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Glass Artists Teach As Well

Lyndon Pullins is co-owner of Aurora Colors Art Gallery and Glass Art Center on Kentucky Street in Petaluma. His main domain is the glass store and studio. There he quietly creates his art, often surprising his wife and partner, Vangie, with a new work that she may not notice he has placed on display until a day or so later.

A car accident in 2002 brought on Lyndon's quest for a career change, so Vangie offered to teach him stained glass. Soon he was studying with some of the best in the glass world - Dan Fenton, the late Norm Dobbins, and Lisa Voigt, to name a few.

Not realizing his artistic talents until his 50's has brought Lyndon a pleasure



and grace that is reflected in his works. After years of custom art glass commissions by Aurora Colors, he has honed his skills as a fine craftsman. His current "Flow Series" just keeps on developing. The beauty of his lamps and functional art is not only due to his ideas, but also to his

diligence in finishing - often neglected by other artists. Pictured above (left to right) are his free-form platter, an art nouveau nightlight, and his "Flow Bowl".

His skill as an art glass artist and instructor is evident by his students' satisfaction and his consistently high quality

art adorning Aurora Colors' art gallery and front display window. Lyndon jokes about his "glass hospital" as people bring him all types of repairs and unusual glass cutting jobs. He is the only one in Sonoma County, maybe in the North Bay, that repairs bent glass lamp shades. The Remember Yesterday lamp store and Restoration Studio in Santa Rosa send these repairs to Lyndon.

Lyndon and Vangie teach fusing and stained glass weekly, year-round and once every semester through the Santa Rosa Junior College, Petaluma Campus, in their own studio. The next fusing class begins July 8. Call 707.762.0131 for details.

Quilt Show to Fill Downtown

The Petaluma Quilt Show, Saturday, August 8, from 11 AM to 5 PM, features resourceful people who can create beauty from scraps.

Quilts will appear outdoors on Fourth Street from the Petaluma Historical Museum to Walnut Park. At the museum itself, quilts will adorn balconies and hang outside in the garden court, and

quilts for sale will be on display. Visitors to the museum will also enjoy live music and refreshments for sale.

Inside the Petaluma Woman's Club at 518 B Street, see more quilts and needlework, then mosey on over to the Open Door Christian Church at 16 5th Street to view even more. Quilt lovers may continue to the Episcopal Church at 5th and C Street and then to the Methodist Church at 5th and D, then finish the loop by walking over to Walnut Park for the craft fair, farmers market, and live music.

In addition, the Petaluma Arts Council will present fiber artist Carol Larson at 2 PM in the Petaluma Arts Center at 230 Lakeville Street.

Finally, an exhibit of quilts will hang inside the Petaluma Public Library on Fairgrounds Drive from the Fourth of July to Labor Day.

For details, visit PetalumaQuiltShow.com or call Louisa Otis at 707.775.3661.



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Art on Recycled Materials

ReconsidART," a show of new works on recycled materials by Sonoma County artists Ricky Watts and Nate Burleson opens July 10 at the Petaluma Mail Depot. The artists created images on cabinet doors, used skateboards, an old surfboard, a church pew, closet doors, and scrap metal - and drawings in recycled frames.

Both men are Phoenix Theater success stories and both create images that reflect the influence of graffiti art

and hip-hop. Burleson is a 2001 graduate of San Antonio High School. Watts is a 1998 graduate of Casa Grande High School and a 2002 graduate of the Art Institute of California-San Diego.

An opening reception will be held from 7 to 10 PM on July 10. The show runs through July 31. The Petaluma Mail Depot is at 40 Fourth Street in Petaluma. Call 707.762.8150 for more information. To learn more about the artists, visit rickywatts.com and myspace.com/nateburl.



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Art in the Park, September 12 & 13, 2009

Art Walk & Food Drive

Join the galleries and merchants of the Petaluma Downtown Association (PDA) on Friday, July 10, from 5 to 8 PM for a downtown art walk and food drive. Along Kentucky and 4th Streets, Western Avenue, and Petaluma Boulevard and in the Theater District, enjoy paintings, collage, sculpture, glass art, fabric art, jewelry, pottery and more. Visit Aurora Colors Gallery, Pelican Art Gallery, Riverfront Gallery, Haus Fortuna, the Mail Depot, Boomerang Gallery, Starstruck Boutique, The Tea Room and Viva Colat.

This month, each location will be accepting donations of non-perishable foods for the Petaluma Kitchen (an arm of COTS) to help our neighbors in need.