## MARIPOSA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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It's been a dynamic year for the Mariposa County Arts Council. We plunged headfirst into a number of new ventures and invested time into refining and growing our established programs in order to continue to provide the County of Mariposa with lively cultural events and relevant art experiences for people of all ages and walks of life. The Board of Directors and staff thank you for your generous support and we look forward to what the next year brings. Please enjoy this look back on 2016.

Cara Goger, Executive Director

# The mission of the Mariposa County Arts Council is to support all forms of the cultural arts, for all ages, throughout Mariposa County.

We believe that the arts contribute significantly to the vibrancy and health of Mariposa County, and our programs and the services we provide are designed to benefit our community in the following ways:

- Serve the diverse interests of residents living in and around Mariposa County
- Positively increase the visibility of Mariposa
- Leverage the many positive facets of art for constructive community engagement, civic dialogue and social change
- Support the local economy
- Provide opportunities for collaboration among individuals, organizations, businesses and civic leaders in Mariposa and beyond

- Act as a conduit to better connect the community of Mariposa to issues, movements and opportunities beyond its boundaries
- Foster awareness of the wide range of artistic voices and media offering different lenses of interpretation for our community, environment and world
- Utilize the arts as an equalizer that can create a level playing field where underrepresented voices can be heard, amplified and engaged
- Contribute to the health of all people by engaging them in the creation and appreciation of art



## **OUR PRINCIPAL PROGRAMS**







These programs are all produced, organized and curated by the Mariposa County Arts Council:

The Mariposa Storytelling Festival, Mariposa Symphony Orchestra, Mariposa Theatre Alliance, Music on the Green Summer Concert Series and the Treetop Gallery.



### MARIPOSA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Our 29th Storytelling Festival featured nationally-renowned tellers Charlotte Blake-Alston, Donald Davis, MaryGay Ducey, Joel ben Izzy, Angela Lloyd and Jim May. It took place in downtown Mariposa and Yosemite National Park. Complementing the festival, our annual Story Slam provided an opportunity for novice and experienced tellers to try out their tales in an informal setting and a workshop offered by MaryGay Ducey gave serious tellers a chance to sharpen their skills.

In total, 2292 people enjoyed the festival, slam and workshop.

Photograph above: Angela Lloyd and ASL Interpreter Nan Oswald at the 2016 Mariposa Storytelling Festival.

#### **DATES**

Story Slam

March 10, 2016

Mariposa Storytelling Festival

March 11-13, 2016

The Art of Storytelling with MaryGay Ducey

March 14, 2016



#### MARIPOSA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Mariposa has the distinction of being the smallest town in the United States with its own symphony orchestra. Founded in 2002 by Music Director/Conductor Les Marsden, the 60+ member Mariposa Symphony Orchestra (MSO) performs several concerts each year, and is the only symphony orchestra in Yosemite's 150-year history allowed to perform in the National Park, which it does annually.

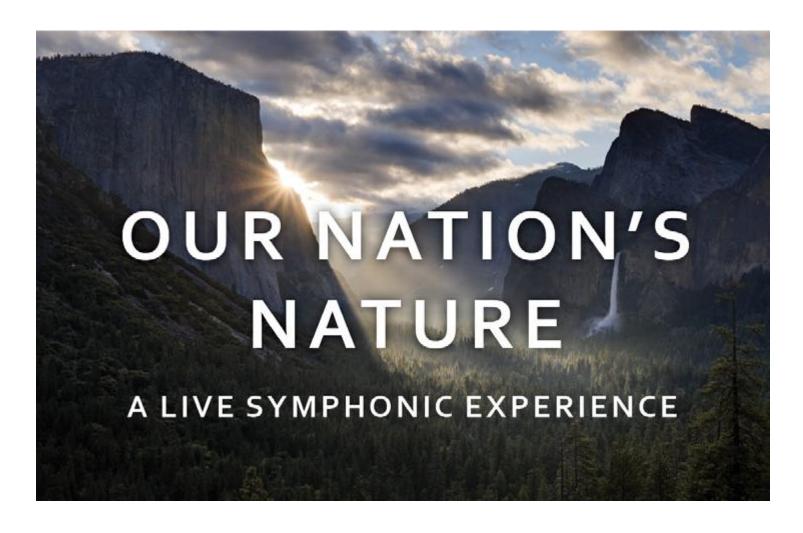
In 2016, the MSO performed 10 concerts for 1739 audience members.

#### Our Nation's Nature Regional Tour\*

In addition to its full season, in 2016, in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service (NPS), the MSO embarked on an historic five-county tour of Yosemite and its gateway communities. Les Marsden's evening-length four-movement symphonic cycle titled "Our Nation's Nature" was performed under that work's composer in seven concerts in Mariposa County, Madera County, Merced County, Tuolumne County, Mono County and two unprecedented concerts in Yosemite National Park itself. This tour was funded by the California Arts Council's Creative California Communities grant program.

\*Indicates new or uniquely discrete program/project.

Photograph above: The Mariposa Symphony Orchestra performing at Glacier Point in Yosemite National Park for Our Nation's Nature Tour Finale. August 21, 2016. Photograph by Al Golub - courtesy of the National Park Service.



While dedicated overall to the NPS Centennial, "Our Nation's Nature" consists of four movements, each of which commemorates an important anniversary significant to Yosemite, America's great outdoors and the National Park Service:

I. HOPE IN A TIME OF TRAGEDY (Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's June 30, 1864 signing of the Yosemite Grant Act.)

**II.** *WILDERNESS: OUR NECESSARY REFUGE* (Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the September 3, 1964 creation of the Wilderness Act.)

**III.** *GUARDIANS of MAGIC, STEWARDS of WONDER* (Commemorating the Centennial of the August 25th, 1916 establishment of the National Park Service.)

**IV. YOSEMITE!** (Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the October 1, 1890 establishment of Yosemite National Park.)

The MSO received the honor of being asked by Yosemite National Park's superintendent to perform "Our Nation's Nature" at Yosemite National Park's Glacier Point as Yosemite's official National Park Centennial Celebration. The concert was live-streamed by the National Park Service to an international audience of more than 150,000 from Glacier Point's 7,200 foot elevation.

