

# Bonsall Woman's Club



## Roadrunner

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



### BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

**(note day change to Thursday)**

**Social Time - 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Meeting Begins at 10:00 a.m.**

**Bonsall Community Center  
Located at 31505 Old River Road  
Bonsall, CA**

**PROGRAM: Fallbrook Historical Society  
with an emphasis on the importance of Trains**

*A light snack will be provided for your enjoyment as well as coffee and water.*

**BRING A FRIEND - WE WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS!**



Dear Members:

You are invited to visit the Little Old Bonsall Schoolhouse immediately following the April 6th General meeting.

All members are welcome! There is no school that day so parking will be available up by the Schoolhouse!

Cordially,  
Elaine Davis

Call with questions: 760-726-7472

**BWC - MEMBERS OF PALOMAR DISTRICT, THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, AND  
THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

*Rosalía Zamora, Newsletter Editor*



## MARY JO PFAFF ♦ President's Message

Our March meeting was quite busy. The reports from all the committee chairs informed our membership about the progress of the 2023 Charitable Donations, Scholarship Applicants, the Art Show final touches and the Nominations for next year's board. PLEASE be sure to attend the April meeting. We will be voting to elect our 2023-24 officers. Having you vote your approval is a way of confirming the Nominating Committee's choices.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Patty Merriam and Marleen DuBona for an outstanding community collaboration of the BWC and Bonsall Unified School District. Parents, staff and the kids were so pleased with the Art Show. The evening was such a positive experience on so many levels. We will be presenting the winning ribbons to our club's Art Show participants at the April meeting.

A generous \$143.25 was donated to Fallbrook Senior Foundation to provide payment for a senior client needing transportation out of the area for physical therapy. Thank you so very much for your generosity. CONGRATULATIONS! Helen Poddoubnyi is our "Volunteer of the Year, 2023." (See the story in this newsletter.) Alan Sargent performed a fabulous program of love songs and lyrics that he has written. We all went home with a song on our mind.  
*In friendship, Mary Jo Pfaff*



## MARY JANE POULTER ♦ 1st Vice President-Dean of Chairmen

Just a reminder to add all your volunteer hours spent at the BWC/BUSD Art Show as well as your time taken on any art work entered. The co-chairs are asked to write a report on this project.

All members are invited to attend the 65th Annual Palomar District Convention on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, to be held at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

The time of event: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$43.00 and includes: morning coffee/tea, lunch, goodie bag, and door prize drawings. I will take reservations for this event at the April 6th BWC general meeting. Please make out your check payable to BWC in the amount of \$43.00. The menu: parmesan roasted chicken or vegan grilled vegetable stack; dessert is choice of chocolate mousse or fruit cup. Special dietary requests must be ordered in advance.

There will be a non-award Art Show. Entries can be from any time period. However, they must not have been shown at any Palomar District art show or meeting. Entry forms to be submitted by April 1st. The entry form will be available on the BWC website. Clubs may have a table as a vendor, if they wish. There will also be unique opportunity baskets. Each club has been asked to donate at least one for this drawing. Since all the 2022 narratives have been judged, the winners will be announced at this convention.

**The NOMINATING COMMITTEE is happy to announce the following members who will be placed on the ballot for next year's slate of officers:**

- President: Mary Jo Pfaff**
- Co-First Vice Presidents/ Dean of Chairs: Mary Jane Poulter, Bev York**
- Co-Second Vice Presidents/ Membership: Cindy Gibson Floyd, Connie Jordan**
- Co-Third Vice Presidents/ Programs: Maura Button, Marlene Rantanen**
- Co-Fourth Vice Presidents/ Ways and Means: Nancy Curtis, Gini Brooks**
- Recording Secretary: Robin Kemper**
- Treasurer: Helen Poddoubnyi**

**Election of officers will take place at the April meeting.**

**Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Judy Bresnahan, Cindy Gibson Floyd, Connie Jordan, Jacky Nutter and Carol Vandenbosch.**



**BEV YORK**



**CINDY GIBSON FLOYD**

## Co-2nd Vice Presidents-Membership



### April Birthdays

- 11. Joan Kaford
- 13. Robin Kemper
- 18. Geri Sides
- 19. Lynn Marie Herndon
- 29. Maura Button
- 30. Emily Manley  
Frances Pyle

### Welcome To Our New Member!

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Julie Johnson! She's a neighbor of President Mary Jo and joined us after the March meeting, when she was introduced as a first-time guest. Julie is an educator at MiraCosta College and is interested in supporting the military and both the Bonsall and Fallbrook Chambers of Commerce. If you didn't get a chance to meet this charming lady in March, we'll introduce you to her in April. She'll be a tremendous asset for our club!

