

Trio of Artisans at Dragonfly Farm



By Griffin Okie

We Californians have absolutely turned into “foodies.” We love to buy the freshest produce and fanciest ingredients and whether we cook with them or just enjoy them “as is,” the average consumer knows what they like and the value of fresh, real food.

So we take it for granted that we all love the best local foods--artisan cheeses, specialty crackers and breads, and gourmet coffees and teas. Now it is time to make these special foods even more appealing, by serving them with and on lovely kitchenware. We recognize that our best food needs to be honored with the proper service, whether it is for ourselves or for friends. When we reach for our favorite foods, it is even better to pair them with our favorite mug, cheese board and serving towel.

Luckily for us, Dragonfly Farm in Healdsburg is hosting Clay • Wood • Cloth for gracious cooking & dining on April 28th and three extremely talented Sonoma County craftswomen are creating a unique show and sale in the Dragonfly Farm patio which will be full of their tastefully and meticulously handcrafted porcelain, woodwork, and handwoven textiles. These items, handmade for the California kitchen, give you that special “I know who made this” feeling while adding beauty to your daily life. The three local ladies will also donate a portion of their proceeds to The Healdsburg Animal Shelter.

The ceramics are handthrown porcelain pots by Amy Halko (www.amyhalko.com). There are mugs, bowls and plates with delicate patterns and subtle shades of many

colors, mostly influenced by her life on a large pastoral farm with many animals. Amy’s new work with her latest designs will soon be wholesaled to galleries, so come see her pieces.

The woodwork – both cutting boards and cooking utensils – are handcrafted from maple, cherry, and walnut by Holly Jordan (www.sonomakitchenlinens.com). She is always looking for “new” historical shapes, like her pie server and the extra long polenta spoon, which ensures that you won’t get burned during the cooking process. Her treen – as wooden cooking tools are called – is often decorated with fanciful wood burned “carrot folk” or dragonflies and bees.

And to put in the breadbasket, decorate the table or dry your hands while cooking, you must have a handwoven cotton towel with incredible texture and patterns--a towel you will NOT put in the back of the drawer. The absorbency alone makes you want to reach for this cloth. Marilyn Webster, the weaver (www.whimsyandtea.com), is always looking for new colors in her cotton yarns and the set-up of the loom.

This amazing trio of artists will be showing their wares on Saturday, April 28th, 10:00 to 3:00 at Dragonfly Farm, 425 Westside Road, just south of Healdsburg. Come enjoy their work and the incredible spring flowers. Bring a picnic and enjoy the willow circle; then take home a “pick to order” bouquet of flowers for your newly accessorized kitchen.

Visual Arts

Call To Artists: Occidental Center for the Arts Gallery has issued a call for artists for an exhibit called “Fool” to run March 9–May 6. 2- or 3-dimensional art that embodies the fool or jester. \$50 prize for best of show. Reception Mar. 10, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Entry form: occidentalcenterforthearts.com.

to Apr 6 ~ Karen McKenzie ~ Mixed media – glass, copper & paint on panels. Moshin Vineyards, 10295 Westside Road Healdsburg. 707-433-5499~ moshinvineyards.com

to Apr 8 ~ “One Another One” ~ Reception Mar 3, 4-6pm ~ Quicksilver Mine Co., 6671 Front St., Forestville ~ 707-887-0799 ~ quicksilvermineco.com

to Apr 15 ~ Healdsburg’s Art Heritage ~ 100 Year of Art from the Museum’s Collection. 221 Matheson Street Healdsburg ~ (707) 431-3325

to Apr 28 ~ “Still Scratching” ~ Reception March 22, 6-7:30pm. Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 6780 Depot St., Sebastopol ~ 707-829-4797

to Apr 28 ~ “The Art of Light” ~ Reception Mar 22, 6-7:30pm. Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 6780 Depot St., Sebastopol ~ 707-829-4797 ~ sebartarts.org **Mar 2-30 ~ “Raindrops” ~** Russian River Art Gallery. Reception Mar 2, 4pm-8pm. 16357 Main St., Guerneville ~ 707-869-9099

to Apr 30 ~ “Dark, Light & Bright” featuring artists, Pamela Wallace, Linda Gable, Tony Mininno, and Jamil Gormley. Local Color Art Gallery, 1580 Eastshore Rd., Bodega Bay. ~ (707) 875-2744 ~ localcolorgallery.com

to Apr 30 ~ “Abstractions in Glass and Tile” ~ Johanna Regan-Ottenweller. Quercia Gallery, Duncans Mills ~ (707) 865-0243 ~ quercia-gallery@aim.com ~ quercia-gallery.com

to May 5 ~ Susan Adams: A Retrospective ~ Pelican Art Gallery. 143 Petaluma Blvd. Petaluma ~ 707-773-3393.



Birds of a Feather

An exhibit of Becoming Independent and Studios on A Artists



to May 6 ~ “Laughing Matters” ~ a gallery show about laughing and laughter. **Reception April 7, 5-7pm.** Healdsburg Center for the Arts, 1130 Plaza Street, Healdsburg ~ 707-433-5786.

to May 26 ~ “Birds of a Feather” ~ An exhibit featuring Becoming Independent and artists at Studios on A. The exhibit continues through May 26. The Gallery of Sea and Heaven, 312 South A Street, Santa Rosa ~ (707) 578-9123

UPCOMING

Apr 3 ~ Meet Photojournalist Fredrick Larson ~ 8-9pm ~ Frederic Larson was a photojournalist at the San Francisco Chronicle for 30 years. Petaluma Art Center, Lakeville and Washington ~ 707-953-9163 ~ mstefonetti@comcast.net ~ petalumaarts.org



Apr 7 ~ A Culture Within: The Japanese American Experience through Art ~ Japanese American Art in recognition of 70th Anniversary of the WWII Japanese Internment. Opening Reception Saturday, April 14, 4-6pm. Through May 29. Petaluma Arts Center, 230 Lakeville Street, Petaluma ~ petalumaartscenter.org

Apr 13 ~ ArtStart 1st Annual Drawing Rally ~ A live drawing event and featuring Artstart’s alumni apprentices, emerging and professional artists creating works of art side by side. Three 40 minute shifts (6, 7, 8 p.m.) of 10 artists. Silent auction, music & food. INFO: 707-546-2345, Artstart, 716 Bennett Valley Rd, Santa Rosa - www.artstart.us

Apr 14 ~ Robin Spencer-Crompton & Peter Crompton, and Francesco Cafiso ~ Robyn Spencer-Crompton and Peter Crompton collaborate in projects ranging from theatre design to fine art. Francesco Cafiso exhibits a series of mixed media landscape paintings on canvas. Reception 6-9pm. Through May 31. Hammerfriar Gallery, 132 Mill Street, Suite 101, in Healdsburg ~ (707) 473-9600 ~ hammerfriar.com