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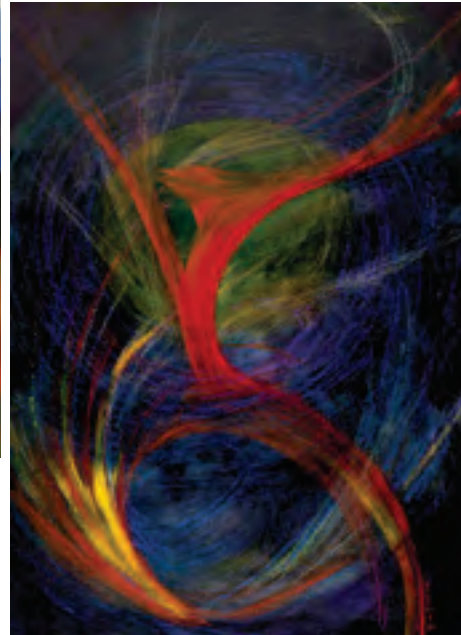
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Bunny Carnahan

Sierra Images

North Tahoe Arts is proud to present for the month of April in the Main Gallery an exhibit of Plein Air paintings by artist Bunny Carnahan. There will be an opening reception at the Art Center on Friday, April 3, 2009, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Bunny Carnahan began painting when she lived in San Francisco and sold her first small painting in Tiburon. She studied art at UC Riverside, College of Marin, San Francisco State and the University of Nevada. She began her college career at UC Berkeley and finished

degrees at the University of Nevada. She has an undergraduate major in studio art as well as psychology, and is working on a Ph.D. in curriculum theory. She teaches art in the public schools, which is a challenging undertaking in itself.

As a painter she works primarily on site. She likens it to fishing, where the best paintings happen right after sunrise. She wants to get a sense of the place she paints by taking in the sounds, the light, the temperature and the feeling. She finds that acrylic

is a quick and responsive medium. She likes the clarity and the spontaneous feel of acrylic as well as the quick brush wash and clean up. Oil is another medium Bunny uses. It is very rich and she very

much likes working with oil, but uses it with some trepidation. The paint quality is outstanding in the sense that textures and edges become nearly hypnotic and the color quality is wonderful. "I can lose a painting very quickly in oil however, and I have to step back more frequently and be very focused," Bunny tells us. The results with oil when she "hooks a fish" and has a successful painting are nearly always more complex than with acrylics.

Bunny's work is colorful and full of uplifting images. They'll make you feel like dancing through the gallery.



Plein Air painting by Bunny Carnahan



Painting by Bunny Carnahan

Corison Loft

A p r i l

Tahoe Community Nursery School

Art from the Tahoe Community Nursery School will be on exhibit in the Corison Loft in April. Recently, Laura Stout, Director, has seen a reduction in enrollment due to families moving from the area.

The non-profit school counts on tuition and fundraising to cover expenses. The April exhibit will have original artwork done by students which will be available to families, friends, and art appreciators in exchange for a financial contribution to support the school. Be sure to come up to the Corison Loft to encourage these children, their families, and their teachers at the opening reception on Friday, April 3, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.



Nursery school artists hard at work, having fun creating art.

M a y
Yasmin Sayyed
Mixed Media

North Tahoe Arts welcomes Yasmin Sayyed, a South Lake Tahoe artist to the Main Gallery in May. Dr. Sayyed is a visual artist and poet. She's the mother of two sons and grandmother to an adolescent granddaughter. Born in New York City of Cape Verdean and Caribbean ancestry, Dr. Sayyed's professional life has been spent as educator, researcher, and psycho-educational therapist. She studied art, education, and psychology in New York, Rhode Island and California.



Peace, Be Still, *mixed media on canvas* by Yasmin Sayyed

Yasmin describes art as a language of the heart, fusing intellect and sacredness in a single brush stroke and in a single intention of standing in union with nature and cosmic rhythms. As an artist she feels compelled by an inner calling of spirit and character to examine her realities with a heart set to amplify what heals the struggles and delights the soul. Her work is about art as an expression of individual and collective consciousness and how Spirit courses through her to give



Connecting Heaven on Earth, *mixed media on canvas* by Yasmin Sayyed

voice, color, movement and visual interplay to her work. We are invited to join in a sacred dance of life. We experience states of grace, healing, delights of the soul, and the mystery of spiritual elegance.

