

## Theatre to be Theme at Arts Networking Open House in Volcano August 25

For AmadorArts members, this fun event is FREE: come to the Arts Networking Open House on Thursday, August 25th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, in the Volcano Amphitheatre in the heart of quaint downtown Volcano. This quarterly event is described as a **Mixer for the Arts bringing everyone together**. The public, who are non-members, is also invited for just \$5 per person. Guests will mingle while enjoying complimentary sumptuous appetizers and a no-host wine bar provided by the St. George Hotel.

The theme of this Arts Networking Mixer will be Theatre. Actors from the Volcano Theatre Company will present an entertaining scene of the current production of *The Phantom Tollbooth*, described as a fantasy adventure for the entire family. Music will feature violinist Giorgi Khokhobashvili. Previous quarterly events have featured the visual arts and students in the arts. At any of these arts mixers, expect to see a variety of people. Of course artists of all types attend, but also business folks, retirees, young residents and more. There's always a raffle and other surprises.

Put August 25 on your calendars...we'll see you there! Bring your friends.



## Sons of San Joaquin to be Presented by AmadorArts at Helwig Winery September 24

AmadorArts is proud to be presenting a concert at Helwig Winery by musicians known around the world as the undisputed standard bearers of the Western Music genre, the Sons of the San Joaquin. On Saturday, September 24, starting at 5:00 pm, Jack, Joe and Lon Hannah will perform powerful, lush three-part harmonies that tell the stories of a unique character in global history: The American Cowboy. Not only will they be singing your traditional Western favorites, but those penned by Jack Hannah, who has written more top-quality cowboy songs than he'll ever be able to record.



The Sons' distinctive sound has carried them from local church gatherings in the central valley, to which the Hannah family migrated from Missouri during the Depression, to such far-flung locales as Switzerland, the Arab peninsula, and to Japan. In the latter, traditional cowboy music is esteemed above contemporary country music. Here in the U.S., they headlined in New York's Carnegie Hall. They also have professional baseball and teaching careers in their backgrounds. But it's their uncanny vocal blend and true love

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## Sons of San Joaquin continued

of cowboy heritage that have made the Sons of the San Joaquin the barometer for all Western harmony groups.

You'll be able to enjoy their laid-back, "get-along-little doggies" charm in the intimate setting of the beautiful outdoor amphitheatre of the new Helwig Winery located in the heart of Amador wine country at 11155 Shenandoah Valley Road, Plymouth. Bring your own low-back lawn chairs – must be no more than 12" from ground – or blankets to the grass-tiered setting that offers spectacular vistas of the color-changing foothill vineyards on one view and the peaks of the Sierra on the other. No outside food or beverage will be permitted, but tasty personal trays of hors d'oeuvres and the fine wines of Helwig will be available.

The concert is a benefit for the non-profit AmadorArts and its Arts in Education Program which serves students with arts classes and scholarships and awards mini-grants to other non-profits who provide arts-related services to schools.

Tickets are \$30 each, festival seating, and are sold on-line at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com). Type in Sons of the San Joaquin. Seating is limited to 450, so it is advised to make reservations early, as Sons of the San Joaquin concerts frequently sell-out. If you have questions, call AmadorArts at 209-223-9038 or email [info@amadorarts.org](mailto:info@amadorarts.org).

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## Arts in Action: 2011 Events & More

- Aug 5** 6 pm **TGIF free concert – Sierra Sax and Brass Quartet** at Castle Oaks Golf Club in Ione. No outside beverages allowed. Food and drinks available.
- Aug 12** 6 pm **TGIF free concert – Tess and Hip Trash** at Detert Park, Jackson.
- Aug 19** 6 pm **TGIF free concert – Feather River** at Montevina Winery/Terra d'Oro, Plymouth.
- Aug 25** 6-8 pm **Arts Networking Open House -Mixers for the Arts bringing everyone together -** Amphitheatre featuring vignettes by Volcano Theatre Co., appetizers and no-host bar by St. George Hotel. Free to members or \$5 donation.
- Sept 17-18** 2 full days **Open Studios Tour** presented by Amador Artist Association See article.
- Sept 24** 5:00 – 7:00 pm **Sons of the San Joaquin** in concert at Helwig Winery. A benefit for AmadorArts. See article.
- Oct 9** 4th annual **Extravaganza**, a fundraiser for Amador Schools Arts Foundation.
- Nov 12** **Winefest 2011** – Stroll Main Street of Sutter Creek and enjoy our annual fundraiser with art, wine, tasty treats and Silent Auction.
- March 24 2012** 8:00 am – 2:00 pm **A Taste of the Arts** Mini Arts Institute for Teens and Adults at Amador High School, a collaboration of the Amador Schools Arts Foundation and AmadorArts.
- June 23** 6:00 – 9:00 pm 2nd annual free **Jazzin' It Up in Jackson** on 3 blocks of Main St. – fine art, a variety of music (not just jazz).
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### Winefest Kicks Off Holiday Season Nov. 12

