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AMERICAN CANYON ARTS FOUNDATION

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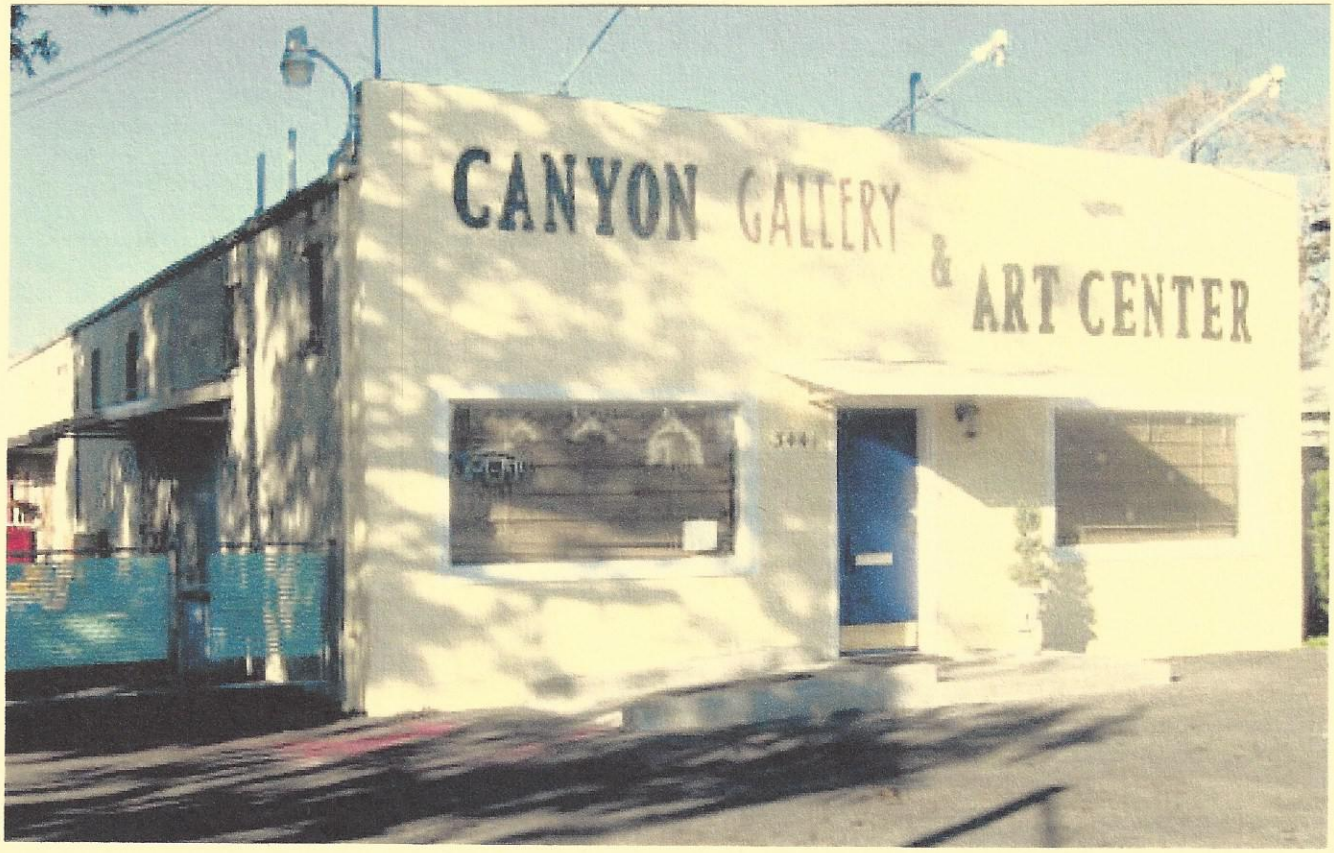