Join us at the Art Center on Friday, April 3, 2009, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for an opening reception, and meet this wonderful artist.

M a y
North Tahoe High School
Forest Charter School

Students from North Tahoe High School and Forest Charter School will exhibit in the Corison Loft in May. We are so excited to

have the energy and talents of these students for this exhibit. They have been working very hard for months to complete projects and put together their work. We anticipate that students will also be writing a poem or some kind of response to the artwork in the exhibit. We hope to entice them to read their poetry or free verse at the opening reception on Friday, May 1, 2009, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. It should be lots of fun!



Art by NTHS student Kaile Colburn

Another treat that we are hoping to add to the evening's festivities is a preview performance from *Ballet Folklorico* from North Tahoe High School. It is a student dance group that will perform on Cinco de Mayo at NTHS. We are trying to convince them to do a preview of their exciting dance at the first Friday reception. It would be a rousing finale to the opening, to take place on the patio at the Art Center. Stay tuned for final arrangements!

President's Message

A warm welcome to all our new members, and a special thank you to all our volunteers! And kudos to our hard working Director, Karen Ellis, who is an efficient and time-tested problem solver. You all are much appreciated! It is indeed an honor for me to serve you and North Tahoe Arts with my own time and efforts.

Our greatest challenge in this economy is keeping NTA alive and well. NTA contributes so much to the culture of North Tahoe and Truckee; it truly benefits the community and is appreciated by many people. We have the "cream of the crop" of local artists who not only bring their art to the community, but also donate their time, talents and efforts to many outstanding programs sponsored by NTA. Kids Art Camp will be back this summer, as will ARTour. More information on other programs will be discussed in future newsletters.



The backbone of our organization is volunteerism. We are currently looking for volunteers for committees, and for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors (most definitely not "bored"! We have a collaboration of talented people on the Board, and occasional raucous laughter and fun is known to occur). If you are interested and have a few hours each month to help guide our organization, call Karen Ellis at 530-581-2787, or Mary Lou Cooper at 530-562-2686. Good ideas for the benefit of NTA are always graciously and gratefully accepted.

Some new ideas: Music lovers—if you play an instrument, and would like to be a part of a group to play music for some of our First Friday Openings, please contact me. We tentatively would have rehearsals on the Thursday a week before the Opening at my home in Northstar. Don't be shy! We would have a lot of fun making music! Here's an old saying: "Music self-played is enjoyment self-made." And how about having a float in the Tahoe City Snowfest Parade next year? Did you go this year? It was a blast, and a great opportunity to fly the flag for NTA, to become better known in the community.

Best wishes to all for a great NTA in 2009!

--Mary Lou Cooper



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On the Cover

Clockwise from upper left: plein air painting by Bunny Carnahan from her exhibit **Sierra Images**; Spirit Dancer, mixed media by Yasmin Sayyed from her solo exhibit; art by NTHS student Keeley Marple; and a budding young artist from the Tahoe Community Nursery School.

Director's View

North Tahoe Arts and the Tahoe City PUD have reached an agreement on a two-year and ten-month lease for the Art Center. The rent on the Art Center will double, but the PUD has agreed to a volunteer hours offset program. This cooperative program is possible because of North Tahoe Art's status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. It offsets dollars for hours of volunteer time, based on criteria set by the Parks and Rec Committee. NTA has two part-time paid employees and accomplishes what it does because of you, our volunteers. Now more than ever your volunteer hours are critical to the organization. North Tahoe Arts is extremely grateful for the PUD's offer to implement this program during these tough economic times, when giving and membership are down. We also thank you, our wonderful volunteers, who donate hours and hours of your time for the arts.