Photograph above: Michael Frye, 2011.



Independent film production company Lovely Films captured the tour in a short documentary, which can be viewed here:

https://youtu.be/PmCjF-tXpEE

#### More MSO Concerts in 2016



## Independence Day Spectacular! Concert with Special Guests, the Sierra Riders

The National Anthem, John Stafford Smith, arranged by Les Marsden

Armed Forces Salute, arranged by Dr. Phillip Smith

Matt's Unfinished Symphony, Matthew Kroeker, 2016 Winner of the Young Master Composers Celebration, Orchestrated by Les Marsden

Highlights from "Show Boat," Jerome Kern, arranged by Rosario Bourdon

Irish Rhapsody, Victor Herbert

Back in the Saddle Again, Gene Autry/Ray Whitley, arranged by Tim Johnson

San Antonio Rose, Bob Willis, arranged by Tim Johnson

Ridin' Down the Canyon, Gene Autry/Smiley Burnette, arranged by Tim Johnson

Rawhide, Dmitri Tiomkin/Ned Washington, arranged by Tim Johnson

Red River Valley, Anonymous, arranged by Tim Johnson

The Devil Went Down to {Mariposa}, The Charlie Daniels
Band, arranged by Tim Johnson

Without Her, Tim Johnson

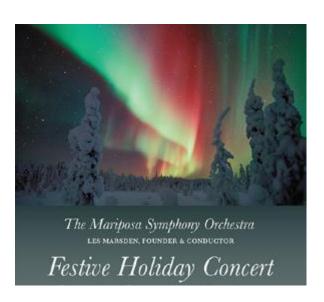
Ghost Riders in the Sky, Stan Jones, arranged by Tim Johnson



#### 15th Season Opening Concert

Symphony in D, Jan Václav Hugo Voříšek

Symphony #3 in E₁ "Eroica," Ludwig van Beethoven



#### **Festive Holiday Concert**

"Winter Dreams" Symphony, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Overture to "Candide," Leonard Bernstein
Suite from "Pélleas et Mélisande," Gabriel Fauré
Sierra Christmas Party, Les Marsden

#### **MSO DATES**

#### **Our Nation's Nature Tour**

Mariposa (Mariposa County)

April 23, 2016

#### **Our Nation's Nature Tour**

Yosemite National Park/1927 Landmark Ahwahnee Hotel (Mariposa County)

April 24, 2016

#### **Our Nation's Nature Tour**

Oakhurst (Madera County)

April 30, 2016

#### **Our Nation's Nature Tour**

Merced (Merced County)

May 7, 2016

#### **Our Nation's Nature Tour**

Sonora (Tuolumne County)

May 14, 2016

## Independence Day Spectacular! Concert

Mariposa

July 2, 2016

#### **Our Nation's Nature Tour**

Mammoth Lakes (Mono County)

August 20, 2016

#### **Our Nation's Nature Tour**

Official National Park Service Centennial Celebration for Yosemite National Park, Glacier Point (Mariposa County)

August 21, 2016

#### 15th Season Opening Concert

Mariposa

October 22, 2016

#### **Festive Holiday Concert**

Mariposa

December 17, 2016

## MARIPOSA THEATRE ALLIANCE

Our Mariposa Theatre Alliance (MTA) is an association of producing theatre artists formed to foster and promote theatre throughout Mariposa County.

In 2016, the MTA staged two productions delighting 584 audience members.

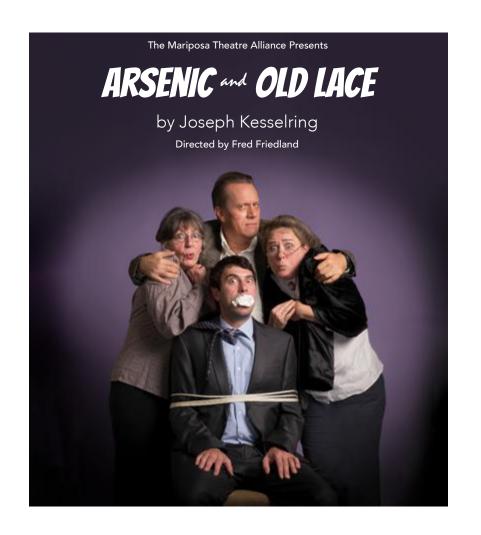


#### "Love's Labour's Lost"

Directed by Colton Dennis

A partnership production between Merced Shakespearefest and Mariposa Theatre Alliance, "Love's Labour's Lost," reinterpreted the Shakespearean tale of four young men who have dedicated their lives to study, only to be distracted when four young women arrive and mayhem ensues. "Love's Labour's Lost" was presented under the stars at the Mariposa County Amphitheater.

Photography and poster design for "Love's Labour's Lost" by Shawn Overton.





#### "Arsenic and Old Lace"

Directed by Fred Friedland

Joseph Kesselring's "Arsenic and Old Lace" is a black comedy about Mortimer and his crazy family. Mortimer, a drama critic in love with the reverend's daughter, must deal with his maniacal family and decide whether or not to go through with his plans to marry the woman he loves. "Arsenic and Old Lace" was presented inside the Mariposa County Park Amphitheater with intimate black box seating.







#### **MTA DATES**

#### "Love's Labour's Lost"

September 24, 2016 September 25, 2016

#### "Arsenic and Old Lace"

October 7, 2016

October 8, 2016

October 14, 2016

October 15, 2016

October 16, 2016



## MUSIC ON THE GREEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Photograph above:
Bootstrap Circus performs at Music on the Green with guest Ben Goger.

Every Friday and Saturday evening during the summer months, our Music on the Green Summer Concert Series brings live music to downtown Mariposa's outdoor Arts Park. These free concerts are produced by Ronnie Sweeting and feature folk, bluegrass, rock, jazz, reggae, country and world music bands hailing from the Sierra Nevada, Central Valley and San Francisco Bay Areas. In 2016, 3907 local and visiting concert-goers enjoyed these musical performances.

