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Floyd Surber, an Appreciation

"You need more than one person to tell this story..."

It takes some getting used to, and it's no fun. Floyd's been gone before, to the hospital or recuperating, but then he'd be back, carrying those loads he carried, doing the work he did, still always making art.

We saw mainly his Arts Council contributions, although we knew that he was also involved with the Boy Scouts, the Senior Center, local crafts fairs. Ready to help, and skillfull and knowledgeable he was.

Even at the Arts Council, Floyd wore many hats. He was the /in loco parentis /of the Main Street Art Gallery. He guided trembling first-timers through the exhibition process, which is a little confusing and quite intimidating. He

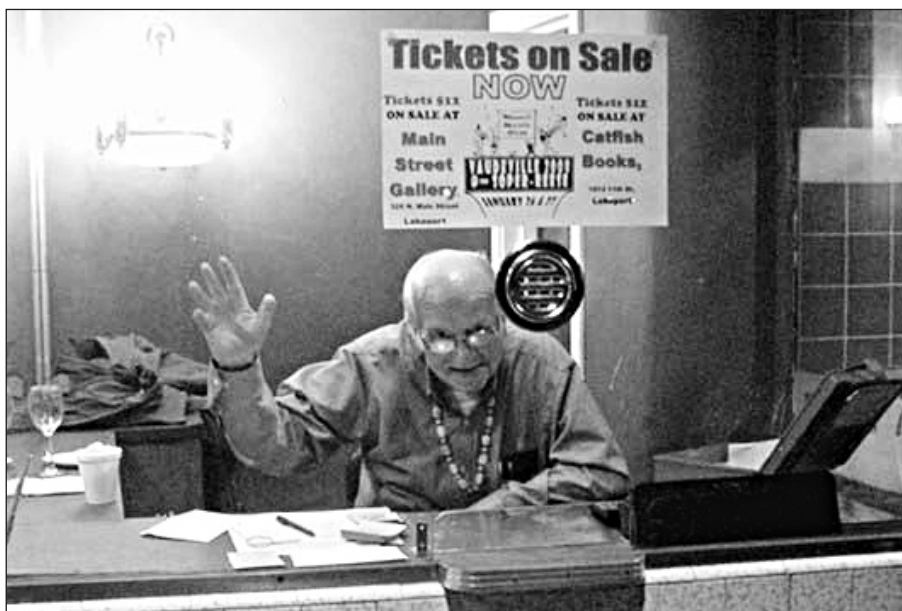


Photo by Xian Yeagan

Floyd Surber waves from the light of the Soper-Reese Community Theatre box office.

kept things on track, kept Art in Public Places and Gallery hanging dates, kept records and all that, but his greatest contribution was the help and encouragement he gave to every artist who came in the door. This Gallery persona was the Floyd Surber we knew best, and his absence is saddening.

But for all his ongoing involvement with the artworks of others and his own sculpture,

he had many other roles in the Arts Council. Ask his wife about it, she who loved him so long and was the other pillar holding the Council above water. Large among them was the restoration of the Community Theatre.

Floyd was with the Soper-Reese from the beginning. He was there when Jillian Maggid negotiated the deal for the building for the greater good of the commu-

nity. When Jillian left, and all the architects failed us, Floyd was still working on it, and it was he who shepherded the final, successful architect through the conflicting desires of all those who wanted to use the theatre when it was ready. Seeing the project finished, the doors open and the lights on, was his determined dream. He said, of his failing

health, that he would live to see that happen.

So, he's gone. It doesn't seem right, or even real for that matter. But he does smile out at the street from the Main Street Gallery and the Soper-Reese Community Theatre, and that smile will go on warming Lake County for a long time.

— Xian Yeagan
LCAC Web master

New on the Lake County Art Scene

The Lake County Art Scene has new blood with the addition of a new gallery/studio "KONOCTI ART." Konocti Art Gallery/studio is part of the Harbor Village Artists, an art colony in it's beginnings as a part of the Lake County Redevelopment Agencies revitalization of the Hwy 20 corridor in Lucerne.

Konocti Art gallery/studio features the work of Lake County resi-

dent artists, Joan Facca, Ray Farrow, Meredith Gambrel and Richard Seisser. These artists are exhibiting their works of art created in acrylic, alkyd, oil and pastel and you are invited to visit them in the gallery/studio Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition to the exhibit of art these artists will be presenting demonstrations of their individual

techniques, classes and workshops by resident and visiting artists

Harbor Village Artists colony complex is part of the larger redevelopment project in the Hwy 20 corridor project and can be easily located next to the boat launching facility at Lucerne Harbor Park-just opposite the Lake County Visitors Bureau, Hwy 20, Lucerne, CA.

