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AII AOPR CALENDAR

APRIL

April 25: Submission deadline for the
May Newsletter **Member-to-Member Bulletin Board**

April 28, 10am-12noon: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
at the Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Ave.
All AOPR members are encouraged to attend and participate.

April 29, 1-4pm: Art Tag *Self-Portraits* Gathering
at the Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Ave.

This is an opportunity to see interesting art,

talk with other artists, and learn how Art Tag works.

Through April 30:

Recent Photography and Works on Paper,
by George Tomberlin and Betsy Kellas,
at [Kaleidoscope Coffee](#), 109 Park Place.

Work by the sculptor, Richard Black,
in the Post Office Windows, 104 Washington Avenue.

"Food", a mixed-media group show
at El Sol Restaurant, 101 Park Place.

Artists: *Alan Chou, John Warhus, Claudia Randel,*
Sharon Taylor-Ward, Bob Colin, and Mary Lee Cole.

MAY

May 5: AOPR ALL MEMBER SPRING POTLUCK

Saturday, May 5

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Brickyard Landing Clubhouse

across the street from the Richmond Yacht Club

in the Brickyard Landing complex

AOPR members and guests at the opening reception for
"Recent Photography and Works on Paper" at Kaleidoscope Cafe.



Announcements from the Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Irene Hightower

Spring is here! The AOPR **General Membership Meeting** is **Saturday, April 28th from 10am-12 noon**, in the **Point Richmond Community Center**. This meeting will focus on the reorganization of AOPR's leadership roles and responsibilities. You will hear from the current Board of Directors but, more importantly, you will have an opportunity to share your thoughts in conversations with each Director. Yes, it's a Saturday meeting but there will be time to socialize with other members and enjoy something to drink and a bit to eat. Of course there will be a door prize at the end of the meeting! We look forward to seeing you all there. Please make it a priority.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Membership Meeting:

- organize refreshments for the meeting
- sign in members & give out name tags
- help set up chairs & tables and put them away

Contact Irene Hightower for more information or to volunteer:
irene1328@comcast.net or (510) 237-6470.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR Rita Gardner

We're delighted that AOPR continues to grow, and to know that artist members of all disciplines are connecting with each other within our community.

To protect members' privacy, the Board does not give out members' contact information. Members wanting to contact other members are encouraged to use the "*Member to Member Bulletin Board*" in the Newsletter as a vehicle to share art related information - whether to start an affinity group, arrange for "meet-up" type events around particular interests, or to share relevant art news. After all, "The point is art!"

In addition, members who wish to promote themselves and their work on the AOPR website Member Gallery now have an extra benefit. They can submit up two photos and a brief bio for free. We suggest one photo of the artist, and the second an example of their artwork. And as always, for a fee of \$45, you can have up to six photographs of your artwork in the gallery. For more information, go to artsofpointrichmond.com/gallery. Then click on Member Gallery and download the Gallery Registration Form.

And remember to look on AOPR's Facebook page for additional news of interest to area artists. <https://www.facebook.com/artsofpointrichmond/>

You can learn more about all of this at the **General Membership Meeting** on **April 28, 10am-12noon**, at the **Point Richmond Community Center**.

FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

Irene Hightower

Membership dues and donations are still coming in. Presently, our finances are covering expenses well.

It's with pleasure that I acknowledge the several members and supporters who have generously donated money to AOPR:

THANK YOU TO...

Abigail Bok, Diana Paull, Heli Perrett, Joe Puleo & Kathleen Wimer, Louise Williams, Robert Drake, Sharon Taylor-Ward & Richard Ward.

You can learn more about AOPR's finances at the **General Membership Meeting on April 28, 10am-12noon**, at the **Point Richmond Community Center**.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Mary Lee Cole

Welcome to ***Elena Gonzales***, our newest Arts of Point Richmond member. Elena is a wood carver who also enjoys memoir writing. Having recently retired, she finally has time for her artwork. She looks forward to getting to know other artists, so please say hello to Elena at AOPR events.

Thanks to all who have renewed annual memberships. This month's newsletter is the last for those who haven't renewed; if that's you and you want to keep enjoying AOPR events and benefits please contact me at

mlcole@yahoo.com.

A big thank you to Membership Committee members **David Cole** and **Sharon Taylor-Ward** for their helpful advice regarding AOPR membership.

The Membership Committee is looking for a few folks to help greet people at AOPR events. Not a time gobbler, this is a chance to meet other AOPR members at events and make people feel welcome. Let me know if you're interested. Contact me at mlcole@yahoo.com.

