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## Arts council director reports on group's projects, events



Written by Shelby Posada  
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LAKE COUNTY - October is a big month for the Lake County Arts Council.

On Wednesday, Oct. 28 we will hold our 28th annual meeting, and once again Tulip Hill will graciously host the meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the winery.

Lake County Poet Laureate Mary McMillan will open the meeting with a reading of one of her poems, and we will be entertained by that maestro of the keyboard, David Neft. The arts council will provide a ham so bring whatever goodies you think will complement this evening's potluck celebration.

The auction of Joan Holman's photography brought in some additional dollars to the coffers, but not what we had anticipated in spite of the hours that Xian Yeagan and Bert Hutt put into organizing the event and the presence of Joan's stepdaughter, Heidi Holman at the auction.

Compliments to the Soper-Reese Committee on the fine job that they did in orchestrating the first dinner-dance fundraiser at the Soper-Reese. The atmosphere was out of the ordinary and conducive to dancing to the big band sounds of John Parkinson. It was a delightful evening, due to the hard work and dedication of this well directed committee. Thank you!

Carol Dobusch's acting class 200 from Mendocino College is progressing well with 20 plus aspiring actors/actresses in attendance. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to partner with the college in this educational effort in promoting the arts.

Mendocino College is a big plus to our community, providing us with many



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avenues for expressions in dance, theater, education and ultimately dollars to the community. I personally support the college remaining and expanding in Lakeport and would encourage that commitment from this board.

The gallery continues to grow and offer better shows each month. Richard Seisser's pastel class continues to draw in new students along with the faithful who have been taking the class for 18 months. Visitors to the gallery are always interested and curious in the goings-on. Diana Liebe is also offering a watercolor class on Monday mornings.

With the aid of the technical grant awarded us by the California Arts Council, Ginger Ingersoll and I will be attending a professional grant development workshop in Portland in November. We look forward to coming back with new skills and new ideas on how to further the efforts of the arts council.

The gallery also participated in a sidewalk sale with other downtown merchants and sponsored by the Main Street Association and continue to work with them in other avenues of development in Lakeport.

Halloween is around the corner and the gallery will remain open late, along with other merchants, to provide goodies and surprises to trick or treaters. Come in costume and enjoy the fun.


My thanks to so many who make the Lake County Arts Council such a special association to many people in so many avenues. It's your energy and spirit that continue moving us forward. Now onward to even more successes in our upcoming 29th year.

***Shelby Posada is executive director of the Lake County Arts Council.***

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