### Final Membership Renewal Reminder

Thanks to all of you that have paid your dues for 2023-24. If you have not, they are past due. Please reach out to Bev or Cindy and send your check to them at home, or let them know your intentions. Thank you!

### March of Dimes Donation

The final total collected for the Palomar District March of Dimes campaign was \$778.73, of which \$308 was our members' donation. Give yourselves a big cheer, to match my "Thank You!" for your awesome generosity!

### Pinwheel Makers Wanted!

We're "planting" a Pinwheel Garden at the District Convention on April 25 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido to recognize Palomar District's support of Prevent Child Abuse America and their "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign. Pinwheels are a universal symbol of the childhood innocence we wish for all children. We created pinwheels at the September District meeting, and all Palomar clubs are asked to make more pinwheels to bring to the convention to fill the Pinwheel Garden. Photos will be taken of the garden and shared with CFWC, GFWC and of course, Prevent Child Abuse America itself. We can make them all one color (as our signature) or many colors to light up the garden. I have plenty of construction paper, paper punches, push pins, and pencils with erasers. There's no engineering skill required— just a few willing hands!

### Palomar District Notes

The 2023 Palomar District Convention will happen April 25 in the Conference Center of the California Center for the Arts, Escondido from 9A-2P. It is the celebration of all our work in 2022. The theme this year will be "Teddy Bear Picnic" and will feature our annual Narratives awards, an art show (bring your art to display!), entertainment, door prizes, vendors – lots of wonderful things to enjoy! \$43 per person includes it all -- including a special lunch. All BWC members and guests are welcome!

Palomar District's current See's Yum-Raiser will continue until March 24 -- Easter specialty treats and See's classic candies are waiting for your order! Proceeds will fund scholarships for both Palomar and MiraCosta College students.

Click on this link to place your See's Candies order:

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/cfwcpd\\_cfwc\\_palomar\\_district48/PamHer4006/](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/cfwcpd_cfwc_palomar_district48/PamHer4006/)



**See's**  
Famous Old Time  
CANDIES

## See's Candies Yum-Raising

February 24 – March 24, 2023

The CFWC Palomar District Federation, is holding a **See's Spring Candies Virtual Fundraising event**. You will be able to order your favorite See's Candies without ever leaving your house. Please feel free to forward this Fundraising information to your friends and family. The more orders we get means we can donate more to our Scholarship fund.

Below is a link to our "Fundraiser Storefront". [Click on the link below and start shopping!](#) When you are ready to order just select the item(s) you wish, add to your Bag and when you check out you will be asked for your credit card number. See's accepts VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and PayPal. No tax will be added.

*Shipping charges for YUM-RAISING Customers*

**Under \$40 = \$7.95, \$40 - \$69.99 = \$5.95, Over \$70 is Free**

Exciting news! You may also order **See's \$25 Gift Cards** this link and they will be shipped *Free*.

**Orders will be shipped beginning on February 28<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Please allow 7 business days for orders to arrive.**

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/cfwcpd\\_cfwc\\_palomar\\_district48/PamHer4006/](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/cfwcpd_cfwc_palomar_district48/PamHer4006/)

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Hermansader at [av8rpam@gmail.com](mailto:av8rpam@gmail.com) or call (760) 451-9234.

*Thank you* for supporting your District!

Palomar District Federations, CFWC is a 501(c)3 Nonprofit organization that donates to Scholarships for Palomar College and Mira Costa College Students. Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and California Federation of Women's Clubs.

To learn more about Palomar District visit <https://gfwcpalomardistrict.org/>



**EMILY MANLEY**



**FRANCES PYLE**

**Co-3rd Vice Presidents-Programs**

**APRIL Program**  
**“Fallbrook Historical Society”**

Presentation by the Fallbrook Historical Society will Highlight Trains for the April Program. Ever wonder why there is a vintage Santa Fe passenger train on Main Street in Fallbrook? Thanks to Jeff Duhachek, vice president of the Fallbrook Historical Society, we will learn all about the importance of this train and the railroad when Jeff presents the program for the April meeting.

Jeff will present a slideshow of early Fallbrook, showing how the railroad was a catalyst for economic growth in the past, and how it supports local businesses as a tourist attraction. Many of Jeff’s photos will show the sheriff’s station, Cates Hotel, Reche Schoolhouse, Pittenger House, and the railroad tracks down Main Street.

