — this award-winning Sonoma county watercolorist is attracted to her subject by how she feels about it, not what she thinks about it. Two strong forces pushed Linda to choose watercolor as her main medium: an encouraging art

instructor (Barbara Marlin-Coole, pictured below) whose wet-on-wet paintings inspired her, and the transparent, mysterious nature of the watercolor medium itself, sometimes found in the Chinese brush paintings that were in Linda's tradition.

Born in Peking, Linda's family fled south to escape the war with Japan, and then fled again to Taiwan with the Communist takeover. She was educated in Taiwan, received her teaching degree, and then emigrated to the US in the mid-60s, where she earned a second degree at UCLA and worked while raising her family. Upon her retirement in 2002, Linda pursued her lifelong dream of being an artist, and has been painting nearly daily ever since. She is a member of the California Watercolor Association (CWA) as well as AWS. This showing of 40+ works in watercolor is quite an accomplishment, and many friends and family members enjoyed the artist's reception on April 12.

Open weekdays 9 to 5, the Steele Lane Community Center is located at 415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa and the show will hang until July 3.



AWS members Charito Shetty, Lin Dahl, and watercolor teacher Barbara Marlin-Coole surround Linda at her well-attended opening.

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HUGE SPRING SALE THROUGH MAY 26



NEW MEMBERS!!

...or members with no artist's page on our website yet, let's get you set up on <u>AWSOMEART.org</u>!

Send up to three images - squarely taken photos of your work - along with title, medium & dimension (height x width) to gail@plpgraphicdesign.com.

If you have a website or other online presence, include that link, too.

Deadline: June 30

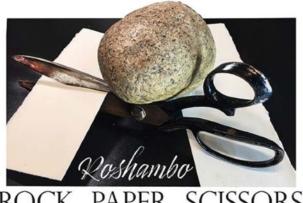
Visit https://www.awsomeart.org/members-artwork to see examples!

Questions? Send them to Gail Mardfin,
gail@plpgraphicdesign.com

Next opportunity will be December 2024.

Members who already have an artist's page on our website,

they will be updated <u>ONCE</u> A YEAR now. If you did not update it in January, you may do so now. See details above.



ROCK PAPER SCISSORS

April 18 ~ May 26, 2024

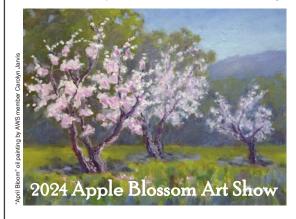
Congratulations to AWS members Connie Cook, Patrician Marina, Sandi Maurer, and Dana Rodney, whose art is in the Roshambo (aka Rock, Paper, Scissors) show at the Graton Gallery. The gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays, 9-4pm. 51 AWS artists entered the 2024 Apple Blossom Show. And a million friends and family showed up at the Friday night reception! It was a great show, thanks to Linda L. Reid's second-year leadership, experienced committee chairs, and countless AWS volunteers. We'll have to wait til the May meeting to hear the final report on sales, but there were a lot of red dots on the walls and smiling people walking out the door with art!

Congratulations to all the winners, who will receive their ribbons at the May meeting – when we'll also find out which piece won the Popular Vote.

A complete list of winners may be found on our website: www.awsomeart.org/apple-blossom-show

Photos by Avinash Pandey, Linda Reid & Gail Mardfin.

Art Workshop of Western Sonoma County



Apple Blossom Festival Theme: "Blossoms in Wonderland"

ARTISTS' RECEPTION & SALE Friday, April 26 · 7 ~ 9 pm

AWS ART SHOWN

Artists, if you didn't get a copy of the program with your name listed and would like one, extras will be available at the May meeting. This year's program cover painting is by Carolyn Jarvis.



The wonderful food crew keeps busy on Friday night!



The photo on the winners' wall belongs to Avinash Pandey.



The big ABS winners: Fran Nielsen and James Reynolds.



The large Friday night crowd of AWS artists, friends & family fills the hall.



Reception revelers Jerry & Susan Fabiano and Enid Barnes.



Julia Hansen (right) and friend enjoy the show.



James Reynolds' pastel wins Best in



Judy Pagnusat and Carolyn Jarvis share a laugh.



Patty Byrd's pastel takes an Honorable Mention.



Gail Radice and her blue ribbon oil.



Gail Mardfin (right) and the buyer of her mixed media painting get silly.



Judy G and Allen Donato join forces in the kitchen.



Kim Winter & LInda Reid pose before their ribbon-winning collaboration.



Rita Rhine, Nancy Tullow and Enid serve the wine.



Perusing the table laden with donated works by AWS artists.



Jerry stands by his First Place acrylic.





First place winner Becky Breslin. Raffle sellers Rod Morgan & Hedda Gold.



Lots to nosh on at the reception table - at least until 8pm!



Genie Rhodes (left) with Diana Jones & her daughter.



"The Winers" - Lonna Necker, Diana J, Denise Ferrere, Pamela Heck, Nancy T and Rita R.



Denise F, Kim Winter, and ABS Chair Linda L. Reid toast the evening.



A standing ovation for musicians Karol Kopely & Steven Radice!



Beverly Bird beams at the beautifully hung show.



Charito Shetty & her husband at the ABS scene.



Neighborhood friends Wendy Brown, Enid B, Niki Skelton & Linda Donahue.



A photo of the photographer-at-work.



Another ABS for Nancy Sanchietti and her husband.



Denise F and Carol Mills stand beneath Carol's large watercolor.



Another First for Judy McFarland!



Jan Blake (in yellow) is joined Saturday by her family from Eureka.



Top sales team, Merrie Krisl & Patty B.



Christine Field stands by her ribbon-adorned pastel of clouds.



Linda D drops her ballot in the Popular Vote box.



Linda Grainger meets her buyers on Saturday while there for her raffle shift.



Well, somebody's gotta do it! Thanks, Judy G.



First place in Additional 2D Media goes to Patricia Marina.



Hedda G and her winning gourd, Additional 3D Media.



A Wonderland caterpillar admires the art on the walls after the parade.



Parade square-dancers Gail M & Paula Pearce at the ABS.



It's a wrap! Gary Wilson and Kim W take down the panels - 'til next year!



ONE OF THE LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS... Lauren begged her mother to buy a raffle ticket so she could win Jerry Fabiano's landscape. And she did! She's one happy girl.