MARIPOSA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL Presents

## MUSIC ON THE GREEN

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2016** 

EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT

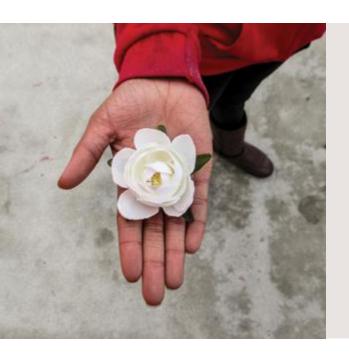
#### **JUNE TO AUGUST**

MARIPOSA COUNTY ART PARK
7PM TO 9PM



#### DATES/PROGRAM

Soul Galaxy	Mountain Men	Deja Blues	The Jespersons
June 3, 2016	Collective	July 16, 2016	August 12, 2016
	June 24, 2016		
Steve Johnson &		The Trespassers	Redding Bros.
those BobTones	Bodie 601	July 22, 2016	Band
June 4, 2016	June 25, 2016		August 13, 2016
		The Grasskickers	
Green Machine	DeWitt & Franklin	July 23, 2016	J.J. Rymer
June 10, 2016	July 1, 2016		August 19, 2016
		B Natural	
Pathetic Honey	Blue Skies Trio	July 29, 2016	<b>Good Medicine</b>
June 11, 2016	July 8, 2016		August 20, 2016
		The Skylights	
Baraka Moon	Danny Millsap Band	July 30, 2016	The Little Fuller
June 17, 2016	July 9, 2016		Band
		Colorado Road	August 26, 2016
Mike Hammar	<b>Cottonwood Creek</b>	August 5, 2016	
and the Nails	July 15, 2016		Roger Perry Group
June 18, 2016		<b>Bootstrap Circus</b>	August 27, 2016
		August 6, 2016	



## EXHIBITIONS AND TREETOP GALLERY

Our Treetop Gallery features the work of regional artists, curated exhibitions and public programming and is designed to be both a retail gallery and welcoming place for engagement with the visual arts. Additionally, the Arts Council organizes and curates exhibitions that travel beyond the Treetop.

In 2016, 13,204 guests enjoyed our curated exhibitions and featured artwork by regional artists.



#### **EXHIBITIONS**

#### IN UNIFORM:

#### Military Uniforms and the Stories They Tell\*

Artists: Drew Cameron/Combat Paper, Binh Danh, and Pam DeLuco

Recognizing the significant weight a uniform carries, the artists featured in this exhibition all utilize military uniforms in their art making process. By using material that has survived combat, the artists create a framework to share the many experiences and emotions of the people who have directly observed war - as well as tangible connections to the places in which those experiences were etched into permanent memories. Incorporated throughout the exhibition were uniforms belonging to local veterans and active duty military personnel. These pieces of art and personal artifacts represent individual, communal and environmental stories of combat and service, bringing the intimate affect of war to the forefront of the general public's consciousness and encouraging a necessary dialog about our collective responsibility and shared understanding of war.

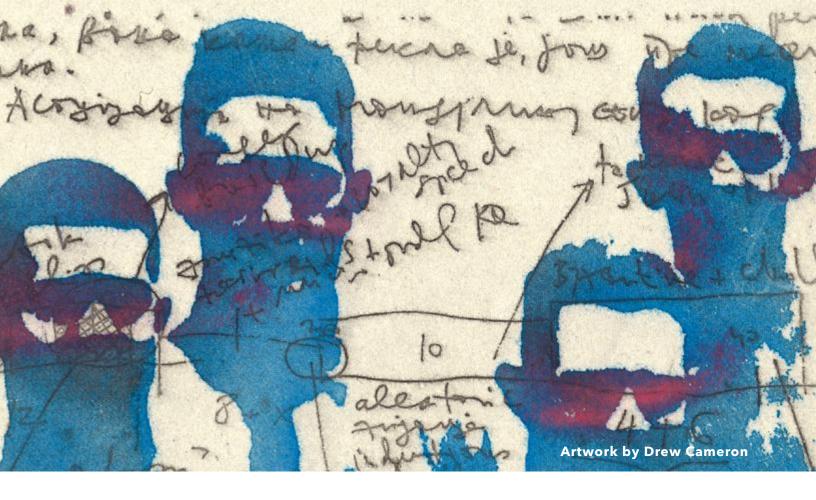
#### Public Programming Complementing In Uniform included:

Art Talk with Drew Cameron,
Artist and Founder of Combat Paper

Combat Paper Papermaking Workshop with Drew Cameron

Guided School Tours of *In Uniform* 

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates new or uniquely discrete program/project.







"During the papermaking workshop, I saw families of military personnel making paper to commemorate the current service of their own loved ones. I was able to make several pieces of paper to share with a Marine Corps helicopter pilot from the Iraq war, the family of the Army Colonel in charge of the medical evacuation helicopter unit in Vietnam, and a piece to commemorate the service of my own family.

"As a veteran of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, I have seen the impact of the many wars in my lifetime on those who have served their country. Presentations like Drew's allow not only veterans but their families and current young adults to understand the feelings generated by war."

- A veteran who prefers to remain anonymous.

In Uniform was jointly organized and curated by the Mariposa County Arts Council and the Keith M. Bertken Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6042 and generously supported by the California Arts Council's Veterans Initiative in the Arts grant program.

## YOUNG MASTERS YOUTH EXHIBITION

The Young Masters Youth Exhibition provides K-12 youth of Mariposa an opportunity to visually share their ideas, narratives and inspirations with their community, while offering gallery guests the chance to view the world from the perspective of youth. *Dreamscapes and Imaginary Worlds* was the 2016 theme and exhibition title, and 80 young artists from all corners of Mariposa County participated in the exhibition.

Artwork at right by Kai Yoshida, age 11, "My Dream Tree House." Artwork below by Hope McCoy, age 12, "The Wonders of the Ocean."







I am the man for myself. I am the love for myself. I am the dream for myself. - Nasir, age 17. Kenya

#### F/STOP

In 2016, the Arts Council organized and curated two exhibitions of photographs taken by participants of our F/STOP lifespan learning photography program. These exhibitions included over 250 images. In addition to being exhibited at the Treetop Gallery, these exhibitions traveled to the Mariposa County Library and the Red Cloud Library. More information about the F/STOP program can be found in the LEARN section of this report.

