



Steven Oliver honored by Arts Council of Sonoma County



"Fall Vineyards" by Judy Butler

## Friends of Cloverdale Library Hold Annual Fall Exhibit

The Cloverdale Library Art Committee has selected three talented Sebastopol artists for the Friends of Cloverdale Library's annual fall exhibit. Oils by Judy Butler, watercolors by Lenore Carrion and sculptures by Daniel Oberti will be on view September 9 through September 30 at the Cloverdale Library, 401 North Cloverdale Blvd in Cloverdale.

Judy Butler, a plein air painter, is known for her bold oil paintings of the Northern California wine country and redwood coast. Her colorful style immediately connects the viewer to the content of

the landscape. Lenore Carrion finds transparent watercolor a stimulating and challenging medium and also prefers to paint on location. Daniel Oberti's current works, "Spheres of Influence", are homage to significant cosmological and scientific discoveries, both modern and historical.

The exhibit begins with an artists' reception on Friday, September 8, from 6 to 8 PM. Exhibit hours are 1 to 5 PM Monday through Saturday, with evening hours from 7 to 9 PM on Monday and Wednesday. For more information, call 707.894.5271.

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## Annual Achievement in the Arts Awards Honors Steven Oliver

The Arts Council of Sonoma County has announced its Eighth Annual Achievement in the Arts Awards, this year honoring builder and contemporary arts patron Steven Oliver. The event, to be held on Friday, September 15, at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel in Santa Rosa, is entitled "Building Excellence". The evening will include a reception in the Hyatt Sculpture Garden, dinner in the Alexander Valley Ballroom, a live auction and silent auction, and entertainment. Proceeds will benefit the arts and education service initiatives of the Arts Council of Sonoma County.

Inaugurated in 1998, the Achievement in the Arts Awards recognize outstanding individuals who have had a significant impact on the arts in Sonoma County and beyond. Past honorees have included Peanuts Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, Santa Rosa Symphony Music Director Jeffrey Kahane, National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Dana Gioia, and Green Music Center patrons Donald and Maureen Green.

This year's honoree, Steven Oliver, is recognized in

Sonoma County for his past involvement with the former Museum of Contemporary Art at the Wells Fargo Center and his role as chair of Community Foundation Sonoma County's Taskforce on the Arts. Most recently, Oliver has been a proponent and an enthusiastic supporter of plans to develop an Arts District in downtown Santa Rosa.

Oliver and his wife, Nancy, own a working sheep ranch in Geyserville, featuring one of the country's largest collections of site-specific art, with works by such world-renowned artists as Ann Hamilton, Richard Serra, and Bruce Nauman.

Beyond Sonoma County, Oliver is Chairman of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, where he also served as President from 1995 to 1997 and oversaw the completion of the \$95 million fundraising campaign to build the new museum. Oliver served as Chairman of the California College of the Arts, where he still serves on the Board, and he is a former President of the Oakland Museum. In addition, he was Chairman of a division of the National Endowment for the Arts in 1997 and served on the Board of

Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden from 2000 to 2004.

Tickets for the Achievement in the Arts awards are \$150 per guest and \$1,200 for a table of eight. You can request an invitation by calling the Arts Council of Sonoma County at 707.579.2787. More information is available at the Arts Council's website: [sonomaarts.com/awards](http://sonomaarts.com/awards)

### Boomerang Group Show Benefits Guatemalan Children

From September 16 to October 13, Boomerang Gallery will host an exhibit called "Para Los Ninos" -- a charity art show to raise money for the Young Leaders Scholarship Program in Guatemala. This non-profit scholarship program benefits students in the Colomba Costa Cuca region of the highlands of Guatemala, where the cultivation of coffee has been the main source of income for almost 150 years. The dramatic downfall of coffee prices in the past four years has caused families to be kicked off the coffee farms and left with minimal resources. It is a financial struggle to stay in school beyond the sixth grade. One hundred percent of the profits of "Para Los Ninos" will go directly to the Young Leaders Scholarship. Passing grades and community involvement are among the requirements for scholarship recipients.

Join more than 30 local artists of all ages as they come together to celebrate the basic right of education and imagination for Guatemalans, and all the children of the world.

An artists' reception will be held Saturday, September 16, from 7 to 9 PM at Boomerang Gallery, 46 Kentucky Street in Petaluma. Call 707.773.3222 for details.

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