You can learn more about AOPR membership at the **General Membership Meeting on April 28, 10am-12noon**, at the **Point Richmond Community Center**.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Gretchen Blais

Art Tag: People involved in Art Tag delivered their second piece on March 12. After completing a third piece, everyone who has participated (and anyone who is interested) can see and hear about the results at the Art Tag gathering on April 29 (1pm to 4pm) at the Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Ave. It is an opportunity to see interesting art, talk with other artists, and learn how Art Tag works. If you have questions, contact the Art Tag Coordinator (and AOPR Activities Director) **Gretchen Blais** at gblais@sbcglobal.net.

Spring Pot Luck: **Nancy Whitley** has agreed to coordinate our All Member

Spring Potluck scheduled for May 5 at the Brickyard Landing Clubhouse.

This is an opportunity to meet other members, eat good food, and have a great time. Thanks Nancy for stepping up.

Writers Group: Thank you to *Diana Paull*, *Laura Paull*, and *Shana Penn* for volunteering to creatively Co-Chair the Writers Group.

You can learn more about the activities of AOPR at the **General Membership Meeting** on **April 28, 10am-12noon**, at the **Point Richmond Community Center**.

If you have an idea for an AOPR activity and are willing to help organize it, please contact Gretchen Blais, Activities Director, at gblais@sbcglobal.net

EXHIBITIONS DIRECTOR

Bob Colin

The Post Office Windows currently feature [Richard Black](#)'s work. His work is impressive, please don't miss it. The next Post Office Windows exhibit will feature Shana Penn, one of our local writers.

"Food", The current exhibit at El Sol Restaurant, can be seen until April 30. The next exhibit will feature the photography of AOPR member *Nora Lee*.

The exhibit at Kaleidoscope Coffee features the work of [Betsy Kellas](#) and *George Tomberlin* and will continue until April 30. AOPR's next exhibition at Kaleidoscope is scheduled for September 1. It will be an open exhibit

available to all AOPR member artists. A *call for entries* will be sent to all members soon.

Everyone is encouraged to see and enjoy the AOPR exhibits. As always, if you are interested in being considered for an exhibition in one of our venues, please contact me at bobcolin@sbcglobal.net

The Exhibitions Committee invites you to volunteer. We need art curators for one-day pop-up events at Little Louie's and at the Community Center. We also need committee members to help curators.

We will be offering artist talks, presentations and artful conversations soon. Please let us know of preferences, interest or something you'd like to present.

You can learn more about AOPR exhibitions at the **General Membership Meeting** on **April 28, 10am-12noon**, at the **Point Richmond Community Center**.

Interview with AOPR's Community Partner
Cassie Cushing



Since 2016, AOPR has partnered with Cassie Cushing, owner of [Kaleidoscope Coffee](#). AOPR installed an art hanging system at the café, (courtesy of a grant from Gateway Foundation), and feature two AOPR exhibitions there annually. The rest of the time Cassie features other area artists who want to exhibit. Her café also draws writers, spoken word performances, and music.

You're a performing artist as well as a coffee maven. How did you get into storytelling?

My undergraduate degree was in religious studies, and I became interested in myths and Irish folklore. That led to classes at the Storytelling Institute in Phoenix, where I learned the art of storytelling was much more than just an ancient oral tradition. It became alive for me and I just fell in love with the form.

What was your vision for Kaleidoscope and how did that intersect with

your art?

Originally, I wanted it to be a home for storytelling, since that is my passion. Since the café opened, the community of Point Richmond has helped shape Kaleidoscope into what it has become today – which is much more than I'd envisioned. It has also morphed into a venue for the literary arts (a cousin of storytelling!), music, and visual arts.

What has surprised you about our community?

I'm continually impressed with the community's diversity in so many ways, whether age, socio-economic status, gender, race, or religion. I see this as an encouraging counter-statement to the stories and concepts – false dichotomies, really – that make us believe people are divided and insular. It's where people come together.

AOPR is delighted to be currently showing photographs and monotypes by members George Tomberlin and Betsy Kellas through April 30. What exhibit is coming next?

I'm partnering with Richmond's RYSE Center, which works with youths in our city to transform their lives and community through a variety of health and educational programs, including creative arts. So our next exhibit will feature the work of young artists, both performance art and visual arts. I'm very excited.

Last thoughts?

What I've learned since opening Kaleidoscope more than two years ago, is that it is bigger than me. At its most basic, it really is about community.