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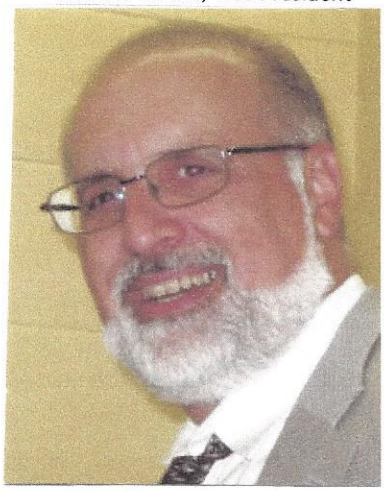

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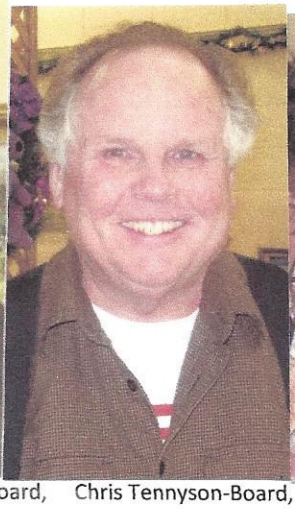

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Historian
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Jonette McNaughton

Open Studio
Laura Keiser

Winterfest
Laura Keiser

Art Camp
Debra Hodge

2011 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Member Name	City/ST
Beaugard, Aimee	American Canyon CA
Biggs-OCallaghan, Joanne	Napa CA
Birkholz, Terry	American Canyon CA
Bowlby, Francoise (Bd)	Napa CA
Buford, Nathell	American Canyon CA
Caldwell, Keith	American Canyon CA
Cerda, Gina	Deer Park CA
Coleman, Lisa Marie	American Canyon CA
Cooper, Swinger	Napa CA
Cooro, Hugo	American Canyon CA
Crisosto-Mayfield, Judith	Vallejo CA
Freeman, Ben	American Canyon CA
Fuqua, Laurine	Napa CA
Garcia, Leon & Eva	American Canyon CA
Garvin, Mary & G.W.	Fairfield CA
Gentry, Vanessa	
Goff, Elizabeth	American Canyon CA
Gonsalves, Faye	Vallejo CA
Goudeau, Clevan	Vallejo CA
Griffin, Katherine	American Canyon CA
Gross, Francie	Vallejo CA
Harris, Bob	American Canyon CA
Harris, Jan	Vallejo CA
Heaphy, Jim & Deb	American Canyon CA
Hodge, Debra (Bd)	Vallejo CA
Imlay, Louise Joan	American Canyon CA
Imperatori, Sandra	Fairfield CA
Ito-Hood, Ari (Bd)	American Canyon CA
Johnson, Robert (Bd)	Benicia CA
Joseph, Mark (Bd)	American Canyon CA
Keiser, Laura (Secty/Tres)	American Canyon CA
Koskinen, David	Benicia CA
LaBaw, Roberta (V.P.)	American Canyon CA

2011 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Member Name	City/ST
Lang, Belinda	Vallejo CA
LaVoie, Kathleen	Vallejo CA
Leach, Victor	American Canyon CA
Lemos, Fran	American Canyon CA
Lipka, Leonard	Vallejo CA
Lloyd. Harriet	Vallejo CA
Locke, Doris	Vallejo CA
Lutz, Marjorie	Fairfield CA
Marcus, Ray	American Canyon CA
Marte, Lucy	American Canyon CA
McMains, Gillian	American Canyon CA
McNaughton, Joe (Bd)	American Canyon CA
McNaughton, Jonette (Pres.)	American Canyon CA
Morse, Fred	Napa CA
Perata, Pamela	Vallejo CA
Peonsin, Linda (Bd)	Benicia CA
Popa, George (Bd)	American Canyon CA
Quilacio, Natividad	Vallejo CA
Radford, Kent	American Canyon CA
Reis, Frank	American Canyon CA
Ruffin, Herb	American Canyon CA
Schram, Hattie	American Canyon CA
Tennyson, Chris (Bd)	American Canyon CA
Tyler, Sylvia	Napa CA
Van Oeveren, Candy	Napa CA
Vaughn, Constance	Vallejo CA
Waxman. Bonnie	American Canyon CA
Weller, Celia	American Canyon CA
Young, Karese	American Canyon CA