Included in the history of the train is the importance to agriculture. Fallbrook weather was conducive to growing olives, oranges, lemons and avocados. The problem arose on how to efficiently market thousands of pounds of these fruits to other states. The railroads knew they could make a profit AND help the farmers. Soon, the tracks extended from San Bernardino and Los Angeles to Fallbrook.

When the railroad built passenger trains for tourists, freight, cattle and special trains for all the delicate fruit, Fallbrook thrived! Our “Friendly Village” was born and we became the Avocado Capital of the U.S.

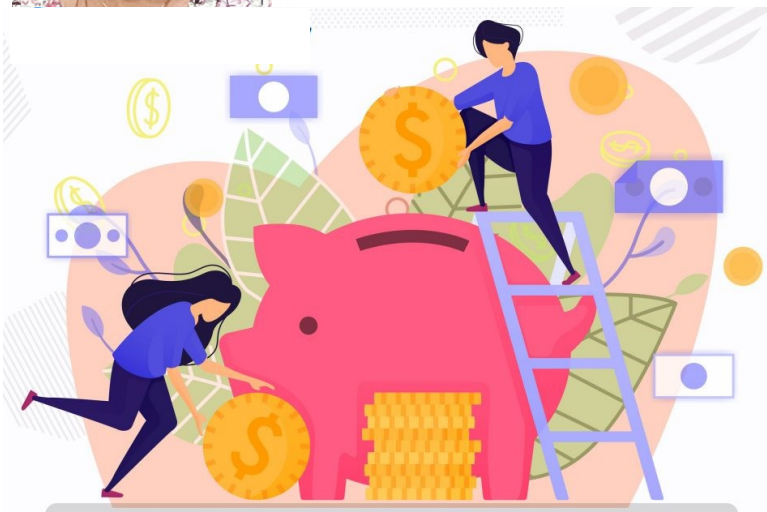
Plan to attend the April meeting to hear more about the importance of the railroad!



**MAURA BUTTON • 4th Vice President-Ways and Means**

We have begun the planning stages for our Spring Fundraiser in May. Ruthie Harris, with assistance from Emily Manley, is chairing the event. Thank you, Ruthie and Emily.

Ruthie will be sending out an e-mail asking members to partake in a committee meeting for the planning committee. Please sign up and help in any way you can. We would love to make this a fun and successful event.



# PALOMAR DISTRICT FEDERATION, CFWC 65TH ANNUAL CONVENTION



## "Teddy Bear Picnic"

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 9 am - 2 pm**  
**California Center for the Arts, Escondido  
Conference Center**

**Awards! Art Show! Door Prizes! Vendors!**  
**Raffles! Shot@Life! Entertainment!**  
**\$43 per person -- Register with your Club**  
***Volunteers needed and appreciated***



Bonsall Woman's Club has continued our partnership with the Girl Scouts of America, San Diego and the Operation Thin Mint (OTM) cookie drive. Members Kayla Hedrick of local Girl Scout Troop 7 and Rhylee Turner of Troop 236 outlined the program at the club's March general meeting.

The goal of donating boxes of cookies to be distributed to our troops deployed overseas was presented. Club members generously donated to this worthy project. For every \$6.00 donated, a box of cookies will be sent to troops deployed overseas offering a touch of home goodness.

This year an additional \$50 was given by the club in memory of June Keith, who had a special place in her heart for this project. Also present were Heather Turner, troop leader, and Katie Bresnahan, OTM coordinator.

Jeaneane Henson  
BWC, Military Support chair

# Balloons, Streamers and Applause for...

## 2023 BWC Volunteer of the Year



At the March general meeting, HELEN PODDOUBNYI was named as the 2023 BWC “Volunteer of the Year.” This honor acknowledges her accomplishments, reinforces efforts and is a sign of appreciation. She was presented with a lovely porcelain vase from the Franz collection called Windswept Beauty, a special connection and memory of BWC founder LaVerne Conrad.

As BWC treasurer, Helen is an integral part of the Bonsall Woman’s Club making sure the books are well organized. She has set up a new bookkeeping program with features to keep the club’s finances in order. She patiently spends time working directly with the bank and the accountant to make sure everything is processed and balanced.

She willingly volunteers to participate on every fundraising committee to create raffle baskets and silent auction items. Her skills, ideas and imagination have turned out fabulous items for greater fundraising revenue. Her energy, passion, reliability and countless volunteer service hours is exemplary and inspirational. The members gave HELEN PODDOUBNYI a standing ovation upon hearing her name as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year.

The committee to select the Volunteer of the Year consisted of Mary Jane Poulter, Dean of Chairs; Bev York, Co-Membership Chair; and Patty Merriam, a past winner of the Volunteer of the Year.