Photographs on the opposite page:

Top: Binh Danh, El Capitan, Yosemite, CA, June 20, 2014, Daguerreotype. Middle: Ted Orland, One-And-A-Half-Domes, Yosemite National Park. Bottom: Mark Klett & Byron Wolfe, View From Handrail at Glacier Point.

#### I AM THE DREAM FOR MYSELF:

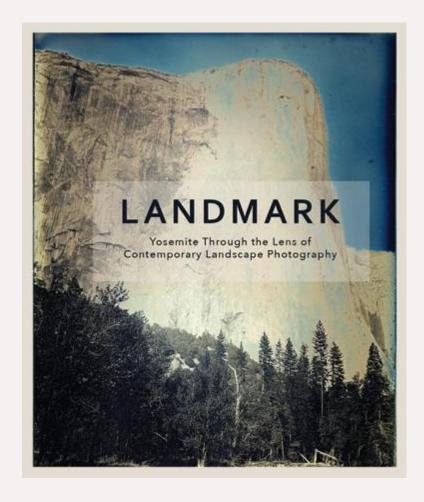
Images by Refugee and Immigrant Youth

I AM THE DREAM FOR MYSELF includes over 30 images created by displaced youth from around the world. The young photographers featured in this exhibition came to the United States between the years of 2005 and 2013 from the following countries: Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Somalia, Sudan and Vietnam. Their images and statements offer a glimpse into their challenging experiences and share their thoughts, concerns and feelings related to having to leave their home country and begin building a new life in the United States.

To bring this special exhibition to Mariposa, the Mariposa County Arts Council partnered with the San Diego-based AjA Project, which provides photography-based educational programming to refugee and displaced youth.











#### LANDMARK:

## Yosemite Through the Lens of Contemporary Landscape Photography\*

Artists: Binh Danh, Mark Klett and Byron Wolfe, Ted Orland, Millee Tibbs, and Jerry Uelsmann

Landscape photography is uniquely wedded to the National Parks and to Yosemite in particular. Many of our nation's most famous photographers have storied relationships with Yosemite - their work not only celebrates and shares the landscape's grandeur, but also examines our relationship to wilderness and conservation. The contemporary artists selected for this exhibition bring new representation and varied voices to the genre of landscape photography, strengthening the rich relationship between the medium and Yosemite while also blazing new conceptual and technical ground with their work.

LANDMARK celebrates the centennial of the National Park Service and looks ahead to the next century as NPS continues to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park system for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

Organized and curated by the Mariposa County Arts Council, *LANDMARK* is a partnership program with the Yosemite Museum/National Park Service, the Merced County Arts Council and San Francisco Camerawork. Generous support for *LANDMARK* comes from the National Endowment for the Arts "Imagine Your Parks" grant program and the Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau, Michael Frye and Claudia Welsh, Carol Johnson, and Michelle Marco.

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#### **EXHIBITION DATES**

#### In Uniform:

#### Military Uniforms and the Stories They Tell

(Treetop Gallery, Mariposa)

November 7, 2015 - March 20, 2016

Artist Talk with Drew Cameron of Combat Paper February 11, 2016

Combat Paper Papermaking workshop with Drew Cameron February 12, 2016

#### **Dreamscapes and Imaginary Worlds**

Young Masters Youth Exhibition (Treetop Gallery, Mariposa) February 4 - 28, 2016

#### F/STOP Photography Exhibition

Images from F/STOP 2015
April 8 - June 5, 2016 (Treetop Gallery, Mariposa)
July 1 - October 1, 2016 (Mariposa County Library, Mariposa)

#### F/STOP: Photos from the Field

Images from F/STOP 2016 (Treetop Gallery, Mariposa) December 9, 2016 - April 9, 2017

#### I AM THE DREAM FOR MYSELF: Images by Refugee and Immigrant Youth

Photographs from The AjA Project's Permanent Collection (Treetop Gallery, Mariposa) December 9, 2016 - April 9, 2017

## LANDMARK: Yosemite Through the Lens of Contemporary Landscape Photography

(Yosemite Museum, Yosemite National Park) November 18, 2016 - January 22, 2017

#### Photograph above:

Young Masters Youth Exhibition Opening Reception.

#### TREETOP ARTISTS

We are proud to represent over 30 regional artists year-round in the gallery. Retail artwork in the gallery is rotated on a quarterly basis and includes two- and three-dimensional pieces, as well as wearable art, textiles and artisan home goods.