Interview by Rita Gardner, Communications Director

MEMBER-TO-MEMBER BULLETIN BOARD

Member Exhibitions

Mary Lee Cole, "Light and Shadow", a group photography exhibit at Bank of Marin, on Sunnyside in Mill Valley. Mary Lee has several photographs in the show which runs through June 15. Artists' reception: Tuesday, May 1, from 5:30-7:30 pm.

More of Mary Lee's work is on display at the [Mill Valley Public Library](#), 375 Throckmorton, not far from the Bank of Marin. Her photographs are part of "Blur", a show of unique images by the O'Hanlon Center for the Arts Photographers Group.

Gail Morrison has several digital pieces on display at the Marin Society of Artists marinsocietyofartists.org through April 30, 2018. 1515 Third Street, San Rafael, CA. 415-454-9561. Gallery hours: Wed-Sun, noon to 4.

Gail also recommends the Marin Society of Artists' reception for the current show, "Dreams and Nightmares" on Friday, April 13, 2018. In addition to the usual snacks and music there will be a free "Trump This!" art workshop, and a fluid acrylic pour workshop (\$35). Register for the workshops at marinsocietyofartists.org/events/sip-pour.

Gwynn O'Neill, "Marvin Mystifies", a collection of twelve charcoal portraits, in the windows at art-i-fact gallery, 109 West Richmond Ave. Through April 30.

George Tomberlin, BLUE, a group show juried by Toni Littlejohn, at [O'Hanlon Center for the Arts](#), 616 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11am-3pm, Saturday, 10am-2pm. Through April 19.

Calls for Entry

MIXTAPE (at Mom & Pop Art Store, Pt. Richmond)

Calling All Artists! be part of MIXTAPE, our 1980's themed group art show celebrating Mom & Pop's two year anniversary in Pt. Richmond.

The rules are simple: Create your own version of the 80's era. All mediums and art forms welcome.

Drop off submissions: April 1st – April 15th

Tuesday-Sun 11:30am - 4pm

at Mom & POP Art Shop, 24 West Richmond Ave, Point Richmond

All submissions must be hang ready. Please attach a label with your name, the title, and the retail price to the back of the artwork. Note: Gallery/Artist 50/50 Commission on all work admitted. For more information contact Mom & Pop Art Store at our Facebook page: facebook.com/mompopartshop

SMALL WORKS (Richmond Art Center, Richmond)

Call for small works (largest dimension 14" or less including frame). Open to California artists (18 and older). All media except jewelry, film/video. Entry deadline: Monday, April 23. Enter online at richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/small-works-juried-exhibition/

STORYTELLING EXHIBITION (Art Works Downtown, San Rafael)

We understand our world and our place in it through the stories we tell and the stories we receive. Tell us your stories, stories that resonate with you, or pieces that invite viewers to find their own stories in your art. SF Bay Area artists only. Online entries due Friday, May 10, 1pm at callforentry.org. Learn more at artworksdowntown.org

10th ANNUAL 50/50 SHOW (Sanchez Art Center. Pacifica)

Challenge yourself making 50 small artworks in 50 days. Open to California artists (18 and older). Entry deadline: Tuesday, May 15, 11pm.. Enter online at callforentry.org or visit the Sanchez Art Center website: sanchezartcenter.org

Members working in all creative disciplines are encouraged to visit the California Arts Council website cac.ca.gov for up-to-date artist calls in dance, music, literature, film and digital art, photography, other visual arts, and multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary arts.

Members are asked to share calls for entry in all areas of creative expression that could be of interest to other members. Send information to AOPReditor@gmail.com

Help Wanted/Help Available

There are still opportunities to participate in the interactive Periodic Table of the Elements recently exhibited at Pense Gallery in Davis. Go to www.gailmorrison.com/pteindex for more information.

AOPR members are welcome to share information about art-related services they need or can provide. Send information to AOPReditor@gmail.com.

To post an art-related message on the
Member-to-Member Bulletin Board:

- Please send submissions to AOPReditor@gmail.com
- The submission deadline for the May Newsletter is **APRIL 25**
- Only current AOPR members may submit information for publication
- The Editor reserves the right to edit submission copy to fit a formatted space
- The Editor reserves the right to refuse submissions that are not clearly aligned with the mission of the organization.

Arts of Point Richmond

MISSION STATEMENT

The Arts of Point Richmond is a community association established to enrich our community by promoting support, appreciation and exposure for the Arts.

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