- If you have some good news (recognition, achievement, appreciation, celebration, success story, etc.), please share it with your club in the next issue of the Roadrunner.
- Send it to [bwcmessages@gmail.com](mailto:bwcmessages@gmail.com) before the second Thursday of each month.

WEB  
SITE  
STORY

### ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

From the home page on our website, [bonsallwomensclub.org](http://bonsallwomensclub.org), click the “What we do” menu tab, then click the first item listed, “Affiliate Organizations and Charities.” A full page showing the organizations we support will appear. Click on any of the underlined entries listed and the embedded link will take you to the website of that organization.

Don’t forget to look for the Bear! Once you’ve discovered his location, enter the contest by noting where you found the icon in an e-mail to [bwcmessages@gmail.com](mailto:bwcmessages@gmail.com). The subject line of the e-mail should read “I found the Bear!” The winner will be selected from the responses received, and a prize will be presented at our April 6th meeting.

Please contact Marleen DuBona [mmdubona@gmail.com](mailto:mmdubona@gmail.com) (760) 685-2307 with any corrections, questions or suggestions regarding the website.



## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Sydne Gilbert

### Charitable Donations

It's that most wonderful time of the year where we get to give away money that we have worked so hard to raise! Ladies, all your hard work has paid off, and the Charitable Donations Committee was excited to work with \$28,000 when we considered 501(c)(3) organizations for our contributions.

The Committee reviewed all requests. There are a few organizations that we always donate to and have designated them as "Club Legacy" donations. We will keep these organizations on the list and review them without requiring a request form every year. The list of proposed Charitable Donations was presented to the Board and unanimously approved! It will be presented to members at the April meeting for approval! Please see the list of recommended recipients on the next two pages of this Roadrunner prior to our meeting.

### CRITTERS – Sydne Gilbert



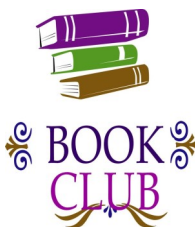
Don't you love kittens and puppies? Do you have room in your heart and home to foster an animal while they await their forever home? Do you have extra time to volunteer at adoption events or other events? Several of the agencies that we donate to could use you! Please drop me an email or give me a call and I can connect you!

Thank you!

### COLLECTIBLES AND MEMORABILIA

President Mary Jo Pfaff has scheduled a meeting on **April 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** for the Collectibles and Memorabilia group to meet at the home of **Sandy Dorsey at 1291 Olive Avenue, Fallbrook.**

The focus of this meeting will be to view and learn about Sandy's extensive collection of Terri Lee Dolls. Please let Mary Jo Pfaff (760-473-9001) or Elaine Davis (760-726-7472) know if you plan to attend. Carpooling from River Village is recommended. Meet by the Wells Fargo kiosk no later than 12:30 p.m. to share a ride.



The **BWC BOOK CLUB** meets currently at 10:00 a.m. the 3rd Monday of every month, except December. We welcome members who enjoy reading and discussing a variety of genres. Chairman Cheryl Zales can be reached at (760) 525-5078 or [zalesrc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zalesrc@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions or would like to be added to our membership. We'd LOVE for more ladies to join our spirited discussions!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Mar 20	A Thousand Steps	TJ Parker	Arlene Rutherford
Apr 17	chg: My Antonia	Willa Cather	Robin Kemper
May 15	Mad Honey	Jodi Picoult	Connie Jordan
Jun 19	The Flight of the Sparrow	Amy Belding Brown	Elaine Davis