AMERICAN CANYON ARTS FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

2011 was our busiest year since I became President in 2009. Sometime in 2010, the American Canyon Arts Foundation decided to take the plunge, and risk all that we had worked for since the Foundation started in 1992, and open the first Art Gallery in American Canyon. We picked the old Sign Factory as a good spot for the Gallery. It was a complete mess and needed a lot of TLC. The Factory had closed two years before and it was near the highway which was a good spot for the Gallery and had lots of room.

George Popa was voted project manager and started the ball rolling on the soon to be Art Gallery. Thank you George. I picked up the ball and finished the Gallery with the help of some very special members, and my family. Austin, my son, spent a lot of time at the gallery, helping out and my husband loaned us his truck and Joe my oldest son was there working along with Roberta LaBaw, Laura Keiser, Bob Harris, Bonnie Waxman, Robert Johnson and Ari Hood. With a lot of hard work and not much money our dream came alive.

The Gallery was named "Canyon Gallery and Art Center". We started in September 2010 and opened December 15, 2010. I can't thank all the members and my family enough for all their hard work. I also want to thank all those that signed up to hang their art in the gallery and signed up to work in the Gallery to keep the doors open. It has been a lot of hard work this past year, but the work isn't over, it still takes member participation. The gallery will make it with all your help. Please don't give up on the Gallery. There are a lot of people pulling for us to make it, and the members who have worked so hard this past year to keep it open deserve your support.

We will have a new President, Chris Tennyson and a new Vice President, Joanne Biggs and some new Board Members who have signed on to help. I want to thank all of you for your support throughout the year and look forward to next year. Happy New Year!

Respectfully Submitted
JONETTE MCNAUGHTON, PRESIDENT

AMERICAN CANYON ARTS FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

As Vice President of American Canyon Arts Foundation for the last 3 years, I've had the privilege of participating in major and historical accomplishments. Without question, our finest accomplishment was the opening of our own art gallery/studio/boutique along with hosting the summer art camp.

Other notable events for the year included our annual Art Extravaganza and In partnership with the City of American Canyon, we hosted our annual Easter egg drawing contest. In collaboration with the Boys and Girls club, we sponsored two separate events at Canyon Oaks elementary. One was Halloween decorations for candy bags and the other was a drawing contest depicting circus trains.

Every goal and event involved many obstacles to overcome, not to mention the hard work and a small budget. Fortunately, we have a wonderful dedicated and determined group of artist who made it happen. I want to thank all the major players and all that helped with their time, donations and encouragement.

I am looking forward to 2012 to welcoming our new Officers and Board of Directors and to enjoy painting with my fellow artists ala "Plein Aire" outings.

Respectfully Submitted,
ROBERTA C. LABAW - VICE PRESIDENT

AMERICAN CANYON ARTS FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

I must start this report by first apologizing for not having an Annual Report for the last few years. However, a lot has happened since our last report of 2008.

The 2011 Board of Directors began the year with Jonette McNaughton as a third term President, Roberta LaBaw as third term Vice President, Laura Keiser as Secretary and Mark Joseph as Treasurer. Board members Joe McNaughton, Ari Hood, Francoise Bowlby and George Popa, New Board members were added throughout the year and they are, Joanne Biggs-Callaghan, Nathelle Buford, Faye Gonsalves, Debra Hodge, Robert Johnson, Linda Peonsin, and Chris Tennyson.