— *Ray Farrow*

A word about changes to the LCAC Web site ...

A suggestion came in for a page of cinema news, but I know that if I start with reviews for current releases I'll get snowed under fast. I've begun with documentary films, and if that gets enough interest I'll do current films. I think it's amazing the number of documentary films that are made in this age of YouTube. Perhaps someday I'll have links to YouTube art videos, but it will have to be after I'm sure that we all have high speed data transfer, because for someone with a super-slow connection like mine, those videos take for ever to download!

Also, I've become more sophisticated about the listings in the Calls for Art page. Since many listings contain deadlines and restrictions on who may enter, I've taken to

reading all of them and only sending you the ones that are timely and appropriate or at least interesting. Some of them have cash prizes involved, and other prizes such as subsidized gallery shows or inclusion in a book. Some have no prizes at all, like the request for art by cancer patients for a party in New Jersey honoring a local artist with cancer, or the requests for artists to put their work online on specialty blogs.

This page takes me as long as all the other news pages put together, but I trust that the possibility of participating in shows in other states, even other countries, will make it attractive to you. There are even offers of studio residencies for a few months, sometimes in Europe, including a gallery to put your work in and some

pocket money. I leave them up until the deadline is past. Sometimes I drool on them.

You will observe, looking at these notices, that more and more galleries are willing to accept digital files for review, rather than slides. This is very good news. Even when slide film was available at the drugstore, the process of making and copying slides to send to a gallery or contest was difficult and expensive. While sending a digital file is

much easier, it remains true that skill is needed to produce a picture that is clear, explanatory, uncluttered and attractive.

You may have noticed that the link on the index page to the album of Floyd Surber photos isn't there any more. By the time you get this, I will have moved the link to the About the Arts Council page, where Shelby's monthly report is found.

— *Xian Yeagan*
LCAC Web master

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From the Executive Director ...

With the passing of Floyd Surber on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, the Lake County Arts Council lost one of its founding members, and one of our staunchest supporters. Floyd's dedication to the Arts and our community is a wonderful example of how one person can make such a difference in the life of so many. Emotions and memories of Floyd poured forth at The Main Street Gallery's September's First Friday Fling and at the Celebration of Floyd's life at the Lakeport Senior Center on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Floyd will always be present at the Main Street Gallery and in the hearts and minds of many. A plaque will be placed outside the entry of the building in his honor.

Many gave testimony of how Floyd had touched the life, whether in the Arts, in Scouts, as a teacher or organizing craft fairs. The ultimate teacher, Floyd led by example, always working, creating, directing and never asked more than he would do himself and once in a while scolding if we didn't get it right. Whether it was at the Gallery, Winter Music Fest, Spring Dance Festival, Art in the Park, or numerous other occasions, Floyd was there to lend a hand and we will miss seeing his face at the box office of the Soper-Reese. Yes, Floyd, the Soper-Reese is a reality. Thank you.

Floyd served his country in WWII and was duly recognized by the military in a formal three gun salute and flag ceremony. Thank you to the Scouts for Presenting the Colors, to Mel Taylor for his music, the Senior Center for providing a gathering space and to all of you who helped us

celebrate Floyd's life.

Floyd will always be present at the Main Street Gallery and in the minds and hearts of many. A plaque will be placed outside the entry of the building in his honor. It's difficult to say enough about this fine man except to let Betty Lou and family know how much he was appreciated and will be missed and to say "thank you" for setting such a fine example and for being our friend.

— *Shelby Posada*

California Arts Day is on Friday, Oct. 3

The office of longtime arts supporter, State Senator Jack Scott recently presented the California Arts Council with Member Resolution No. 964, commending the CAC on more than 30 years of exemplary service to the state's residents and visitors through its programs and services, and recognizing Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, as California Arts Day. For more information, visit www.cac.ca.gov/.