**2023 BWC CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

CATEGORY	ORGANIZATION	TAX #	SPONSOR	PURPOSE/NOTES	PROPOSED DONATION	
<b>ANIMALS</b>	Angels of Rawley	81-4831557	S. Gilbert	Local, small animal rescue. No brick and motor facility but all foster care until adopted. Funds go to food, medical care, etc.	\$300.00	
	Chloe Sanctuary	26-2630721	B. Zink	Sanctuary for Parrots and Cockatoos. Rescue. Long time contributions however, moving to Nevada due to flooding and loss of Fallbrook property. Last donation from BWC due	\$100.00	
	Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary	26-0831296	B. York	Animal Rescue in Fallbrook	\$300.00	
	Love Your Feral Felines	46-4415187	S. Gilbert	Located in North San Diego County - provides spay/neuter, TNR program, Barn Cat program, foster/adopt kittens, emergency medical treatment, etc.	\$400.00	
	SPOT: Saving Pets 1 at a Time	27-2774363	S. Gilbert	Local animal rescue. No brick and motor facility but all foster care until adopted. Funds go to food, medical care, etc.	\$400.00	
<b>COMMUNITY ARTS</b>	Fallbrook Music Society	95-3274842	B. Chahbazian	Support the 8 free concerts per year	\$500.00	
	Rally for Children		Club Legacy	Support Arts in the Park	\$500.00	
	Fallbrook Music Society	95-3274842	Sharon Robinson	Provide instruments, etc. for Fallbrook Music Society's booth at Arts in the Park. Instruments will then go to Fallbrook Music's program at Boys & Girls Club.	\$500.00	
	Fallbrook School of the Arts		Marlene Rantanen	Sponsor of youth programs 2023	\$500.00	
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	Camp Pendleton YMCA	95-2486118	B. York	YMCA Program at Camp Pendleton	\$500.00	
	Daniel Ferguson Mem. Found'n	83-4714657	J. Henson	Program promotes physical fitness for veterans who are struggling to integrate into civilian life after leaving the military.	\$500.00	
	D'Vine Path	83-0790460	S. Gilbert	Provides comprehensive educational programs for young adults with autism, developmental delays and/or learning disabilities.	\$500.00	
	Friends of Fallbrook Library	95-3016050	K. Ewin	Support enrichment programs.	\$500.00	
	Eagle Young Marines	38-2346425	R. Zamora	Youth organization boys and girls between ages of 8 through high school located on Camp Pendleton. Provides Recruit Training program learning general subjects such as history, customs, courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness and military rank structure. After training, they receive a uniform and work toward ribbon awards.	\$350.00	
	Hope Clinic for Women	20-3550 588	Frances Pyle	Program for Fathers. 2 Subscriptions	\$400.00	

	FAST - Fallbrook Associated Swim Team* Next Step Service Dogs		Donna Shanahan Direct Request	Provide mentoring, training, equipment, pool & facility maintenance. They did a program this year	\$500.00 \$250.00	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Bonsall Educational Foundation (Art)	37-1571090	E. Davis	Specifically for art and music in the classrooms. "Teacher's Classroom Fund". \$50 to each elementary school teacher: Bonsall Elementary, Bonsall West, Vivian Banks - total 72 teachers.	\$1,000.00	<b>\$4,600.00</b>
	Bonsall Elementary Foundation	37-1571090	M.J. Poulter		\$3,600.00	
<b>HEALTH</b>	Burn Institute "Camp Beyond Scars"	23-7260718	E. Johnson	Legacy Donation Elizabeth Johnson	\$500.00	<b>\$1,900.00</b>
	REINS	33-0035455	J. Kaford	Support the physical, mental and emotional health of disabled children and adults with equine assisted activities.	\$500.00	
	Fallbrook Food Pantry	33-0491216	Club Legacy	Provides funds for food and miscellaneous products for families in need.	\$400.00	
	Canine Companions	94-2494324	B. York	Service dog training.	\$500.00	
<b>SENIOR CARE</b>	Fallbrook Sr. Center (meals)	95-2892632	Club Legacy	Provide lunch meals at the senior center or delivered meals	\$750.00	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
	Foundation for Sr. Care	95-3389263	M.J. Pfaff	President's Project - funds for senior needs	\$750.00	
<b>YOUTH SPORTS</b>	Bonsall Fallbrook Little League	33-0933730	Club Legacy	Support youth sports. Would get sponsorship recognition.	\$250.00	<b>\$500.00</b>
	Fallbrook Youth Baseball	51-0191728	Club Legacy	Separate from Little League. Supports youth sports.	\$250.00	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$15,500.00</b>	
<b>HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Bonsall High School, Fallbrook High School, Mission Vista High School					<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$25,500.00</b>

# Photo Gallery

## March 3, 2023 Meeting



New Member, Julie Johnson with BWC President Mary Jo Pfaff.



Thank you to Kay Ewin, Barbara Hartloff and June Bernesser for the lovely table centerpieces at the meeting.



Phyllis Zenz provided the members with an array of delicious food at the March general meeting.



Alan Sargent and a volunteer from Foundation for Senior Care.



June Bernesser, holding the flower arrangement she made for the food table at the March meeting.



Mary Forbess won a pair of earrings made by Marlene Rantanen for the website drawing-I found the Bear.



Music by Alan Sargent.



Book Club Chair, Cheryl Zales (left) and Arlene Rutherford are having fun giving the storyline of next month's book.



A table display at the March meeting - Remembering Laverne Conrad, founder of BWC.

## **BWC Shows Off in . . . . .**



Congratulations to our members whose art was recognized at the 2023 BWC/BUSD Art Contest and Show: Stages of Inspiration!

