

April 2006

## Stan Cohen : A lifetime of supporting the visual arts in Oakland

As far back as I can remember, I knew I was going to be an artist. When I got to high school age, I tried out for the High School of Music and Art in Manhattan. It was a competitive test and I passed. The school was wonderful and I even met the love of my life there! Naomi was a Music major, but we married anyway... at 18. I attended NYU for two years, after returning from World War II. Then we took a summer trip out to California and everything changed. We went back to New York, packed our few belongings, said goodbye to our families and left the East Coast as the Blizzard of January 1947 blew in. I transferred to the California College of Arts and Crafts and Naomi found work as a Kindergarten teacher in the Oakland Public Schools. I loved Arts and Crafts

and graduated with honors in 1949. We already had our first child and I quickly found a teaching position. For the next 33 years I, too worked in the Oakland Schools as teacher and then as Director of Art. Meanwhile had our second and third children and built our home near Mills College.

In the 40's, 50's and 60's Oakland schools were top notch and we had great art and music and drama programs. Then the budget and political problems of the 70's and 80's began to take their toll and public education went to pot. By 1983 I had had enough and retired early, (age 58,) to paint full-time. Watercolor plain air landscapes held my interest for twenty years. I was committed to working in this demanding medium and to building a respectable body of work.

Shows, awards and sales were quite satisfying for that period. Lately, I have been looking inward more, and have been working in acrylics, (having started painting with the late Marge Cathcart's group,) completing a series of fifty memory paintings of events in my life.



Showing and working with the Oakland Art Association has been very pleasant in both the tangible rewards and especially in the fine people I have met over the years.

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## Mark your Calendar

- Following are the dates for the 2006 Oakland Chamber of Commerce shows. Dates are to pick up artwork from the prior show as well as enter work for the new show.
  - May 19
  - July 21
  - September 15
  - November 17
  - January 19, 07
- **April 20th** - The spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Oakland Art Association will be held at the Berkeley Yacht Club. See pages 3 & 5 for more details. Just clip the bottom form off page 5 and send it with \$25 to Stan Cohen at the address given on the form.
- **April 28th** - Take in for the Small Format Rockridge Branch Library show. Exhibit details and rules for this show are included on pg. 4.
- **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** - The next Leonard Breger critique will be at the Kensington Recreation Center, 59 Arlington Ave. in Kensington from 11 AM until 1 PM. The cost will be \$5 for OAA members and \$10 for non members. Call Stan at (510) 533-3003 for details.
- **May 5th** - OAA Board Meeting, 3 PM at the Oakland Museum
- **May 31st** - Pick up Rockridge show entries.

## Slate of Officers for 2006/2007:

President—**Bobbie Anderson**  
 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.—**Marie Gueld**  
 Recording Sec.—**Gladys Eaton**  
 Corresponding Sec.—**June Coy**  
 Membership—**Pat Dahlberg**  
 Treasurer—**Stan Cohen**  
 Parliamentarian—**Nelda Booras**  
 Directors at Large:  
     **Jim Coy**  
     **Joanie Murphy**  
     **John Mallon**

These are the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the 2006/2007 board level officers.

This slate will be presented and installed during the Annual Meeting to be held April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Berkeley Yacht Club. The incoming President will appoint two additional board members. It will be the responsibility of the new board to assign and re-assign the committee and show chairmen during the next few months.



Please Contact the editor of the Oakland Art Association Newsletter (Rick Nelson) with any comments suggestions or needs for additional information: (925) 256-6849, by email at rixin@aol.com or by post at 1584 Webb Lane/Walnut Creek, CA 94595

## Report on the Board meeting held Friday March 3, 2006

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Berkeley Yacht Club. The social hour will begin at 11 AM with a buffet lunch served at noon, and the Annual Meeting and program will begin at 1 PM. Members are asked to make every effort to attend this meeting. Please see the attachment to this newsletter for more details.

Some discussion was held concerning the importance of the "Show Coordinator" to overall goals of the Association. The Show Coordinator's role is to develop new venues to display the art of all OAA members, and

to work with the outside representatives of the exhibit spaces on required administrative and working details. Because of the importance of this position, the Board asked our outgoing President Ms. Joanie Murphy to assume this responsibility going forward, which she accepted. (Note that the OAA Satellite shows continue to be administered by their respective Chairmen.)

The membership chairman reported that our recent drive to sign up members for the current year has resulted in a roster of 49 Active members, 3 Honorary members and 2 Patrons.

The Board Meeting normally scheduled for the first Friday of April will be postponed and included as part of the annual luncheon on April 20. The next Board Meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> – 3 PM at the Oakland Museum and any and all members are encouraged to attend.