*Our meeting place became our newly opened "**CANYON GALLERY AND ART CENTER**", located at 3441 Broadway (Hwy 29) in American Canyon. This new adventure began operation at the beginning of December 2010 and was started by a lot of hard work, decorating and hanging artwork for our talented members. The goal for opening this gallery was to provide a place not only to hang and sell our artwork but to also have a place to provide art classes to the public, adults and students alike.*

*Our gallery has given the Foundation a place to hold not only our meetings but to hold all of our events for the year. This has proven to be very successful and has given us status in the City of American Canyon as a place to gather and our artists to share their art with the community. The annual **Open Studios tour 2011**, the **20th Annual Art Extravaganza** and our **1st Annual Winterfest** were spectacular events and the gallery shined.*

*We also hosted a **Chamber of Commerce Reception** that had a wonderful turnout and enjoyed by all. All of these events could not have happened without the hard work and devotion of Jonette McNaughton, Joe McNaughton, Austin McNaughton, Roberta LaBaw, Linda Peonsin Debra Hodges, Robert Harris, Bonnie Waxman, Robert Johnson, Ari Hood, George Popa and his crew, Nathelle Buford, Francoise Bowlby, Faye Gonsalves, Chris Tennyson and new members Jan Harris, David Koskinen and Myself.*

*I would like to thank Bonnie Waxman for continuing to put out "**The Informer 2011**". We had a little lapse in 2009 and 2010 without "The Informer" as Bonnie wanted a respite, however, we convinced her to start it up again and what a fabulous job she does! Bonnie is naturally gifted as an editor and we plan on letting her continue producing such a wonderful newsletter. Thank you Bonnie Waxman!*

Our own Mark Joseph, Treasurer had a change in his year. He ran for American Canyon City Council 2010 and WON. Congratulations Mark! However this made his duties as Treasurer a lot more difficult to find enough time for, so he had to step down as Treasurer (but remained on the board) and Laura Keiser, Secretary stepped in to take his place on April 1, 2011 throughout the balance of the year.

One very large accomplishment for the Board in 2011 is our award of a $5000.00 Grant from the Napa Valley Arts Council. We thank Mark Joseph, Robert Harris, & Jonette McNaughton, for all their hard work in completing the application and

representing the Foundation. This grant money will be used to hire a professional firm to assist the ACAF Board of Directors in training and facilitating Board meetings, completing the Operating Manual and providing the Board with a strategic plan that can be useful in obtaining our goals. This will all be completed in the spring of 2012. I know this will keep us on the right path for our future as a Foundation.

Outside of the Gallery, the Foundation sponsored the ***Free Concert Series at Main Street Park*** *(previously Jazz in the Park) a Concert Series that began on September 11th with a small program to remember the 10th anniversary of 9/11. This concert Series was held every Sunday afternoon through October 16th from 4pm until 6pm and hosted a different band each week. Our Board members were there to serve coffee, water and on the final night, served free hot chocolate. We owe Brenda Knight of Brenda Knight Events , a thank you for arranging such a successful event and what great music we got to enjoy.*

Other accomplishments for the gallery in 2011 is, our participation in the American Canyon Parks and Recreations Department Annual Chalk Decorating contest at Easter, with the help of Jonette McNaughton, Joe McNaughton, Roberta LaBaw, Linda Peonsin and myself. We also participated in the 4th of July parade with Robert (Addams Family) Harris driving his hearse, then festivities for the day at the park handing out flyers and letting children paint and color projects. We even sold a few pieces from the Gallery. All while enjoying the warm day together were Jonette McNaughton, Joe McNaughton, Debra Hodge, Linda Peonsin and myself. What fun we had. We even received some donations.

Thank you to Sylvia Tyler for performing our first Gallery demonstration on Painting with Acrylic. The subject was being her famous Hydrangea's. It was so beautiful that I just had to purchase it on the spot. Thank Sylvia, it looks beautiful in my home.