#### **FEATURED ARTISTS:**

Linda Abbott

Trowzers Akimbo

Jackie Baxton

Phyllis Becker

Leonard Bullock

Mary Jane Campbell Mann

**Becky Caraco** 

John Cox

Tim DeWitt

Moira Donohoe

**Ann Harris** 

**Candace Harrison** 

**Charlotte Hoffman** 

**David Hoffman** 

Carol Johnson

Polly Kavanaugh

Gary Langdon

Michelle Marco

Phyllis McAdams

Malcolm McGregor

Patty McGregor

Ann Mendershausen

Ralph Mendershausen

Jeanne Moje MacDonald

Saralyn Nusbaum

Akiki Oi

Penny Otwell

Jeanetta Phillips

Fran Shell

Kerby Smith

LothLorien Stewart

John Tomsick

Helen Willoughby Peck

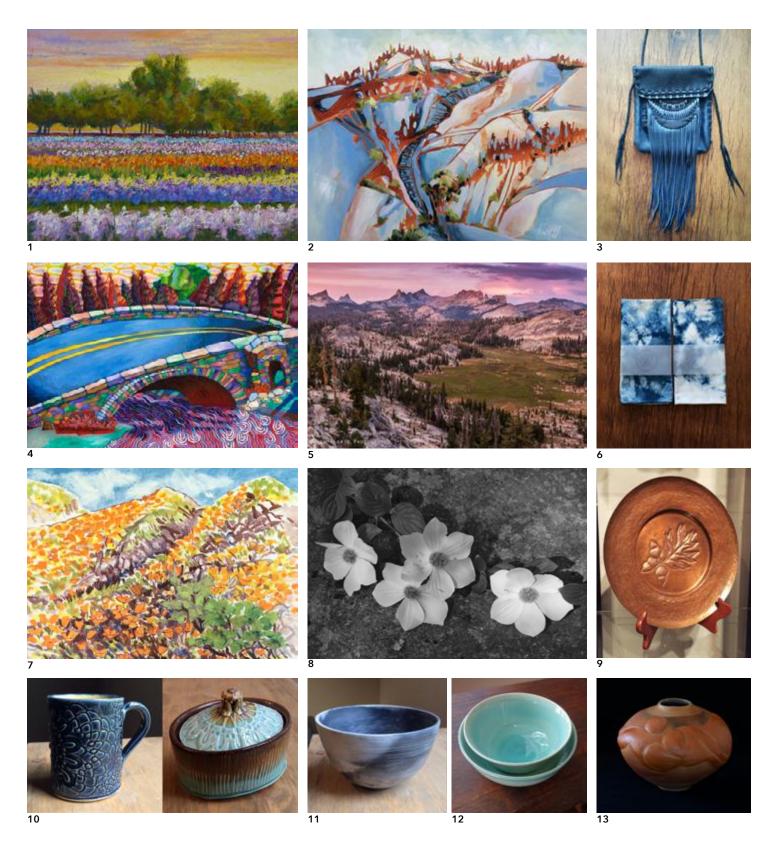
Wei Zhang

Photograph below: Works by Trowzers Akimbo and Tim DeWitt.

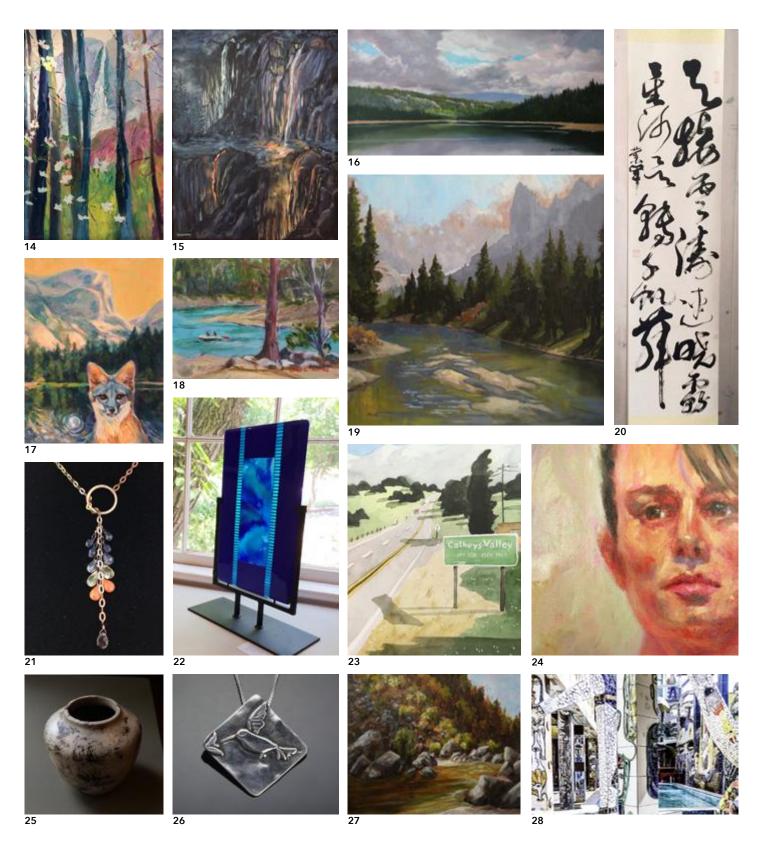


### TREETOP GALLERY GUIDE

A selection of artwork from 2016.



Detail of Charlotte Hoffman's work
 Penny Otwell
 Tim DeWitt
 Trowzers Akimbo
 Ryan Alonzo
 Akiko Oi
 Detail of Ann Harris's work
 Jeanetta Phillips
 Leonard Bullock
 Phyllis Becker
 Candace Harrison
 Polly Kavanaugh
 Ralph Mendershausen



14. Moira Donohoe 15. Lori Setterberg 16. Michael Langdon 17. Jeanne Moje MacDonald 18. Vicki Thomas 19. Linda Abbott 20. Wei Zhang 21. SaraLynn Nusbaum 22. Helen Willoughby-Peck 23. John Cox 24. Detail of Phyllis McAdams's work 25. Fran Shell 26. LothLorien Stewart 27. Michelle Marco 28. Carol Johnson



We know that arts engagement and art making benefit both children and adults significantly. We are proud to offer a variety of arts education and public programming for people of all ages and walks of life here in Mariposa.

Our arts education and lifespan learning programs have been developed to:

- Provide a variety of rigorous, quality art programming to people of all ages and socioeconomic levels across Mariposa County
- Connect our signature programs to a younger audience
- Bridge the distance between art, vocational pathways and academic subjects
- Create lifelong creative learning opportunities for people of all ages
- Develop meaningful partnerships with traditional and non-traditional partners both in and outside of Mariposa County



Photographs clockwise from top:

1. Participants learned how to make two different types of vessels with Phyllis Becker. 2. The class used found objects and stamps to press designs onto their slabs. 3. Brush Bar is a workshop where participants are given step-by-step instructions to complete a beautiful painting. 4. Moira Donohoe creates the original paintings and instructs these classes. The November painting was a fall aspen landscape.





These programs give adults an opportunity to create art and refine their skills in small groups under the guidance of a professional artist. Designed to be a fundraiser, these fee-based classes support our Artists in the Schools program. This year almost 80 adults participated in these classes and workshops.