## PLEASE NOTE!!!!

### Bad information given in March Newsletter!!

Unfortunately the official rules for the Rockridge Library Small Format Show that was published in the last newsletter sounded great, but was wrong on several points! **Most notably the take in and pick up locations will not be at the Presbyterian Church as reported, but rather at the Library itself. The correct rule sheet is included in the months newsletter on page 4.** Your editor and our great volunteers apologize for the confusion.

### Adria Peterson to speak at annual luncheon

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Oakland Art Association is all set for 11 am until 2 pm on April 20th at the Berkeley Yacht Club .

The speaker this year will be Adria Peterson, a well known artist in the Bay Area. Peterson received a degree in Art from

the Rhode Island School of Design and currently maintains a studio/gallery on College Avenue in Oakland where she specializes in applying gold gilding to her work. Petersons father (who worked in the 1930's for the WPA) was also an artist and she will be showing us slides of

some of his work as well.

**Page 5 of this newsletter has more detail, a map and a sign up form which needs to be returned to Stan Cohen as soon as possible.**

This will be an outstanding event, please make every effort to join your fellow members!

OAKLAND ART ASSOCIATION

SMALL FORMAT SHOW  
May 1- May 31, 2006  
Rockridge Library Gallery

Exhibit Rules

All 2 dimensional media: Paintings, (all media) Drawings, Photography, Collage, Prints, etc.

CHAIR: Stan Cohen

RECEIVING: Friday, April 28, 12noon to 1pm,  
At the Rockridge Library,  
5366 College Ave., Oakland  
Gallery is on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

ENTRIES:

SIZE LIMITS: Frame Measurements 8x10" to 16x20"  
Original work  
Work must be for sale.  
3 works may be submitted; 3 may be accepted.

ENTRY FEE: \$6 per entry (Special Reduced Fee, this show only)

JUROR: Rosalie Cassell

ACCEPTED WORKS: Pick up at Rockridge Library Gallery, Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1pm to 3pm

FRAMING: Must be clean and sturdy and appropriate for small work

AWARDS: First Award, \$100. Second Award \$50. Third Award \$25. Merit Awards discretion of Juror

INSURANCE: Waiver must be signed at Receiving.

SALES: Handled by OAA Treasurer (533-3003). All sales made during show and 30 days after show, must comply with OAA Policy: "No change in price". Artists receive 70% of sales. Sales Tax (8.75%) must be added to all prices.

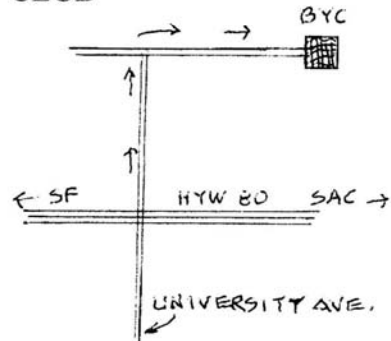
LIBRARY HOURS: Sun/Mon - Closed, Tues 12:30 - 8, Wed/Thurs: 10 - 5:30, Fri 12 - 5:30, Sat 10 - 5:30.

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**SPRING LUNCHEON**  
AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006

AT THE BERKELEY YACHT CLUB  
1 SEAWALL DRIVE

11:00 AM HAPPY HOUR  
12:00 NOON BUFFET LUNCHEON  
1:00 PM PROGRAM  
BUFFET MENU



- SALAD Spinach & Roasted Beets with Shallot Vineigret
- ENTRÉE Rotisserie Chicken with Corn Bread Stuffing  
Rosemary, Garlic, & Chardonnay Marinated Tri Tip Steak  
Garlic Mashed Potato  
Pineapple Shrimp Fried Rice  
Country Rolls
- DESSERT Lemon Sun Cake with Berries & Cream  
Coffee and Tea

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Reservation Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form along with \$25 by April 15<sup>th</sup>. To:

Stan Cohen  
3386 Wyman Street  
Oakland, CA 94619-3439  
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OAA Satellite Shows							
All beginning/end dates are approximate - please contact the coordinator for exact dates							
<b>California Saving Bank</b> 1998 Mountain Boulevard Oakland, CA 94611  Rick Nelson coordinator (925) 256-6849 rixin@aol.com	<b>First Federal Savings</b> 6058 College Ave Oakland, CA 94618  Victoria Jew coordinator (510) 654-6983 jew_chungwai@yahoo.com	<b>Lake Park Retirement</b> 1850 Alice Street Oakland, CA 94612  Gladys Eaton coordinator (510) 652-0366	<b>Piedmont Gardens</b> 110 41st Street Oakland, CA 94611  Nancy Sears coordinator (510) 985-0717	<b>Salem Lutheran Home</b> 2361 East 29th Street Oakland, CA 94606  Norma Yagiljian coordinator (510) 839-6512	March April May June July August September October November December January February	Gladys Eaton Weichian Mai Singer S. Newman Tina Nelson Wenda Pyman	Evelyn Call Stan Cohen S. Newman
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