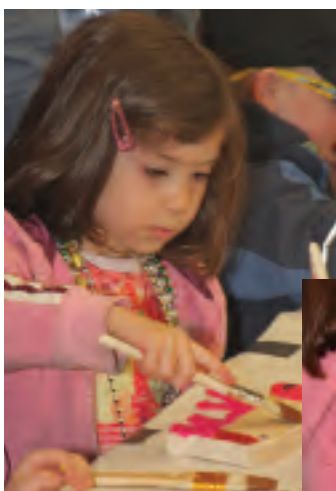
In approximately three years the Fire Department is hoping to be in their new location on Fairway Drive, across from the PUD complex. The plan is to then tear down the abandoned fire department building which shares a wall with the Visitor's Center and North Tahoe Arts. At that time, the PUD would like to reevaluate the use of the property. North Tahoe Arts will begin a strategic planning process later this year to determine what kind of organization, and what facilities are needed and can be supported by the community. We must prepare for the possibility of having to relocate to a new home. We would like to stay right where we are, but we need to begin making contingency plans now, to be prepared for any possibility.

The final report on the study of the arts funded by the North Tahoe Resort Association and completed in December can be found at www.acctt.org. Click on *Projects*, and look at *Arts Feasibility Plan*. We will use this information in our planning, as well as involving NTA members and the community in the process.

We thank you, the members, artists, art appreciators and volunteers for your support and involvement over the past twenty years and we pledge to continue the partnership to grow the arts and culture in the region.

Thank you for your continued support.

--Karen Ellis



Over 200 kids came to the Paint the Bear event after the Snowfest parade in Tahoe City



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Art News

North Tahoe Plein Air 2009, Formerly Seasons of Martis

At the request of several participants and artists, we have expanded this year's plein air event to include all of North Lake Tahoe. We hope this expanded painting area will appeal to a larger audience. **North Tahoe Plein Air**, formerly **Seasons of Martis**, will take place at the Village at Northstar September 9 through 13, 2009, in conjunction with the **Autumn Food and Wine Festival**. Artists will be painting on location Wednesday through Friday, September 9 through 11. The silent auction, demonstrations, and public sale will take place Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13. Again this year the Northstar Foundation is funding our event. The deadline for artists' applications is April 15. Applications are available at the Art Center or by emailing tahoe.pleinair@gmail.com.

First Thursday Gathering of Art...

Join in an informal **Gathering of Art** on the first Thursday of each month at North Tahoe Arts. All beginner, advanced or professional artists, wanna-bes, Sunday painters, or art appreciators are welcome to join. Three local artists will briefly explain their techniques, followed by artist attendees who wish to share their creative talents. All media are welcome. A small donation to cover the room rental is requested.

The next gatherings will be at North Tahoe Arts, Corison Loft, April 2 and May 7 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. Bring your artwork for Show & Tell and a brown bag lunch. April's lead artists will be Cathy McClelland, Roseann Parker and Esther Sonnenberg. We look forward to meeting new artists, renewing friendships and learning from other artists....

For further information contact NTA or Ellen McBride at mcbellen@gmail.com .

What is involved in a successful, thriving art community?

- Art appreciators
- People that paint, or write, or perform for the love of it
- Children that love doing anything artistic and parents who support them
- Artists and people who purchase art, tickets for performances, or attend free concerts
- Activities where learning and appreciation can take place
- Availability of classes and workshops in art, writing, acting, voice, dance for both children and adults
- People gathering together engaged and conversing on artistic topics and issues
- Artists who share their knowledge

"Nothing has brought so much joy and peace into my life. Art is as good as a meditation any day. When you are being creative, you can't be angry. It's just impossible, thus it contributes to world peace in its own little way, one person at a time. Art also brings beauty and peace into the lives of those who view it. It can be healing and comforting and enrich people's lives in numerous ways."

--Jan Foss

Ellen McBride has volunteered to coordinate monthly gatherings of artists. These will take place on the first Thursday of the month from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in the Corison Loft at the Art Center. Everyone is welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch. Stay as long as you can. Cost: \$2 to cover the PUD room rental charge.

Are there other people who would like to volunteer to engage our members or community in discussions of art, poetry, culture, or share something with others? We would love to hear from you. The Corison Loft can be used for this purpose with a little help from people who attend. Call North Tahoe Arts at 530-581-2787 or email karen@northtahoearts.com.