Here are the results:

### **BEST of SHOW: June Stone, "Driftwood Sculpture"**

(selected by guest judges Mary Perhacs, Executive Director Fallbrook Arts, Inc. and Christine Vanni, Director at Fallbrook School of the Arts):

### **Crafts:**

**1st place: Bev York, "Taffy" (cross-stitch)**

**2nd place: Linda Eastom, "Poppy Gourd"**

**3rd place: Marlene Rantanen, "Hanging Copper Pocket"**

### **Fine Arts:**

**1st place: Linda Eastom, "Snow Queen" (acrylic paint on wooden platter)**

**2nd place: Patty Merriam, "Peaceful Memory" (watercolor)**

**3rd place: June Stone, "First Day of Christmas" (stitchery)**

### **Photography:**

**1st place: Marlene DuBona, "Tabby on the Sill"**

**2nd place (TIED): Gini Brooks, "County Kildare, Ireland," AND Mary Jane Poulter, "Lion"**

**3rd place: Mary Jo Pfaff, "God's Gift to Our Eyes"**

Thanks to EVERYONE who entered their art in this inaugural 2023 Art Show & Contest. Hopefully, this was just the first of many "stages of inspiration" to inspire even more artists in our community to participate in the future.



Several BWC members served on the Art Show committee throughout this past year, demonstrating the traditional BWC spirit of supporting our community, education and the arts.

Co-chairs Marleen DuBona and Patty Merriam served as liaisons between the BWC committee and the Bonsall Unified School District staff to plan this inaugural 2023 Art Contest and Show.

The following members contributed the overall success of this show: Judy Bresnahan, Gini Brooks, Elaine Davis, Cindy Gibson Floyd, Sydne Gilbert, Suzanne Gill, Debbie Harris, Ruthie Harris, Connie Jordan, Mary Jo Pfaff, Marlene Rantanen, Sally Sebeckis and June Stone.

Planning a "first" of anything can be challenging as there is no blueprint for reference or guidelines to follow, but the success of this art show has proven that BWC can rise to the challenge! So, get your art supplies ready for next year, ladies.... Creativity is calling your name!

## “Stages of Inspiration” a HUGE SUCCESS!

When the doors opened for the 2023 BWC/BUSD Art Contest and Show on March 7, BWC members, students and their families, and BUSD staff found a venue filled with 197 entries in three categories: fine arts, crafts, and photography.

In addition to the art, this inaugural show also featured student performances by guitarist Jeff Van Alfen and Ballet Folklorico groups from Vivian Banks Charter School, Bonsall West Elementary School, Sullivan Middle School and Bonsall High School.

Hundreds of people filled the Sullivan Middle School multipurpose room to view and judge the art during the first hour of the program, while Van Alfen played background music on his guitar. The audience was then entertained with Ballet Folklorico performances while the ballots were being tallied.

When all was said and done, 29 prize bags filled with art supplies were awarded to students for first through third place, in all grades (K-12).

In addition to the prize bags, the following free door prizes were handed out to students: six canvas bags of art supplies, 12 Nesity Burgers gift certificates, one Fallbrook Art Center family membership, and one \$25 gift certificate for a purchase in the Fallbrook Art Center’s gallery store, “The Find,” or a discount from any show at the Art Center.

A HUGE thank you to Nesity Burgers, whose sole sponsorship made it possible to purchase ALL of the supplies and prizes for the winning students. Not only did their sponsorship contribute to the success of this inaugural show, but all of the funds not spent for this event will be used for art shows in the future!



Winner of the Donation Diva \$50 Visa gift card is Helen Poddoubnyi (left) with Geri Sides, chair. Helen generously donated the card to be used for the Art Show.



Charlie Webster, co-owner of sponsor Nesity Burgers, with his mother, BWC member Cindy Gibson Floyd.

# Photo Gallery

## The Art Show March 7, 2023



Patty Merriam (left) and Marleen DuBona, Art Show co-chairs, are ready for the show to start!!



A portion of the 166 student entries are pictured here before hundreds of students and their families arrived.



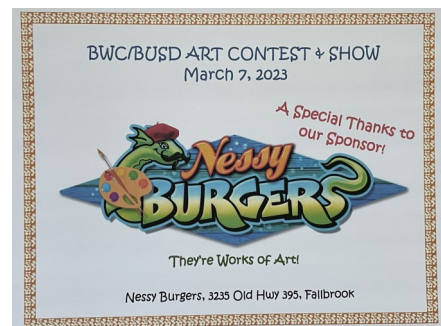
BWC represented our club with wonderful photography and fine arts entries.



BUSD students entertained the audience with Ballet Folklorico performances.