The 13th annual Winefest in Sutter Creek sponsored by AmadorArts promises to be yet another good time, so make plans now for this second Saturday in November event. Visit the Sutter Creek Auditorium first, starting at 4:30 pm to check in and pick up your Winefest 2011 Map and commemorative wine glass. Take a look at the many enticing silent auction items and start your bidding. Then begin your journey up and down

historic Main Street visiting businesses which are each offering tastings of a different fine Amador County winery and appetizers. Over 20 wineries will be represented. By 7:00 pm when the shops close, you'll want to return to the auditorium to indulge in desserts and dessert wines and to check on your bids in the silent auction, which will include many artworks, wines, seasonal items and several unique surprises. The auction closes at 8:00 pm.

Only 350 tickets will be sold to this always popular event. Advance tickets at \$25 each will be available later through [www.amadorarts.org](http://www.amadorarts.org). Proceeds benefit AmadorArts programs that bring the arts to local schools, bring music to the free TGIF Summer Concert series, and provide scholarships for students pursuing the arts at the college level.

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### Visit Artists and Buy Direct During Studio Tour Sept. 16 -17

According to the Amador County Artists Association (ACAA), plans are in full swing for another rewarding annual self-guided Studio Tour. It's the third weekend of September and this year the event will feature 26 Amador artists at 13 locations throughout the county.

Admission is free to visit the artists from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both Saturday and Sunday. You'll need the 2011 Studio Tour Map to get started planning your excursion. These are the locations to pick up Maps: in Jackson at the Library and at Hein & Co. Books; in Pine Grove at Munnerlyn's Ice Creamery and Upcountry Hardware; in Ione at Clarks Corner; in Sutter Creek at Hanford Street Gallery and Gallery 10; and at both Visitors Centers of Sutter Creek and Plymouth. Or, you can look for the many Studio Tour arrow signs, start at any point, picking up a Map at your first stop.

One of the sites where six artists will be located is Rollingwood Estates in Jackson. This is also where you can buy raffle tickets for many great artsy items. The drawing will be Sunday at 3:00 pm, but you don't need to be present to win. AmadorArts is a sponsor of the Studio Tour. All proceeds benefit the ACAA Scholarship Fund and the annual Student Art Show. For more info, phone Marie at 209-295-4910.

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## TGIF Summer Concerts Continue to Attract Big Audiences

The first concert of the 2011 season was in the Kennedy Mine Amphitheatre, featuring Wingnut Adams and his band. A huge crowd of nearly 400 attended, and since then, the Friday evening events have seen many more happy audiences.

This year, AmadorArts is very grateful to the Jackson Rancheria for its \$5,000 contribution to help underwrite the performance fees and expenses associated with the production of the free concerts. The many other businesses that support the series with their advertising dollars are also appreciated, as are all of you who drop donations into our buckets during each concert. This will assure that we can bring the series in 2012. We also want to thank those who have allowed us to use their parks and/or grounds this summer. AmadorArts is fortunate to have Sue Duncan as its Event Coordinator as she always knows how to line up the musicians, the venues, and to cover all the production details.

The concerts are still continuing every Friday night at 6:00 pm until August 19th (but no concert during the County Fair). At the last one, AmadorArts will present The Patron of the Arts Awards to acknowledge those in the community who have selflessly given time and energy to promote, encourage and support the arts in Amador County.



## AmadorArts Awards Scholarships to Three Unique Student Artists

Because of their extraordinary talent in art, music, and writing, three unique Amador County students have each been awarded \$1,000 Artists Scholarships from AmadorArts.