Call to Artists

Celebrating Seasonal Slow Foods

North Tahoe Arts invites submissions of art that express the concepts of freshly grown produce in still life, landscape, or three dimensional art. These pieces celebrate the beauty of fresh fruits and vegetables found at farmers markets, roadside stands, or presented at table. To quote Salvadore Dali, "Make vegetable casts. Make them perfect and bright and realistic, and you'll eat for the rest of your life." Let your creativity, your sense of humor, or your representational skills guide you—placement, design, composition, color. Some may call it kitchen art, but there are serious appreciators of this art form. Open to all fine art media, including painting, photography, sculpture, jewelry, functional art and craft. The jury may consider other media, such as poetry and music, so let us know if you have ideas!

Submission Deadline: May 4, 2009

Jury: May 13, 2009

Installation: June 1, 2009

Show: June 3 through June 28, 2009

Take-down: June 29, 2009

Opening reception: June 5, 2009, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Eligibility Requirements:

- Artwork can be two or three-dimensional
- Artwork must be framed and ready to hang, or balanced to stand
- Artwork must be original, current, and done by the artist
- Application fee is \$15; Participation fee is an additional \$35.
- Jury will need three 4x6" photos of artwork or a CD and corresponding inventory sheet with prices, medium, and dimensions.
- The commission schedule will be 70% to the artist and 30% to NTA
- Participants will be asked to volunteer to help with the show

Please contact North Tahoe Arts, P.O. Box 6354, Tahoe City, CA 96145. By phone, 530-581-2787; e-mail: info@northtahoearts.com; website: www.northtahoearts.com.

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A gathering of First Friday artists and attendees
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Volunteer News

Volunteers are Priceless

Publishing volunteer opportunities in the newsletter gets to be old news pretty quickly. Things get done, things change, and new things come up. We definitely have needs! The question is how do we communicate our needs to volunteers who want to help?



This is what we're going to try. The Truckee Humane Society has an awesome system that not only works, but connects people with opportunities when they're needed. NTA has been calling or emailing individual volunteers for a long time but it is a large consumer of time and not efficient. As soon as possible, we will be developing a *Volunteer Email List*. Those of you who have said yes, you want to help on your membership form or when I've talked to

you will now be on an email list. You will receive volunteer opportunities via email as these opportunities come up. Your only responsibility will be to tell us you can help. If you cannot help, no response is needed. You can also tell us to take you off the volunteer email list if you are too busy or changed your mind.

If you have feedback on the idea, let us know. If you would like to volunteer to coordinate the effort please let us know. It will be a simple, straight forward job. The office will email opportunities to the coordinator who will email them to volunteers. When you get a response, forward it to Karen.

Sound pretty easy? I hope someone will offer to help with this effort. Email karen@northta-hoarts.com or call 530-581-2787 with questions.

Another Message from the Director

Thank you I'm breathing normally again.

This is a special thanks to people who have taken on big jobs just when North Tahoe ARTs needed them. Who ever the artist(s) were that came up with the idea for *Tahoe Landscapes* in October when NTA was in transition was a life saver. My mind was a blurrrrrr.

I cannot say enough about Nancy Olson who took on *HollyART, A Winter Celebration* at almost the last minute. She was relentless and focused on having a successful show. She implemented her vision and convinced us all that the upstairs Corison Loft is and will be a viable venue for art. She recruited a wonderful crew of artists to help her, Roseann Parker for one. Roseann planned a very successful Member's Bruncheon.

Anne Chadwick volunteered to be Exhibit Chair. Due to her efforts and those on the Exhibit Committee, all the exhibits for 2009 were pretty much scheduled by January.



Your Art Center needs you!
Photo by Scott Thompson

Warren Wagner and Carole Sesko said **Yes!** when I called for assistance on a Finance Committee. It is in large part due to their recommendations and their support that we have a new and improved budgeting process and have a budget for 2009.

Anne Chadwick, Ellen Dean, Emilie Kashtan, Jim Markle, Cathy McClelland, Heidi Reeves, and Lois and Andy Skaff spent hours of their time on cleaning baseboards, filling holes in the walls and painting the display cubes and walls of the galleries. Kudos to Lois Skaff who cleaned windows and actually took home the window screens to wash. All this so the Gallery would look fresh and sharp.