As Chairperson of the ***OPEN STUDIO TOUR OF 2011****, I have to say that it was another successful year and I owe it to my co-host Linda Peonsin for all her help. It all started with* ***Studio #1*** *being the New Canyon Gallery and Art Center, hosted by our Jonette McNaughton. The gallery was beautiful with all the artwork from not only all the artists already in the gallery but a special feature of the participants: Jonette McNaughton, Frederick Morse, Milestone Adult Development Center, and Earl Stevens. Also refreshments were served.*

Studio #2 *was hosted by Bonnie Waxman & co-host, Robert Harris and held in her beautiful back yard also with beautiful artwork by: Bonnie Waxman, Robert Harris, Robert Johnson, Debbie Campbell, Kent Radford Joan Imlay, Katherine Griffin, Caroline Poague & Hana Obrera. Along with her delicious chili beans and other refreshments.*

Studio #3 *was hosted by myself and co-host Linda Peonsin, which was also held in the backyard. A lot of beautiful paintings by the two hosts, Marjorie Lutz, Joe McNaughton, drawings by David Koskinen and craft projects by Jan Harris, along with tons of food and beverages.*

The final ***Studio #4****, was hosted by Nathelle Buford. WOW this was fabulous! Randy Gularte of the Napa Junction Business complex, donated one of his beautiful offices located at 3860 Broadway (Hwy 29) to house some extraordinary handmade items from Nathelle Buford's Material Visions. Also Renata Allen, Linda Taib, Linda Young, Fran Nielson, Jerri Scaife of J's Creations, McCree Goudeau Gallery, Francie*

Gross, Joe Song, Marjorie Smith and Maridee Hayes. And to top it off, all the women furnished some fabulous food.

The Open Studio Tour 2011 was a success, however we learned that we need to increase the awareness next year with much more advertising. Everyone had fun and was exhausted so our Vice President, Roberta LaBaw, hosted a beautiful dinner at her home so all of us could relax and talk about the Tour Studios activities. Thank you Roberta and Steve, for allowing us to spend time in your beautiful home and eat such a grand meal.

*As chairperson of the "**1ST ANNUAL WINTERFEST**", I would like to say **Thank You** to all whom participated because it wouldn't have been such a success if wasn't for all of you. This was the Foundation largest undertaking for the year and it ended the year with a bang! The gallery opened the doors to the Winterfest the day after Thanksgiving, all beginning with the gallery being totally decorated for the holidays and hosting the **1st Annual Tree Decorating Contest**. We had 22 fully decorated artificial Christmas Trees, all decorated by our members. This turned out to be so much fun and we even had members that decorated more than one tree.*

*This competition was to have a "People's Choice Award" of one free month rent on the artist space in the gallery. At the end, the winner was myself, thank You!! I had so much fun, my tree was titled "**DIVA**", It was a 6 foot tree decorated in everything "Diva". Every tree was fabulous! We were all winners in my book. The artists donated all of the trees, and then each tree was held on a silent auction that ended on December 17th. A donation received from Ace hardware in Vallejo, which was a Children's Outdoor Bench, was also put in the silent auction. We made a final total of $941 on the silent auction.*

*Also when we opened the doors the day after Thanksgiving, customers were greeted with our very **1st Holiday Boutique.** The front two rooms of the gallery were transformed into a winter wonderland full of handmade items for sale. Christmas decorations, newly purchased art supplies and even See's Candies. What a spectacular display it was. Gallery sales were definitely up for the month of December and so much so that the Board has agreed that the boutique should remain open temporarily for the first part of 2012 (changed for the next holiday) and then re-evaluated at a later date.*

*A lot of thought and preparation went into this venture and we owe a large **Thank You** to Jan Harris for all her hard work with the displays, Nathelle Buford for her expertise, and Jonette McNaughton for making the beautiful window display for our public to see. Joe McNaughton and David Koskinen also put up outside decorations, Debra Hodge painted the sleigh and she also painted our Winterfest sign on the highway. A big **Thank You** for your hard work. This gave us the opportunity to participate in the American Canyon Parks and Recreation Department outdoor lighting competition. No award was received, however, just knowing that the decorations were lit for the public to see was our award.*