#### **DATES/CLASSES**

#### Brush Bar with Moira Donohoe

(1-week class)

September 28, 2016

October 4, 2016

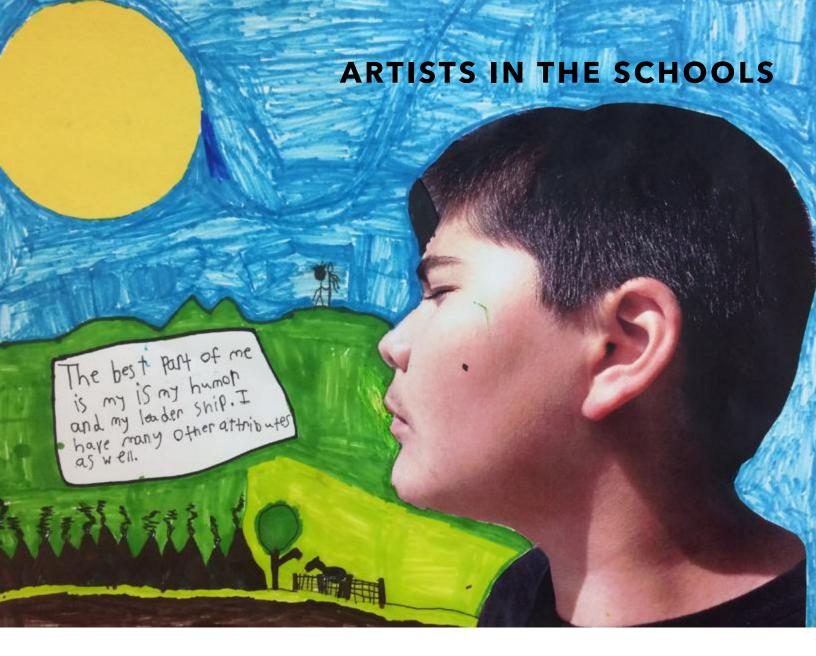
November 10, 2016

November 14, 2016

#### Ceramics with Phyllis Becker

(3-week class)

November 3, 10, 17, 2016



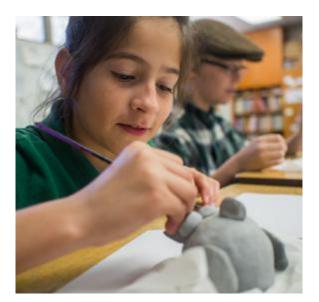


Artists in the Schools places trained teaching artists into all of Mariposa County's 5th grade classrooms for 8-week residencies. These artists have worked with their respective classroom teachers to develop an arts-infused, standards-aligned curriculum that teaches art in concert with at least one other academic subject. The residencies provided in-depth, hands-on visual arts experiences that developed students' critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills while challenging students to transfer knowledge across traditional subject area boundaries. In the spring of 2016, this program was offered to every 5th grade classroom in Mariposa and five teaching artists worked with over 200 children and 10 classroom teachers.

Artists in the Schools is a partnership program with the Mariposa County Office of Education, El Portal Elementary, Greeley Hill Elementary, Lake Don Pedro Elementary, Mariposa Elementary, Woodland Elementary, Yosemite Elementary.







#### DATES/CURRICULA

February - April 2016 El Portal Elementary School/ Yosemite Valley Elementary School

Through the creation of whimsical ceramic pieces, students examined the chemical reactions and the mathematically measurable dynamic effect of the molecular and atomic structure of matter.

#### April - May 2016 Greeley Hill Elementary School/ Lake Don Pedro Elementary School

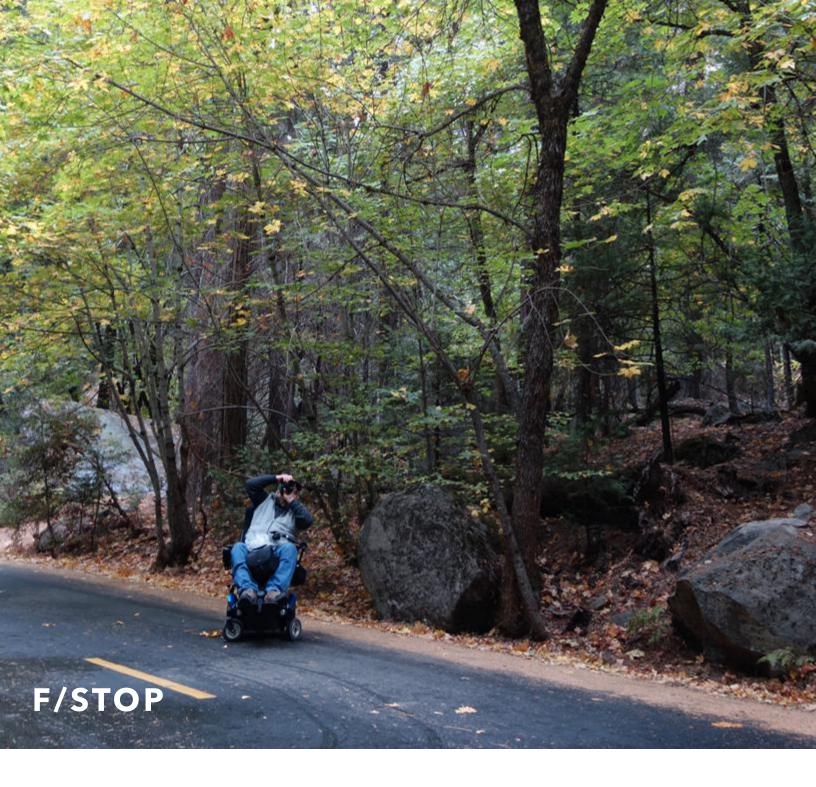
Students created images using alternative photographic processes (cyanotypes, solargraphy, chlorophyll prints, camera obscuras) while learning about the physical properties and artistic application of light and geometry.

#### February - April 2016 Mariposa Elementary School

Students created and compared both a molded and sculpted model of their own hand while also applying lessons about measurement/data, geometry and anatomy/bone structure.

#### March - May 2016 Sierra Foothill Charter School/ Woodland Elementary School

Students learned about the elements of art and principles of design in the fields of illustration, photography, advertising and typography in order to effectively communicate ideas visually.



