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The Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council News



Photo by Andrew Lewis

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Local High School Graduate Wins Congressional Art Competition

by Karen Stuevet



“Wings of Freedom”, by Alex Coons



Representative Mike Garcia (CA-27) and Alex Coons

Alex Coons’ oil painting, “Wings of Freedom”, was selected by an independent panel of judges, to win the Congressional Art Competition for California’s 27th district. The painting now hangs in the halls of Congress in Washington, DC.

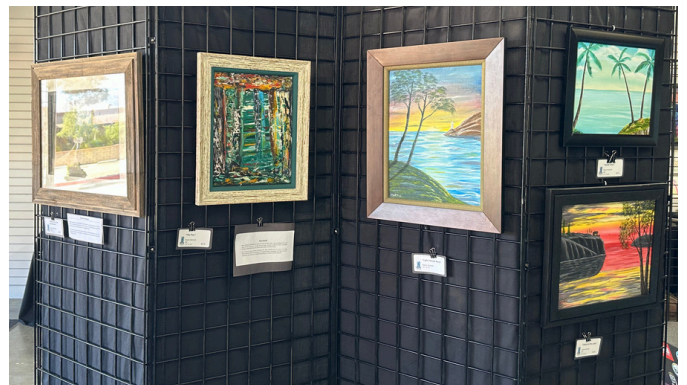
Representative Mike Garcia (CA-27) said, “Alex’s art piece is a touching homage to our service members. I’m honored to hang it in the US Capitol, where this amazing work from CA-27 will be seen every day by fellow constituents, Members of Congress, and visitors from around the world. Alex and her work, as well as every young artist who participated in this

year’s competition, truly exemplifies the talent and patriotism that makes our communities so special.”

Coons graduated from Vasquez High School in 2024. She began taking art lessons at 8 years old with Paula Bradley, at Picasso’s Playmates, and has excelled at both art and music. She exhibited her work at the Young People’s Art Show in March of this year, and is currently working on several pieces for the “Spooktacular” Art Show at the TAADAA Art Gallery, which will open September 14. This talented young artist is now enrolled at Antelope Valley College, where she studies studio art, and plays volleyball.

“Endless Summer” Art Show

This is the last weekend of the “Endless Summer” Art Show, at the TAADAA Art Gallery. The exhibit closes August 25, at 3:00 PM. The TAADAA Art Gallery is located at Picasso’s Playmates, at 33330 Santiago Rd, in Acton, and is staffed by exhibiting artists who volunteer at the gallery. As many of the works are for sale, the gallery is an excellent source for art for home or office decor.

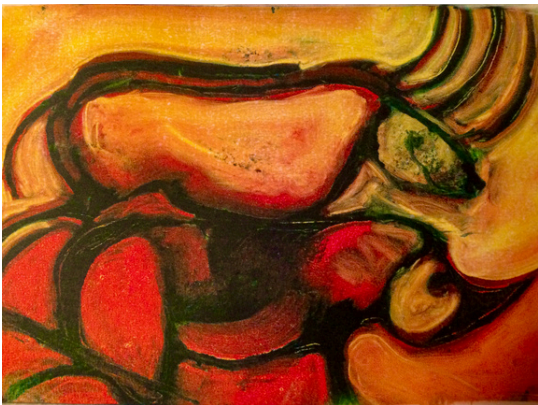


Art Show at Acton Library

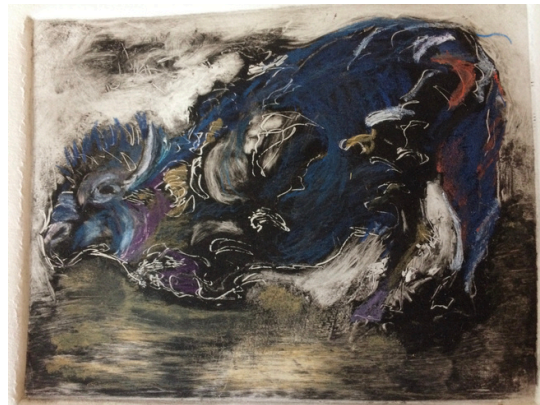
There is currently an exhibit at the Acton Agua Dulce Library, featuring the works of artist Charlene Worthley, and photographer Andrew Lewis. The exhibit is located in the meeting room of the library through September 23, 2024.