*We held our **1st Holiday Open House** on Friday, December 2nd and all enjoyed the beautiful trees, the boutique and the decorations and of course the food and drinks. Everyone had a wonderful time and entertained by our very own pianist Katherine Griffin. Thank you for your beautiful music. Thank you for all who brought the wonderful food and beverages and that helped with set-up and clean up as it is always needed.*

*We followed the Open House on Saturday December 3rd, with our **1st Holiday Tea**, hosted by Jan Harris and myself. It was a Social Tea, served with Tea, Coffee and Hot Mulled Cider, Ribbon Sandwiches made by Judy Carlson (friend of mine) and lots of Desserts and Fruit. All the guests were able to sit and visit and also mingle with each other. Again we enjoyed piano music played by Katherine Griffin. What a beautiful day it was. Thank you Jan Harris, for co-hosting this event with me, it was wonderful!*

*Finally I can say that our last event for this 1st Annual Winterfest ended with the arrival of **Santa** (Bob Harris) **and Ms. Claus** (Bonnie Waxman). We convinced them to stay and sit so that some very young (older ones included) children could tell or give Santa a list of their wants for Christmas. But this was only after they stood on the sidewalk out front with Linda Peonsin ringing bells and waving to the cars going by, honking their horns and waving back. The traveling vehicles really enjoyed this for a Saturday morning.*

Photos were taken by Victor Leach, Thank You Victor, along with his equipment and then printed on my Epson Photo printer all while the little ones waited so their moms and dads could have a photo. Some were not so happy, but it helped having their moms there to sit next to Santa with them. Ms. Claus gave them a candy cane and they got to go home hoping Santa would remember them. A very special thank you, to everyone that helped with the set up and take down of this project. Thank you also to the Board for agreeing to such endeavor.

I can say that this was a very successful event for 2011 and it will be carried on in 2012 with a lot of lessons learned and with many new ideas. I am grateful for all the hard work that it took to pull this event off, WOW it was grand!

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2011

Beginning Balance of January 2011 - $1,707.32; Ending Balance December 2011 - $13,976.92
($5,000 of the balance is earmarked for the Grant)

Respectfully Submitted by
LAURA KEISER, SECRETARY/TREASURER
American Canyon Arts Foundation

AMERICAN CANYON ARTS FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ART EXTRAVAGANZA CHAIRMAN

The Arts Extravaganza was September 10th & 11, 2011, and was held at our new Gallery this year. It was quite different from previous years as our Gallery was so much smaller than the Gym. I was able to configure 3 lattice isles, in the middle of the Gallery which left all the art on the walls untouched. The configuration gave the Gallery a wonderful new look, much fuller and professional.

It was touch and go at first as we didn't have many applicant to start with, as before. But we decided to go ahead with the Extravaganza anyway. But at the last minute many pictures started coming in, much more than we expected, almost had to put up more lattice panels. To our surprise not only did we have a great show but we made money between the entry fee and the Silent auctions bids.

This year we had to cut down on some of the monitory awards. Best of Show, Theme, and only first place in each category received money the rest just received ribbons. The Best of Show this year was a portrait of five children called **"Bouquet of Roses" painted by Constance Vaughn**, The Theme this year was "American Canyon Vineyards" and the winner was **"Watson Lane" Painted by Roberta LaBaw,** Peoples choice was **"Afternoon Getaway" painted by Laura Keiser**. There were many first place winners as well. The judge for this year was Bill Parsons. Bill has his own Gallery and is an art teacher in Benicia.