— *California Art Beat*
Sept. 18, 2008

GRANT SUPPORTS LOCAL READINGS AND WORKSHOPS

The Lake County Arts Council is pleased to continue its Poets and Writers, Inc., readings and workshops at the Main Street Gallery in Lakeport to be held the first Thursday of the Month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The workshops are conducted by Mary McMillian the Poet Laureate of Lake County. These open workshops are held in a creative and supportive environment and provide an opportunity for positive feedback on your work and to experience the works of other writers.

This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation and encourages writers of all ages to share their words.

New at the Main Street Gallery ...

This year the Main Street Gallery (MSG) has been honored with some truly unusual displays of artwork — creative, exciting and unique. We have had new artists, returning artists and returning artists who are trying new and different challenges.

Have you considered showing your work? This may be the time

to just do it. And remember the shelves and window platforms can provide innovative ways to put your work on display. Items could be sculptor, wood carvings, metal art, ceramics, or art that can set by itself, such as paintings on easels.

Contact the MSG at 263-6658 or Richard at 274-9912.

You may get pleasure from art on TV

If it's raining or your studio is too hot or too cold or if you are not a painter but enjoy art and how it is produced, you may get some pleasure from sitting back and watching any of several art programs that are shown on PBS TV on Saturday afternoons.

KTEH 1 p.m. — "Gary Spetz's Painting Wild Places." Very skillful traditional watercolor painter. Paints in studio from photographs. Uses frisket and washes and other techniques. Produces very good results.

KCRB 1 p.m. — "The Best of the Joy of Painting with Bob Ross." No matter what you may think of Bob Ross' finished paintings, you've

got to admit he is the master of technique.

KCRB 1:30 p.m. — "Jerry Yarnell's School of Fine Art." Very talented traditional oil painter doing realistic landscapes and still lifes. I have learned a lot from this young whippersnapper.

KTEH 2 p.m. — "Your Brush with Nature." Guy painting plein air landscapes.

KCRB 2:30 p.m. — "Sheewe Art Workshop." Watermedia. Don't be put off by the fact that this lady is kind of dowdy and some of her paintings are decorative. This lady can really paint. See how she does waterfalls.

KMTP 2:30 p.m. — "Arts 21." Discussion of international art of all kinds. German produced but in English.

KCRB 2:30 p.m. — "Plein Air Painting America." Three skillful painters talking about painting outdoors. Some painting is shown. They sure like to talk.

I haven't listed channel numbers because they may vary depending on where you get your signal (I have Dish Network). You may not get all of these programs at the times listed but you will probably get some of them. Good luck.

— *John Eells*

Art in the Park was fun for all who attended

Thank you!

Art in the Park was fun in the park for all who attended this festive event! Artists, vendors and helpers were drawn to the muffins and other assorted goodies donated by Angelina's Bakery before getting to the serious work of covering the walkways with their colorful creations. Participants came in all ages and from all around the country and even as far away as Japan to decorate a square.

Thank you to our sponsors for this year's event which include Angelina's Bakery, Atlan Construction, the Buckhorn Club, the Kitchen Gallery, Hillside

Participants came in all ages and from all around the country and even as far away as Japan to decorate a square.

Honda, Lakeport Main Street Association and Sandi's Interiors.

Music in the Gazebo was lively in the morning with Phil Mathewson and friends inviting the crowd to join them in hand drumming, interpretive dance and with a poetry ready by Lorna Sue Sides. Dan Meyers and the Misdemeanors of Jazz picked up the pace in the afternoon.

The Bachelor Valley Gourd Club demonstrated their talents and other local artists showed their paintings and clothing and Phillip for his magic tricks.

Thank you to Karen Magnusen for her fine poster design, to Scotty at Pak-n-Mail for printing and to our Xian Yeagan for photographing the finished art and creating "one of a kind" posters for each sponsor and to Betty Lou Surber, Richard and Mary Seisser, Tony and Alan Hyden, Ed Posada and all of you who participated in our day by the Lake.

— *Shelby Posada*

What is the Writer's Circle?

On one level, the Writer's Circle is a set of traditions, based on the idea that writers blossom better when they have a supportive environment for reading their work. And this month, thanks to the persistence and skill of Shelby Posada, for the first time in its history, the Writer's Circle got some support of its own: it is now supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it received from The James Irvine Foundation.

The traditions of the Writer's Circle were started by Carolyn Wing Greenlee during her tenure as Lake County's poet laureate, and were continued, first by Sandra Wade during her tenure, and now by me. One tradition is that we sit in a circle. Another tradition is to meet at the LCAC Gallery, on the first Thursday of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m., and working together for 2 hours.