Baile de los Viejitos (The Dance of the Old Men) brought laughs and applause during this Ballet Folklorico performance.



Nussy Burgers' generous sponsorship funded all of the students' art prizes, supplies and promotional items.

# Photo Gallery

## The Art Show March 7, 2023



Art Show Program



Driftwood  
Sculpture,



Taffy -  
1st place, crafts



Tabby on the Sill -  
1st place,  
photography



Snow Queen - 1st place, fine arts



Lion - 2nd place, photography

# Photo Gallery

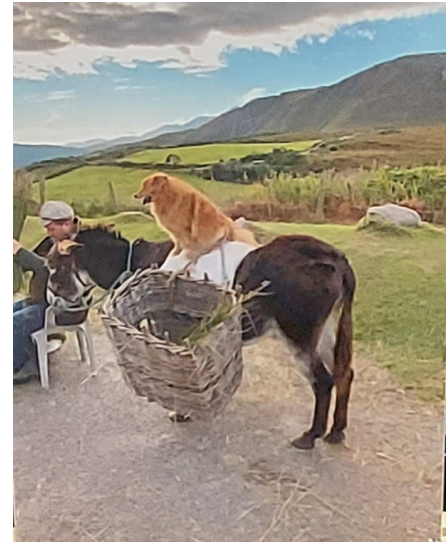
## The Art Show March 7, 2023



Poppy Gourd - 2nd place, crafts



God's Gift to Our Eyes - 3rd place, photography



County Kildare, Ireland - 2nd place, photography (tied)



Hanging Copper Pocket - 3rd place, crafts



# Photo Gallery

## The Art Show March 7, 2023



Elaine Davis holds her craft entry, while Barb Chahbazian and Sally Sebeckis hold Barb's craft and fine arts entries.



June Stone shared her "First Day of Christmas" entry at the March meeting - a few days before it was awarded third place at the Art Show!



Fine Arts entries received high praise by the judges.



A beautiful variety of handmade entries were entered in the BWC crafts category.

"Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known."  
- Oscar Wilde

**BONSALL WOMAN'S CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2023**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**AT THE BONSALL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**President Mary Jo Pfaff** called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. She welcomed everyone.

**Barbara Chahbazian** led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and singing a patriotic song.

**Jacky Nutter** led members in reciting the *Collect*.

**Elaine Davis** read an inspiring message passed down from an earlier BWC President, "Promise Yourself" by Peter Virdee.

**Hospitality, Sally Sebeckis**, verified that a quorum of members was present. She said the centerpieces with shamrocks were brought by June Bernesser, Barbara Hartloff and Kay Ewing. The centerpieces were available for \$5 each. The snacks were provided by Phyllis Zenz.

**President Mary Jo** reminded us that the next BWC general meeting will be on THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

Immediately following the April 6 meeting, BWC members are invited to tour the "Little Old Bonsall Shcool-house." The President's Project is Care Advocate at the Foundation for Senior Care and this month the funds will be used to help a senior in need of transportation beyond the free area.

Mary Jo thanked all the members who worked during this busy month on the many committees including the upcoming Art Show, charitable donations, nominating, scholarship and volunteer of the year committees.

She mentioned there was a photo of LaVerne Conrad, BWC founder in the reception area.

**Guests:** Cindy Gibson Floyd, Membership, highlighted one guest.

**Secretary Marlene Rantanen** reported there was one correction noted to the February minutes. Jacky Nutter is a member of the nominating committee and should be added to the minutes. The minutes will be filed as corrected.

**Housekeeping:** There was a need to clarify Military Support projects in the yearbook.

**MOTION: To amend the Bonsall Woman's Club Yearbook to include "Happy Baby" and "Operation Thin Mints" in the category of Civic Engagement and Outreach under the heading of Military Support in the Yearbook and to include them both as on-going fundraisers.** The motion was made by Marlene Rantanen and seconded by Elaine Davis. After discussion, it was passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Co-Membership Bev York and Cindy Gibson Floyd:** Bev and Cindy thanked those members who have renewed their dues. The \$55 dues were due at this March meeting. We have several members who had not renewed and they will be contacted. Also please give any changes in your contact information to Cindy or Bev.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Programs Emily Manley and Frances Pyle:** Alan Sargent, musician and songwriter, is the program today. Next month the Fallbrook Historical Society will present information on the importance of early trains to the Fallbrook area.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ways & Means Maura Button:** We need a spring fundraiser and she has some ideas but we need someone to chair this project.

**Treasurer Helen Poddoubnyi** stated the total balance in all accounts on February 28, 2023 was \$103,900.03, including BWC checking and savings and the H&H Lee savings.