F/STOP is a lifespan learning program providing photography-based programs for senior citizens in Mariposa County. Participants learn how to use photography to express their identities, tell stories and share their connection to Mariposa. In 2016, the culminating events were multi-sited public exhibitions featuring the work created in these workshops. The program is supported by research indicating that older adults have great capacity to learn new ideas and skills and that community-based art programs have lasting impact on seniors' physical and mental health. These classes are offered in downtown

Mariposa, Greeley Hill and at John C. Fremont Health Care District's Ewing Wing, a skilled nursing facility. Information about F/STOP's exhibitions can be found in the EXPERIENCE section of this report. In 2016, F/STOP served 75 participants.

F/STOP is a partnership program with the County of Mariposa Department of Community Services, the Mariposa County Library and the John C. Fremont Health Care District and is generously supported by the California Arts Council's Local Impact grant program and the Central Valley Community Foundation.





#### DATES/CURRICULA

#### September 2015 - February 2016

Three 4-week sessions for new participants, three 5-week sessions for returning participants and a 16-week session at the Ewing Wing's skilled nursing facility. Curriculum focused on creating artistic and creative photographic essays examining Mariposa's history and participants created short documentary film pieces with their images (www.youtube.com/user/MariposaArtsCouncil).

The curriculum for the Ewing Wing was modified to accommodate individuals living in hospice care and uses photography to create meaningful and engaging experiences for participants.

#### September - December 2016

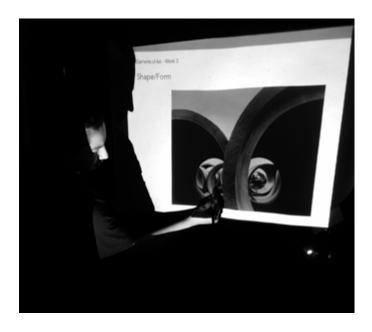
Four 5-week field trip sessions, two 2-week image transfer sessions and a 16-week session at the Ewing Wing's skilled nursing facility. The 5-week workshop's curriculum centered on nature photography and the editing process and included a field trip to Yosemite. The 2-week transfer workshops walked participants through the creative process of transferring their images onto wood and canvas.

"The Mariposa County Arts Council and F/STOP workshops have inspired many to gather together as a community of photographers. Many have gone on to join local photography clubs, plan photography trips, share artistic and technical aspects of photography, and to continue to provide guidance and encouragement. Overall and most importantly, F/STOP participants would agree the workshops have enhanced their quality of life."

- Tom O.















#### JUMP StArts\*

In 2015/2016 we piloted a new visual literacy program for probation youth. The program is steeped in a growing body of academic research indicating that exposing youth to art promotes emotional intelligence, a greater sense of self-worth and critical thinking skills. This initiative brings a 20+ week artist-inresidency program focused on visual literacy to at-risk youth in Mariposa and is designed to complement a strength- based counseling program focused on youth's strengths and interests.

The program is broken down into two components, art talks and creative projects, both of which focus on how artists use vantage points, lighting, composition, the elements of art and principles of design to communicate specific messages through their art.

The program included trips to the deYoung Museum (San Francisco), the Cantor Art Center (Stanford University), the Crocker Art Museum (Sacramento), and the Oakland Museum of California to see specific exhibitions directly related to the curriculum.

In March of 2016, Cara Goger (Executive Director) and Anna Friedland (Artist/Teaching Artist) presented a talk entitled JumpStArts: Building Visual Literacy Among Probation Youth, at California: The State of Creativity Statewide Conference about the design, goals/intentions, curriculum and initial findings of the JUMP StArts program (pictured below).

In 2016, this program served the 15 youth living at Sierra Quest Academy Group Home.

\*Indicates new or uniquely discrete program/project.







JUMP StArts is a partnership program with Sierra Quest Human Services Foundation and is funded by the California Arts Council's JUMP StArts grant program.



### MARILYN RUDZIK STORYTELLERS IN THE SCHOOL

Before and after the Mariposa Storytelling Festival, the festival's featured tellers took part in the Marilyn Rudzik's Storytellers in the Schools program giving 30 outreach performances for 4774 students, 213 teachers and 199 adult audience members in 18 regional schools and community centers in Mariposa County, Madera County, Fresno County and Tuolumne County.

#### DATES/SCHOOLS

#### March 10, 2016

Golden Agers, Mariposa County Indianola Elementary School, Fresno County Jefferson Elementary School, Fresno County Mariposa County High School, Mariposa County

#### March 14, 2016

El Portal Elementary School, Mariposa County
Head Start, Mariposa County
Lake Don Pedro Elementary School, Mariposa County
Mariposa Elementary School, Mariposa County
North Fork Elementary School, Madera County
Stage 3, Tuolumne County
Yosemite Valley Elementary School, Mariposa County

#### March 15, 2016

Fresno City College School, Fresno County
Oakhurst Elementary School, Madera County
Sierra Foothill Charter School, Mariposa County
Sonora Elementary School, Tuolumne County
Spring Valley Elementary School, Madera County
Woodland Elementary School, Mariposa County

#### March 16, 2016

St. Paul's Elementary School, Tulare County Summerville Elementary School, Tuolumne County Tenaya Elementary School, Tuolumne County

Photograph above: Storyteller Jim May.



## SUMMER ART CAMP

Each summer the Arts Council partners with the County of Mariposa Department of Parks and Recreation to provide visual arts, music and theatre programming for youth enrolled in Parks and Recreation's Summer Day Camp. In 2016, our Summer Art Camp program served 73 youth ages 7-12 years of age.



## SUMMER ART CAMP DATES/CURRICULA

June 13 - 17, 2016

Photojournalism - campers created an online news site.

June 13 - 25, 2016

Theatre Workshop - campers performed "The Planet of Zargwarp."

June 20 - 25, 2016

Painting - campers created a variety of visual arts pieces.

June 27 - July 1, 2016

Music - campers focused on pattern and rhythm, composition, production and performing pieces using handmade instruments, conventional instruments and electronic musical equipment and computers.

# YOUNG MASTER COMPOSERS CELEBRATION

This annual contest invites youth aged 8-18 years of age to submit their original classical compositions to be adjudicated by Mariposa Symphony Orchestra (MSO) Conductor Les Marsden. The winning compositions are orchestrated by Marsden and performed by the MSO at their Independence Day Spectacular! Concert. Student composers are awarded a cash prize, certificate, full score and audio CD of the orchestrations.