Respectfully Submitted
JONETTE MCNAUGHTON
EXTRAVAGANZA CHAIRMAN

American Canyon Art Foundation

Report 2011

Art Classes and Art supply Store

Debra Lee Hodge, a graduate of Texas Academy of Art has been a working artist and art teacher since 1983. She teaches multimedia Art classes, in elementary and middle schools for Napa Unified School District. She has taught Art workshops and Summer Art day camps at Art Gallery's, studio's, Parks And Recreation departments, Boys and Girls Club. Senior centers. and various other organizations.

She does stage set painting and design, for local theaters in the Napa Valley and Vallejo. She Values her experience with being an Art Gallery Show floor salesman. She enjoys painting Murals believes everyone is a creator and should all create beauty where ever and in whatever circumstance we find our selv's in.

Debra became a board member of American Canyon Art foundation in the year 2011. She has Partnered with Napa Valley Writing project, to establish the Canyon Gallery and Art center (Summer Art Day Camp) Program. Together they Instructed 3 profitable, week long Summer Art and Writing day camps.

Debra established and taught ongoing Art workshops for, Adults, Home schooler's and an after school youth art program.

We are Glad to announce that Canyon Gallery and Art center now sells art supplies! Our community can now purchase art supplies locally. We hope this will become the main hub where artisans, parents. Schools and families can come, to get there Art products

Respectfully submitted

Debra Lee Hodge

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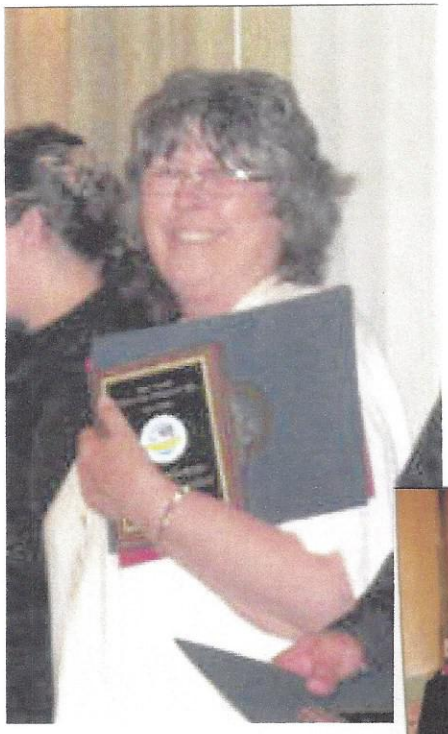
THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY RECOGNITION BALL

The Annual community Recognition Ball was held on April 16, 2011, at the Doubletree (Formerly Gaia) Hotel. This Ball is sponsored each year by the City to honor recipients of the highest award given by the City and each organization in the City. Each Organization is to pick one person for **"The Organization Award"** and up to 10 in the group for **"Certificates of Appreciation Awards"**. The City then awards one or two to receive the Cities highest honor **"The Gateway Award"**.



This year 2011 the American Canyon Arts Foundation chose their President Jonette McNaughton to receive the **Organization Award**. Jonette has been on the Board since 2006, She was Vice President for 2 years and President for 2, going on her 3rd year. She had been Chairman of the Art Extravaganza for two years. Has faithfully helped in every event the Foundation has been involved in. Plus being the lead power in getting our Gallery finished.

Other members of the Arts Foundation who have helped more than their share, were voted to be given the **"The Certificates of Appreciation Awards"** Were (above) Mark Joseph, Laura Keiser, Joe McNaughton, Roberta LaBaw, Robert Harris and George Popa. Not able to attend were G.W. & Mary Garvin, Ari Hood and Robert Johnson. All helped so much in getting the Gallery where it is today. Thank you all very much.

The two recipients of the Cities "**Gateway Award**" were Nelia Medeiros and Bonnie Waxman. We were both honored beyond belief. We both were given the honor of being the Grand Marshalls of the Fourth of July Parade. Nelia and her family riding with her, in their red convertible and Bonnie followed in a beautiful replica of a 1920's Auburn tail back sport. We both felt so special.