Worthley's primal artwork utilized various media, including watercolor, encaustic, and engraving. It is reminiscent of Paleolithic cave paintings, that captures the essence of the animal.

Lewis' photographs included a Phos-Chek drop on a wildfire, and Air Force aerial maneuvers. Lewis can often be found hiking canyons to capture shots of fighter jets in Basic Fighter Maneuvers (BFM). The close proximity of Edwards Air Force Base means local residents are sometimes treated to an impromptu air show. The skill on exhibit by Cal Fire's aviation program is moving to a community that lives in a high fire hazard zone.



"Aurochs", by Charlene Worthley



"Buffalo", by Charlene Worthley



"Fire Tanker Drop", by Andrew Lewis



"Bat Turn", by Andrew Lewis

“Freedom Sings” Concert

By Karen Stueve

John Spear and the Runaway Train performed at the “Freedom Sings” concert at the Acton Community Center on July 3, 2024.

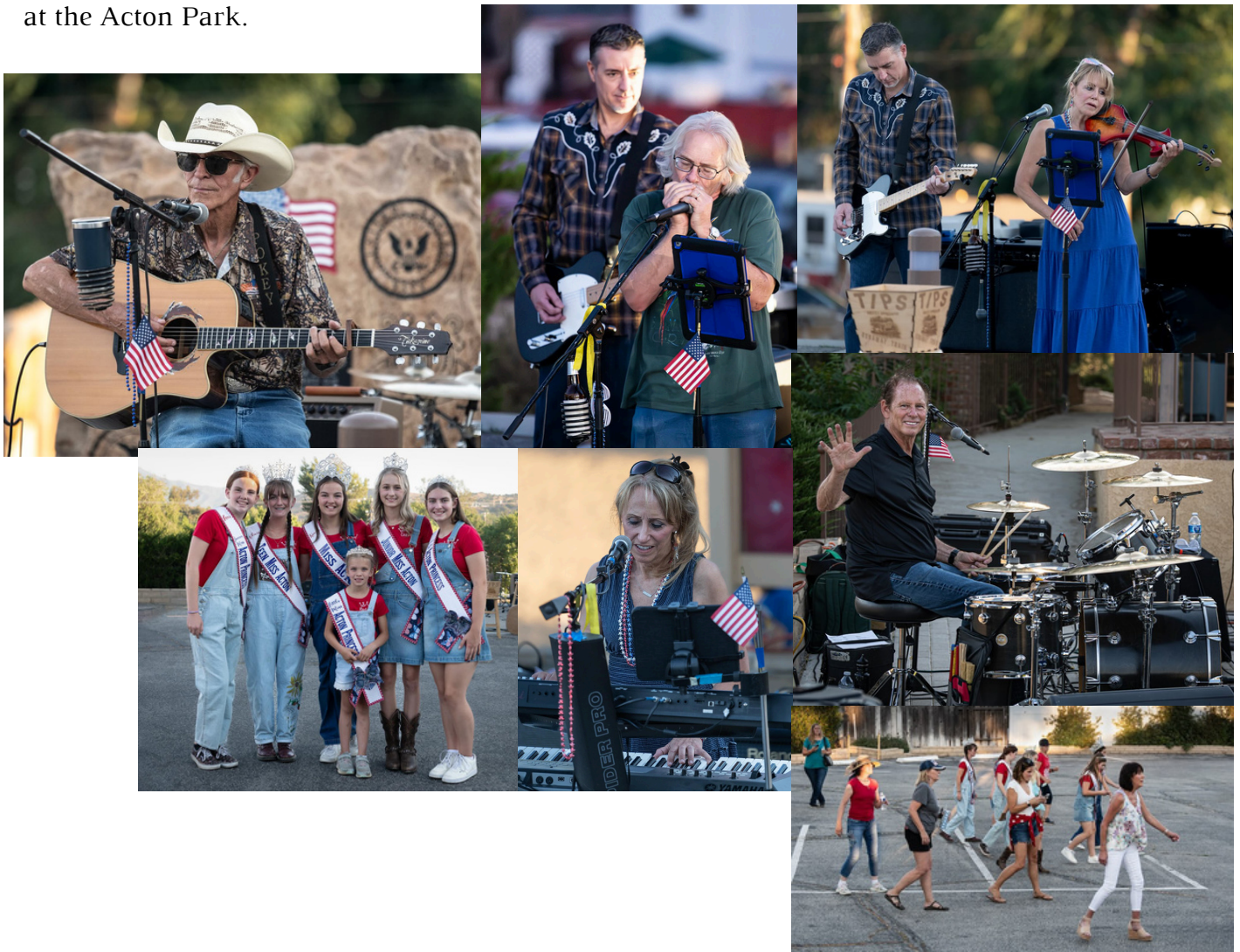
This concert was the result of the cooperative efforts of local organizations and residents of Acton and Agua Dulce.