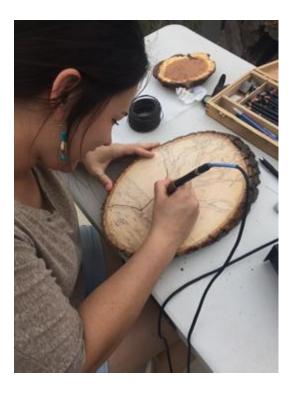
Matt Kroeker was winner of the 2016 Young Master Composers Celebration with his submission "Matt's Unfinished Symphony."



In total, Mariposa County Arts Council programming was enjoyed by **27,538 people** and supported **311 artists.** 

#### **OUTREACH/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**





Photograph above: Artist Tessa Milani.

#### HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARDS

The Mariposa County Arts Council's Board of Directors annually selects one graduating senior who has shown serious interest in the arts and has dedicated him or herself to serving the community. The selected senior is given a cash award. 2016's recipient was Kayleigh Rider.

#### HIGH SCHOOL ART TALKS

At the invitation of Mariposa County High School's Art Program, Executive Director (and former museum educator) Cara Goger presented several art talks to high school art classes that focused on the visual communication skills of social documentary and portrait photographers.

#### **DISTRICT 2 ART SHOW**

Held in Greeley Hill, this annual event features the work of artists living in Mariposa's geographically remote District 2 and the surrounding regions. In 2016, 25 artists participated in this art show, which was attended by 157 individuals.

#### **ROTARY ART & WINE FESTIVAL**

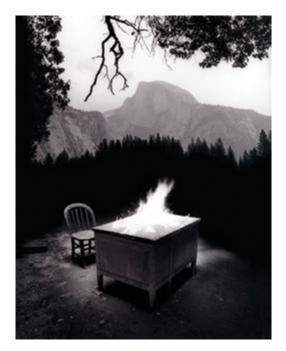
For the second year in a row, the Arts Council partnered with the Mariposa Yosemite Rotary Club to help recruit and organize artists for the event. In total, over 40 regional artists participated in the event which drew over 500 people.

Also in 2016, Executive Director Cara Goger served her third year as the Region 7 Visual and Performing Arts Lead for Mariposa County Office of Education. Working with other leads from Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kings Counties, this group co-organized with CREATE CA the statewide conference California: The State of Creativity (March 3-4, 2016). She also was a member of the County of Mariposa Planning Department's Transit Center Study Advisory Committee and chaired the California Arts Council's State and Local Partners grant review panel.

## LOOKING AHEAD



In 2017, expect a jam-packed calendar of events and programs from us including a full season from the Mariposa Symphony Orchestra, a summer of free music courtesy of Music on the Green, productions from the Mariposa Theatre Alliance, new local art and curated exhibitions in the gallery and an extensive offering of arts education and public programs for all ages. Beyond our regular programming, here are some special programs and events we are proud to present in 2017.



Jerry Uelsmann, *Untitled* Courtesy of the Yosemite Museum, National Park Service

Photograph at top taken by a student of the Artists in the Schools program.

Photograph opposite page taken by Hiba, age 12, Jordan, from the *I AM THE DREAM FOR MYSELF* exhibition.

## LANDMARK: Yosemite Through the Lens of Contemporary Landscape Photography

In alignment with the National Park Service's mission to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation widely, in 2017 *LANDMARK* will be exhibited along the well-traveled corridor between Yosemite and the Bay Area, creating a link between rural and urban populations that are geographically, socially and economically connected to Yosemite.

#### Yosemite Museum

November 18, 2016 through January 22, 2017 9037 Village Drive, Yosemite Valley, CA 95389

#### Merced County Arts Council's Multicultural Center

April 10, 2017 - June 11, 2017 645 West Main Street, Merced CA 95340

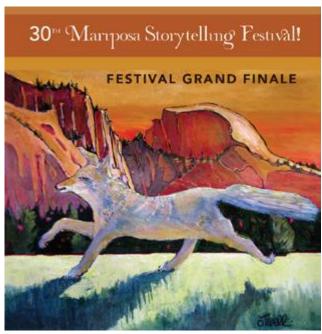
#### Mariposa County Arts Council's Treetop Gallery

August 4 - November 26, 2017 5009 Highway 140, Mariposa, CA 95338

#### SF Camerawork

December 7, 2017 - January 27, 2018 1011 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103





## Mariposa Storytelling Festival's Grand Finale

Our 30th Festival will be our grand finale festival. Helping us to send this program off on a celebratory high note are recognized storytellers Bil Lepp, Marilyn McPhie, David Novak, Tim Tingle, Donna Washington and Kim Weitkamp.



#### **Recognizing Veterans**

In the spring of 2017, the Treetop Gallery will host a special installation created by veteran artist Ehren Tool, recognizing local veterans and active duty military personnel living in Mariposa County.

Photograph above: Keith M. Bertken, for whom our local VFW post is named.

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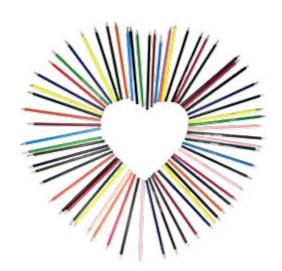
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#### LANDMARK (EXHIBITION)

Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau Michael Frye Photography

#### IN UNIFORM (EXHIBITION)

1850 Restaurant

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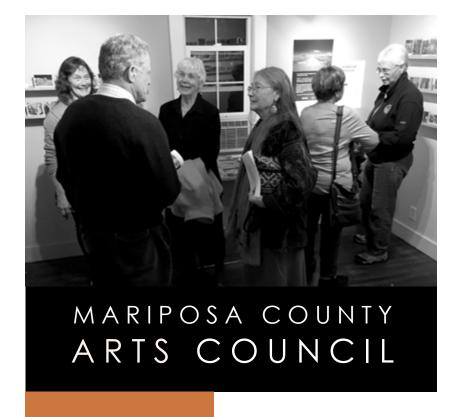
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