**Corresponding Secretary Sydne Gilbert** received thank you notes from organizations we have supported and from member Jacky Nutter, Big Heart Award recipient and from Judy Bresnahan. Electronic Mail received included newsletters and information form organizations we support. She suggested we check out these places online as there are many interesting things to do.

**Charitable Donations:** Corresponding Secretary is also chair of the charitable donations committee. The committee met and reviewed all requests and compared to previous years giving and members' requests. The proposed distribution of the funds available to give away will be presented to the Board today and then will come to the general meeting in April

**Palomar District report – Bev York** said she, Mary Jo Pfaff and Cindy Gibson Floyd judged the "small clubs" for Palomar District reports/narratives. The District Convention is Tuesday, April 25.

**Nominating Committee:** Chair Cindy Gibson Floyd announced the proposed nominees for the offices they were able to fill:

President – Mary Jo Pfaff

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Dean of Co-Chairs – Mary Jane Poulter and Bev York

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Membership Co-Chairs – Cindy Gibson Floyd and Connie Jordan

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Programs – open

4<sup>th</sup> VP, Ways and Means Co-Chairs – Nancy Curtis and Gini Brooks

Recording Secretary – open

Treasurer – Helen Poddoubnyi

**Collectibles and Memorabilia** - **Elaine Davis** said the group will be dark this month due to the schedule of the Art Show.

**Tour:** Elaine reiterated the invitation to tour the “Little Old Bonsall Schoolhouse” on April 6 immediately following our meeting. She also reported the scholarship committee has met and they are reviewing applications: 24 from Fallbrook H.S. and 4 from Mission Vista H.S. Bonsall H.S. has a later deadline. She said H & H Lee Foundation gave a significant donation for scholarships this year so they will be able to help many of these students.

**Sunshine** - **Geri Sides** will send a card to Linda Eastom who has a health issue. Let Geri know if someone needs some sunshine.

**Book Club** – **Cheryl Zales**, as a 1960’s character, said the BWC Book Club plans to meet in person at Arlene Rutherford’s home at 10:00 am on March 20. Arlene gave a short review of the book to be discussed, set in 1968 Laguna Beach, “A Thousand Steps” by T. Jefferson Parker, who lives in Fallbrook and is an award winner.

**Health** – **Maura Button** spoke on the importance of annual mammograms with a family story.

**Find the Bear contest-** **Marleen DuBona**: Mary Forbess won the drawing for those who found the ‘bear’ on the BWC website and received her gift of earrings.

**Crafts** – **Patty Merriam** reported the BWC/BUSD (Bonsall Woman’s Club/Bonsall Union School District) 2023 Art Contest and Show: “Stages of Inspiration,” will be held March 7, 2023 from 5 – 7 pm at Bonsall/Sullivan Middle School. BWC members are needed on March 6 to help set up the BWC art and to vote on all the art between 4:30 and 5:30. Members are also needed on March 7 at the show to represent BWC and show our support of the schools. There are 31 pieces of BWC art entered and 165 student entries at all levels. Kudos to Patty Merriam and Marleen DuBona!

The Best in Show in each category will be judged by Mary Perhacs, Executive Director Fallbrook Arts, Inc. and Christine Vanni, Director Fallbrook School of the Arts on Monday. There will be entertainment by a guitarist and then Ballet Folklorico. The students have written about the inspiration for their artwork. Patty read a few special ones.

She thanked Nessy Burgers for sponsoring this event for \$3,000 and Cindy Gibson Floyd for facilitating this. In addition, Cindy said they will donate 12 \$25 gift cards for winners.

**Military** – **Jeaneane Hensen** introduced the Operation Thin Mint, Girl Scout representatives, one a senior high school student and one in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The cookies were purchased at the meeting to be sent to deployed military as well as for personal use. There were also cards available to write personal notes to the military personnel. The girls said Girl Scouts has been in this area for 149 years.

BREAK

**Volunteer of the Year** – **President Mary Jo Pfaff** introduced Helen Poddoubnyi as this year’s Volunteer of the Year. Helen has spent countless hours getting our books in order in the new Quick Books as well as working on all fundraising and other committees.

**Program:** Alan Sargent, singer/songwriter, provided the program singing several familiar tunes as well as some he has written himself. He teaches free ukulele lessons at C/R Properties in Fallbrook on Tuesdays. Beginners classes are from 6:00 – 6:30 pm and others are 6:30 pm on.

**Donation Diva:** \$50 gift card was won by Helen Poddoubnyi. \$ 106 was collected.

**New Business:** None

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:08 pm**

Respectfully submitted, Marlene Rantanen, Secretary

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