Paula Bradley, President of the Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council, created the Acton Agua Dulce Collaborative Committee, known as “The Collaborators”, in order to help local organizations put on events, and to overcome obstacles to hosting public events at the Acton Park.

Member organizations can put out a call for volunteers at meetings, to help put on events.

The “Freedom Sings” concert was their first collaborative effort, spearheaded by Nancy Harris. It was a great pleasure to hear the band perform, and fun for all ages.

To learn about future events, or local organizations to join, check your AADAC newsletter calendar, as well as the Acton Agua Dulce Collaborators Facebook Page.



Santa Clarita Valley Concert Band Performed at Acton Park

By Karen Stueve

The Acton Agua Dulce Collaborators, comprised of representatives from local organizations and residents of Acton and Agua Dulce, hosted the Santa Clarita Valley Concert Band at Acton Park, on Sunday, August 18, 2024.

The Collaborators worked hard behind the scenes to restore music at Acton Park, pulling the necessary permits and insurance, and coordinating with the new Park and Rec director. Special thanks is owed to Supervisor Kathryn Barger, who represents our district in Los Angeles County, for providing funding for the concert. Sandra Madsen, Sarah Bloxham, and Pat Girton coordinated with the SCV Band, Nancy Harris again took an active

role in organizing the event, and Janet Pierson was instrumental in researching the requirements to use the park, including permits, insurance, and security. Cari McLane took charge of the treasurer's role.

The concert was a slice of small town Americana, with a picturesque moon rising as the band played an eclectic musical program, from Big Band music to The Eighties in 17 Songs. Children played on the lawn as attendees settled in for an enjoyable night of music and picnics. More information on the Santa Clarita Valley Concert Band can be found at <https://scvconcertband.org>.



“SPOOKTACULAR” CALL TO ARTISTS

HALLOWEEN THEMED ART SHOW

ENTRY DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

ART SHOW SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 27, 2024

ART DROP OFF - SEPTEMBER 13 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ARTIST RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 14
7:00 PM-8:30 PM

ART PICK UP OCTOBER 27 3:00 - 5:00 PM

EMAIL AADACINFO@GMAIL.COM FOR AN APPLICATION

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Contact aadacinfo@gmail.com for entry forms to participate in upcoming exhibitions, to be added to the email list to receive the “Expressions” newsletter, or to request past issues. Please note the TAADAA Gallery will be closed September 7-8, 2024.

TAADAA ART GALLERY YEARLY EVENTS		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
		<p>“Florals and Fantasy” Deadline March 10 Art Dropoff March 15 9:00 AM - Noon Show March 16 - April 21</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>“Florals and Fantasy” Show March 16 - April 21</p>	<p>“Creature Feature” Deadline May 5 Art Dropoff May 10 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Show May 11 - June 30</p>	<p>“Creature Feature” Show May 11 - June 30</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>TAADAA CLOSED JULY 4 “Endless Summer” Deadline July 13 Reception 7/20 7-8:30 Art Dropoff July 19 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Show July 20 - August 25</p>	<p>“Endless Summer” Show July 19 - August 25</p>	<p>“Art Spooktacular” Deadline Sept 6 Art dropoff Sept 13 Show Sept 14-Oct 27</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>“Art Spooktacular” Sept 14 - Oct 27</p>	<p>Adult Fine Art Show Nov 2-3, TAADAA “Let’s Be Thankful” Deadline Nov 4 Art Drop Off Nov 8 Show Nov 9-Dec 15</p>	<p>“Let’s Be Thankful” Show Nov 9 - Dec 15</p>