Although not everyone who attends has something to read — some come to listen — we always begin with a writing exercise: someone chooses a topic — last time it was “Change” — and we write for seven minutes. When we're done, if we want to, we read what we wrote. The purpose of this exercise is simply, like all exercise, to strengthen muscles — in particular, the mental “muscles” we use for writing. It's also a lot of fun. When we're finished with this exercise, since most people have brought something to read, the mood changes, and the meat of the meeting begins. Each person gets an equal amount of time to read; the rest of us offer feedback that is supportive and honest; and then the reader can respond to our feedback.

On another level, the tradition of the Writer's Circle is to mutually create a space where, as we read, we can exercise our courage to give voice to the beauty and passion that has been hiding in the depths of our private lives. As we listen to each other, we are also listening to our internal chords — that get touched or tugged by the words of another writer — and then articulating what we heard, and what it means. Each meeting is a harvest. Some people come every month, others infrequently. But always the harvesting is invigorating. And I have noticed that, at the end of a meeting, there is often a kind of celebration, where writers who have worked together linger, not yet ready to go home.

— *Mary McMillan*
Lake County Poet Laureate

IT'S SCARECROW TIME AT CHILDREN'S CREATIVE ART DAY

It's Scarecrow Time and time to gather at Museum Park on Saturday, Oct. 25, to play games, face paint and show off your scarecrow! Who will be this year's People's Choice? Last years creations for the Lake County Arts Council's Children's Creative Art Day brought students from around Clear Lake to throw clay with Francis and Frances, be tickled with face painting by the Sea Scouts, play games with the Lakeport 4-H, create a chalk drawing on the sidewalks and even more activities. If you would wish to participate, please call the Main Street Gallery at 263-6658.

Each participating classroom will receive \$25 to create their scarecrow in the two categories, which are kindergarten through second grade and third grade through fifth and sixth grade. Entries will be evaluated on artistic quality, creative use of material/recyclable and originality.

LCAC is well aware that the Arts, in all forms, helps to strengthen the learning curve in all areas of a child's development and the Scarecrow Contest is an example of creativity, cooperation, and presenting the final piece of work.

All in all, it is a fun day for all who take part. We couldn't do this without sponsors. Thank you to those who participated last year and to the Kiwanis who have already donated to this year's Children's Creative Art Day.

— *Shelby Posada*

Arts council's annual meeting is Nov. 12

The Lake County Arts Council's annual meeting will be held at Tulip Hill Winery on Nov. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Besides tending to business, you can look forward to hearing the exciting and rhythmic sounds of Javier Salmon, and we appreciate him adding his talent to this event.

All members, and prospective members, are welcome to come and share their interests in the Arts and provide in-

put into how LCAC can better reach our membership and the community. You are the Arts Council, and we need to know how best to share your special interests, ideas and talents; whether your interest is in the visual arts, as a writer, graphics, performing arts, business organizer, office staff, grant writing, or selling tickets to events, and we welcome your ideas. This is your opportunity to share those ideas, talents and information.

How will California celebrate the arts?

Friday, Oct. 3, marks the eighth annual California Arts Day, an event that corresponds with National Arts and Humanities Month. The California Arts Council's California Arts Day Web site includes a listing of different events in California — some on the official day of Friday, Oct. 3, and some after. For example:

- The 12th annual "Tower of Youth" Festival and North American All Youth Film & Education Day will take place in downtown Sacramento at the Crest Theatre on Friday, Oct. 3, and will be webcast live during the event. Tower of Youth and this highly successful event and program for young filmmakers (younger than 18) has been a hit for years — and may very well produce future generations of Academy Award winners.

- The San Bernardino Symphony will have its 80th annual Gala Dinner on Friday, Oct. 3, and then

present the opening concert of its 80th season on Saturday, Oct. 4. Maestro Carlo Ponti, Jr. conducts, Carl Maria von Weber's "Oberon Overture," Felix Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto," featuring internationally known violinist Dmitry Sitkovetsky, and Anton Bruckner's "Symphony No. 1 in c minor," honoring Mr. Frank Plash, winner of Austria's prestigious Bruckner Award and long time patron of the San Bernardino Symphony.

- ARTS Obispo, the Arts Council of San Luis Obispo County, will open its gallery space for a digital preview exhibition of its 10th annual "Open Studios" Art Tours (north and south). The work of close to 300 participating artists will be projected on the walls during this free opening reception on Friday, Oct. 3, and viewers can opt to purchase tickets for the upcoming tours later that month.

