

WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS NEWSLETTER January 2012

Dear Loyal Friends,

Our fiscal report is included in this newsletter. We need your continuing support to help keep our doors open. We will be scheduling some more building repairs this year and building a permanent handicap ramp in front of the building then landscaping. This will increase our costs. Any new or renewed membership means a lot. Any donations will be a boon. To renew your membership now, or to sign up as a new member, complete and mail the enclosed form.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's time to renew your membership.

Our membership is due on January 1st of each year and lasts for one year.

(Grace period: If you paid your membership after October 1, 2011 your membership due date will be extended until January 1, 2013.)

Membership benefits include a Free Artist Profile on our website featuring your bio, 3 images, and a link to your website and/or email (visit willitscenterforthearts.org for more details.) Also, we have a Yearly Members Only Art Show at the WCA which will open the first Saturday in March, 2012 and a Members Only Annual Appreciation Event to be held Saturday February 25, 2012, 7pm-10pm at the WCA.

RENOVATIONS

This year has seen some renovations at the WCA. A wall was built in the back of the great room to store chairs and tables behind. This wall is mirrored for the ongoing dance classes.

The storage room is still in the process of being renovated. The ceiling was torn down and replaced and two walls were re-drywalled and the drainage pipe was enclosed.

If you are willing to volunteer to help with renovations or any other projects at the WCA email Gary Coon at garycoon7@gmail.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

The Willits Center for the Arts hosts monthly Art Shows featuring local artists, groups and/or traveling shows open to the public for 4-6 hours 4 days a week, with an artist's opening and reception which usually runs from 7-9pm on the first Saturday of the show. The WCA also hosts dances and performances several times a year in the Great Room.

Gallery Hours

Our Art gallery is open Thursday and Friday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday noon to 3:00 p.m.

Annual activities include the Art Auction, which is the largest fund-raiser for the Willits Center for the Arts. Artists and local businesses donate products and services to help support the Center and it's vision.

This year's auction will be held in September.

The Holiday Crafts Fair features the work of many fine crafts people and is held during the December holiday season. Proceeds from booth sales and raffle tickets help support the WCA.

Life Drawing Sessions: Three-hour sessions are held in the WCA classroom every Friday from 1pm to 4pm. Open to artists age 18 and over. The artists will share model fees. Call Devi at 459-6284 for more information.

Drum Circle: Gatherings for local drummers to play together. Every other Friday from 7pm-9pm in the WCA classroom. Free to the public. See **Willits Center For the Arts** facebook page for more information.

FACILITY RENTALS

The WCA rents out the downstairs classroom and the upstairs Great Room for events and classes. For rates and more information call Cathy at the City of Willits, 459-4601, or on our website; click [paperwork](#) then [WCA Rental Rules & Regulations](#).

PLANNED EVENTS

We are in the process of planning these events and activities at the WCA.

Jam Sessions and Music Circles: Gatherings for local musicians to play together. Free to the public.

Poetry Readings: Free to the public.

Art Classes: We are looking forward to sponsoring classes in many disciplines and are currently working out the many details needed to run these classes smoothly and effectively.

Family Game Night: Opening the Great Room for a family oriented evening of board games, for 2 hours, once a month. Children under 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Free to the public.

Art for Everyone

To start off 2011 we are hosting a show at the WCA called Art For Everyone and are looking for painting, ceramics, fabric, collage, sculpture - all media welcome! Free! **Please deliver your artwork to the WCA on Friday, December 30th or Saturday, December 31st from noon to 4:00 p.m.**

Our gallery is open Thursday and Friday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday noon to 3:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for fresh, local talent to have their art shown and to meet people with similar interests. Children are encouraged to participate, but will need an adult sponsor to bring their artwork in, accompany the child to the opening, and sign up to host the gallery.

The artists' opening reception will be Friday, January 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., so the school-kids can be there.

For more information please contact Laurel Miller at 456-9816.

For the latest news on our developing plans visit willitscenterforthearts.org.

THE WILLITS CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Our Current Commissioners Mimi Cezanne Stoll, Laurel Miller, Janet Rayner, Jeffery Crawford, Ann Maglente and Gary Coon. There are currently two openings for new Commissioner. If you are interested in being a Willits Cultural Arts Commissioner pick up an application at Willits City Clerks Office.

We are working diligently to keep the Willits Center for the Arts growing and improving!
Thank you for your continued support of the Willits Center for the Arts!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For maintenance, gardening, hospitality and general construction projects. If you would like to be part of our volunteer corps call Robin 984-6490.

For WCAC - Janet Rayner
WCAC Secretary and Treasurer

WCA Fiscal Report 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011

Opening Balance	10,748.92
Art Receptions	-188.79
AUCTION	8,996.41
Commissions	866.20
Crafts Fair	2,640.00
Donations	1456.34
Dues and Fees	-175.00
Equipment	-781.13
Events	-200.97
Internet	-369.00
Janitorial	-1,100.00
Membership	5,215.00
Misc.	-429.21
Office	-525.38
Petty Cash	-450.00
Postage	-1,292.53
Publicity	-5,733.13
Raffle	734.00
Refund	100.00
Renovations-Maintenance	-4,126.69
Rental	1,970.00
Repair	-274.00
Revenue Accrued	746.16
Stipend	-250.00
Supplies	-311.71
Utilities	-1,532.75
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OVERALL TOTAL	15,732.74

We have already spent \$7068.72 in the current fiscal year on the costs of renovating and maintaining the building.

WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

PRINT YOUR NAME AS YOU WISH TO BE LISTED ON OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ \$ _____ Enclosed*

Email: _____ Fax _____

Website: _____

Are you an artist? Yes / No Medium: _____

***Please make checks payable to: WCA, 111 E. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490**

SELECT YOUR CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP

- Student/Senior \$25
- Individual \$35
- Family \$50
- Sponsor over \$100
- Patron over \$500
- Benefactor over \$1000

AREAS OF VOLUNTEER INTEREST

- Publicity: design and/or distribution of posters and postcards
- Renovation/Building
- Fund Raising
- Art Auction
- Show hosting/ Gallery sitting
- Help hanging and/or taking down shows
- Events: Help with food, set up/ breakdown, working the door and/or clean up