The winners are seniors Kellsey Long and Robert Falco from Amador High School and Christine Deatrick from Argonaut High School. All three not only demonstrated excellence their art fields, but in other areas, including work ethic and willingness to help others in the community.



AmadorArts board president DeDe Ryan, Robert Falco, Christine Deatrick and Kellsey Long.

**Kellsey Long** is an accomplished musician, whose fresh, amazing singing voice has an appealing and soothing quality. This gift is matched by her skills on flute, musical theatre, and advocacy for the importance of the arts being a part of education. The scholarship will help her pursue a university education in Music and Drama.

**Robert Falco** has an incredible talent at creating paintings, producing works since he was seven that have paved a path for him to take increasingly challenging instruction in the visual arts, including being the youngest to take a Master's Class at the Crocker Museum usually reserved for professionals. Many have witnessed his obvious talent and his drive to excel with perfection, and everyone agrees that he will become a new leading artist of our country.

**Christine Deatrick** is involved in many of the arts, including writing, visual art, performing arts and the culinary arts. She has written a murder mystery, two novels, and has sold several of her paintings and drawings. She loves Dance, Theatre and creating in the kitchen. By blending these multiple skills, while attending college, Deatrick's future is bound to be filled with variety.

### *Mission Statement*

*The Amador County Arts Council is  
dedicated to support the Arts  
in our schools and our community.*

# The 1st annual Jazzin' It Up in Jackson is a Huge Success

We all held our collective breath as we organized **Jazzin' It Up in Jackson**, a free event, as a new fundraiser for AmadorArts. The date was June 25, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm on the three blocks of historic downtown Jackson. Well, we're happy to report that it was a huge success, raising \$6,000. In addition, AmadorArts applied for and was awarded on July 11 a portion of the City of Jackson's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) in the amount of \$2,500 to continue our effort.

Through planning, promotion, generous sponsors, 20 wineries, 20 businesses on Main Street, restaurant vendors, 30 artists, 3 bands, various service organizations, the City of Jackson, the leadership of Gale Fairbrother as Event Chair, and countless volunteers, Jazzin' It Up attracted an estimated 500 people who appeared to have a super fun time. Also on our side was the weather, which was sunny, but comfortable. However, next year, we'll start it about an hour later. **SAVE THE DATE NOW: the fourth Saturday of June, or June 23, 2012. We must**



The BBQ team at the AmadorArts food booth were (from left) Troy Claveran, John Gonzalves, Walt Wight, and Rich Escamilla.

**thank our wonderful, supportive sponsors**, starting with the ones who contributed the most: Amador Ledger Dispatch, MyAChome.com, Comcast Business Class, Bank of Amador, Holiday Inn Express, Jackson Tire, Kamps Propane, Main Event, Merzlake Signs, Rory's Towing & Repair, Stymeist Collision Centers, Aces Waste Services, Inc., Steve Hermanson for Judge 2012, and Jeff Seaton for Judge 2012.

In addition, AmadorArts could not have put on this event without the following who supplied in-kind or discounted goods and services: Jackson Business & Community Association, Jackson Lions Club, Stan Lukowicz, Amador County Chamber of Commerce, Amador County

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Proceeds of Jazzin' It Up in Jackson benefit AmadorArts programming that includes Arts in Education, bringing the arts to local schools through workshops and support to other arts-related school groups.



TSPN cameraman Tommy Fox, reporter Susie Underwood capture from left, Maddy Hedger, Gale Fairbrother, Jazzin' event coordinator, and Chloe Hedger having a good time at the first annual event.



Revelers enjoying the Beer Garden at Jazzin'.

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## Save the Date March 24, 2012 for A Taste of the Arts

Back by very popular demand will be A Taste of the Arts, a mini arts institute for teens and adults held at Amador High School in Sutter Creek. A collaboration of the Amador Schools Arts Foundation and AmadorArts, the event will take place on Saturday, March 24 during which registrants can attend three 90-minute workshops of their choice given by a variety of local professionals in specific fields. Tuition will be a total of only \$15. As the date draws near, check [www.amadorarts.org](http://www.amadorarts.org) for more details.



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