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
EXPERIENCE

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.
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.

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 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.
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.

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

https://youtu.be/PmCjF-tXpEE
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 Voríšek

Symphony #3 in E, “Eroica,” Ludwig van Beethoven

Festive Holiday Concert

“Winter Dreams” Symphony, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Overture to “Candide,” Leonard Bernstein

Suite from “Pélles 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

Photography for “Arsenic and Old Lace” by Marvin Silver.
MUSIC ON THE GREEN
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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.

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

*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.

**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.

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**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:
LANDMARK:

Yosemite Through the Lens of Contemporary Landscape Photography*

Artists: Binh Danh, Mark Klett and Byron Wolfe, Ted Orland, Milee 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.

*Indicates new or uniquely discrete program/project.
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.

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-in-residency 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.
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.
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.
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.”

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.

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

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

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.
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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