Carole Sesko will coordinate ARTour this year. We couldn't find a more capable or talented person for this job.

Hugs to all,
Karen

An Inspired Experience

Carole Sesko at The Rock

Since December, Truckee resident Carole Sesko has been helping promote art at **The Rock**, and exhibiting at their gallery where she is the Artist-in-Residence. Located at 11209 Brockway Road, Truckee, off Highway 267, the gallery can be found in Suite 101, near FiftyFifty Brewing Company. In this modern spacious facility, Sesko is presenting a solo exhibit of her contemporary large-scaled art works, mixed with smaller sculpture and functional art pieces.

Inspired by the great acoustics of the room, Sesko has featured a series of Wednesday night performances, which mix "art and culture, Truckee style." To date, we've held five cultural nights in the gallery: June Saraceno reading from her poetry book, *Altars of Ordinary Light*, an intimate concert with guitarist Ian Case, a night of original poetry by Karen

Terrey, Krista Benjamin, and Ann Keniston, a presidential campaign stop by 19th century superstar Horace Greeley (aka David Fenimore), and cowboy poetry with Dan Seaborg.

I've invited performers who I consider to be among our "regional treasures," a concept I learned about from studying Japan. The Japanese highly value their artists and performers, referring to them as their "national treasures." Bringing that concept to North Tahoe/Truckee, we have a wealth of dedicated and talented people who deserve more local exposure. All the events were well attended and everyone had a great time.

Meet Carole Sesko at the gallery at **The Rock**, Wednesday through Saturday, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, or most days by appointment. Call 530-412-0639 or visit www.carolesesko.com.

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Carole Sesko at The Rock



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Check out these venues during the months of April and May to see the creative works of North Tahoe Arts members and fellow artists.

Tahoe City & Kings Beach	Truckee	Incline Village
<p>Tahoe City Library April Caren Bechtold: Watercolors May OPEN</p> <p>US Bank, Tahoe City April & May Howard Friedman: Oils</p> <p>North Tahoe Conference Center April Joann Lippert: Photography May OPEN</p>	<p>Cottonwood Restaurant April Terrill Tangney: Oils & Mary Lou Cooper: Watercolors & Oils May Carole Sesko: Mixed Media & Eve Werner: Oils</p> <p>Truckee Library April & May Trina Gold: Oils</p> <p>Truckee Physical Therapy April Trina Gold: Oils May OPEN</p>	<p>High Altitude Fitness, Incline April & May OPEN</p> <p>Incline Village Recreation Center April Chris Talbot: Photography May OPEN</p>

Be sure to visit the wonderful exhibits of your fellow artists, and tell friends about the community outreach of the **Art in Public Places** program. Note that there are venues open for exhibits in May, and also in months ahead. Please call Mary Lou Cooper at 530-562-2686 if you wish to exhibit.

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April

NTA Exhibits & Openings

- ❖ *Bunny Carnahan - Sierra Images*
Main Gallery
- ❖ *Tahoe Community Nursery School*
Corison Loft
- 3 First Friday Opening Reception
5:00-7:00 pm

NTA Meetings & Events

- 2 First Thursday Gathering of Art – 12:00 noon
- 8 NTA Board Meeting – 10:00 am

May

NTA Exhibits & Openings

- ❖ *Yasmin Sayyed - Mixed Media*
Main Gallery
- ❖ *North Tahoe High School & Forest Charter School*
Corison Loft
- 1 First Friday Opening Reception
5:00-7:00 pm

NTA Meetings & Events

- 7 First Thursday Gathering of Art – 12:00 noon
- 13 NTA Board Meeting – 10:00 am

June

NTA Exhibits & Openings

- ❖ *Deb Rose - Mixed Media, Oil*
Main Gallery
- ❖ *Celebrating Local Food with Slow Food of Tahoe*
Corison Loft
- 5 First Friday Opening Reception
5:00-7:00 pm

NTA Meetings & Events

- 4 First Thursday Gathering of Art – 12:00 noon
- 10 NTA Board Meeting – 10:00 am



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