- The City of El Cerrito's Arts and Culture Commission is sponsoring its annual El Cerrito California Arts Day event, Friday, Oct. 3, at the new City Hall and Civic Center Plaza.

These represent a small sample of the California Arts Day events listed in our "What's Happening" page. Come see other events in your area — and submit your own at www.cac.ca.gov/.

Events can either be planned for California Arts Day, or they may be regularly scheduled cultural and creative events with an Arts Day spin.

The California Arts Council is especially interested in hearing from arts educators and teaching artists about any California Arts Day plans they have scheduled for classrooms, after-school programs or in community workshops.

— *California Arts Council*



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Clear Lake
Performing Arts
celebrates its

30th anniversary with a Lake County Symphony concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at Clear Lake High School in Lakeport.

Tickets are \$15 for CLPA members and \$20 general admission. Children younger than 18 will be admitted free. For more information, call 277-7096.

Lake County Arts Council Memberships

Please welcome our new members (June through August 2008)

New Patron Members

Allan and Mary Bride

New Family Members

Richard Schmidt
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New Individual Members

Michael Barrish
Dick Flowers
Virginia Ingersoll
Alison Laederich
Pablo Thomas Ramirez
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Thank you!

'Creative Expressions' for young people

"Creative Expressions" is seeking original poems and stories by local writers age 18 and younger for publication in the Lake County Record-Bee. Poems and stories of any kind or theme are welcome.

Selected works will appear on Octo. 24 in the weekend edition of the Lake County Record-Bee, on page B-1.

Send your original story or poem in the body of an e-mail to poetryshared@yahoo.com with "CE Youth Submission" in the subject line.

The poem or story may not be longer than 400

words. Please include in your e-mail: your name, age and the town you live in. Submissions must be received by Oct. 8, 2008.

Suggestion: Next to your name type an open parentheses, then a C, then close parentheses.... (C) followed by the year (2008) to copyright your work. It is that simple!

Note: If your work is published, Lake County Publishing will reserve the right to reprint it, without compensation, in any or all of its print or on line media. All other copyright reverts to author upon publication.

Would you like to become a member or do you need to renew? Use this handy form!

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Phone 707-263-6120 Fax 707-263-3933
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I want to support the programs of the Lake County Arts Council at the following tax deductible membership level (please check)

- \$10 Student
- \$25 Individual
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- Volunteer? Yes! I'd like to get involved in:
- 1 Office Assistance
 - 2 Gallery Host/Hostess
 - 3 Artnotes
 - 4 Winter Music Fest
 - 9 Soper-Reese Community Theatre Renovation
 - 10 Other _____
 - 5 Children's Art Day
 - 6 Art in Public Places
 - 7 Pastels in the Park
 - 8 Spring Dance Festival

As an active artist, beginning, experienced or professional, I am interested in the following disciplines: _____

Regarding classes or workshops, I am interested in attending or Teaching sessions in: _____

Please send us information about being included in the Arts Council's Performing and Visual Artist Registry.

Please return this form to: LCAC, PO Box 247, Lakeport, CA 95453
For office use only: MAILLIST _____ MBR CARD _____

MAIN STREET GALLERY

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday



If Lake County Artists are looking to expand their horizons, the Main Street Gallery Committee has announced a new and challenging exhibition program for the gallery and participating local artists in 2009.

The challenge is to present a series of theme juried shows of two dimensional works in all traditional media every other month beginning January 2009. This means there will be six special juried shows that will be hung in the "Linda Carpenter Gallery" of the Main Street Gallery. The present line up for themes is; January, "Abstract Art;" March, "Floral Still Life;" May, "The Lake County Landscape;" July, "Summer Fun in Lake County;" September, "Colors of Autumnn;"

November, "Miniatures."

A call for artists will be made during the month prior to the hanging of the show and a juried selection will be made. Two modest cash awards will be offered, the "Judges' Award" and a "People's Choice Award", these will be selected from the jurors final choices to be exhibited. Both of these awards will be presented at the ever popular First Friday Fling for the month of the themed show.

A detailed information packet will be available in November, 2008, from the program coordinator Ray Farrow, who can be reached by leaving a message for him at the Main Street Gallery, 263-6658.

— Ray Farrow

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