AHA Moments

April 9, 2024
Aromas Grange 6.30 pm

Meeting Chair Peggy Hartman was not present and replaced by Linda Bjornson. Darleen Boyd from San Juan Bautista was introduced to give a short presentation about a community park event facilitated by the library. They are looking for artists on three different dates June 22, July 20 and August 17 this summer to participate in instructing or demonstrating their medium. There was a sign up sheet passed around. It is not to sell work but to interest the community in art. For further information and to sign up contact Darlene Boyd at: thrivewithart@gmail.com

Introduction of members and guests

Next meeting is **May 9th** and will be lead by Cynthia Edgerly

Art Sharing Theme was “Foolish Things”
Many members shared their items: Cynthia Edgerly formed a head out of clay with the title off with his head. Linda Bjornson shared her walking stick that she had carved from Manzanita wood a long time ago.
Don Johnson brought a wooden board with a floral design made out of Abalone shells. Susan Shirley showed her wall hanging made out of fiber and recycled materials that just came back from an exhibition. It shows life of mussels at a deep sea vent (the mussels are made of recycled contact lens cases). Shelly Trabucco brought two gourds that she experimented with . Louise Coombs shared her painted wood disks, Tami Shankle a watercolor of her sheep, that needs to wear a. Hat because he gets attacked by a bird. Jane Rekedal described her frustrations and many hours of work on a native clay that didn’t fire up to expectation. Andrea McCann formed a bumble bee out of wire and fiber.

Sandee Adams spoke briefly about the upcoming San Benito open Studio Tour . She will have 7 artists at there place and there will be 3 at Sally Diggorys's house, as well as Jane Rekedal at her studio and Susan Shirley at her property with other fiber artists. The night market that was scheduled for this Saturday has been cancelled due to rain in the forecast.

Theme for the May meeting is May Flowers

Paint out this month was at Sandra Bragga's house, a beautiful hill property with lots of Aloe and Echium, view of a small lake and distant mountain. Cynthia, Linda Kati and Tami shared their work from that day.

Next paint out will be April 18th at 1pm at Laurie Tholen's house. Linda will send out a reminder.

Review of the visiting artist workshop was given by Chris Martinez who found it extremely well organized, inspiring and she learned a lot about watercolor, sketching and tricks about lettering in your journal. Many members attended the workshop.

The Aromas County Garden Tour is coming up on **May 11** There are still some artists needed. So far Rhoda is alone at the Water district. Laurie Tholen volunteered to be added. David and Louise Coombes will both be artists. There were official badges handed out. Contact Linda to get yours. 4H will be selling lunch It is 6 dollars for the lunch and needs to be paid ahead of time.

Speaking of plants: Don shared that this Saturday is a plant seed exchange at the Prunedale Grange.

Jane Rekedal talked about the way AHA members can help the grange as is is facing some major repairs.

a) join the grange and pay your 40 dollar membership fee
b) Show up for work parties, clean up inside and and then the major outside one after the drainage work is done.
c) Attend and volunteer at the Memorial Day. Barbecue
d) Help with the drainage ditch digging on July 15th
e) Or donate materials or solicit donations
f) Donate art to be given as door prize drawing at the Grange breakfast. You need to photograph and write a description and mail it by the 13th of each month.

Announcements:
If you are a SanBenito county voter there is a signature drive for a slow growth initiative. Contact Susan Shirley.
Community Park 2nd Annual Wine Stroll is scheduled for May 19th. If interested contact Rose Dumond , mzrose@gmail.com
Artist Booth fee is $50 or a donation of a $50 item