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Pomona Cultural Center

Presents

Holiday 2008 Exhibition Opening
~ **Surroundings Observed** ~
Sunday, December 7, 2008

Please be our guest at the Pomona Cultural Center holiday season exhibition, "SURROUNDINGS OBSERVED" December 7 – January 18, 2009. The show will feature black and white photographs that capture the environment around us by Alice M. Hughey; sculptures by award-winning artist Theadora Zacker; and rustic, abstract expressionistic pottery by Ian Borsook.

The opening reception is on Sunday, December 7, 2008 from 5 – 8 p.m. The opening event will also feature a live music performance by Marci Elyn Schein, Michael V. Ficocelli and Guests.

Photographer Alice M. Hughey's black and white photographs capture the environment in which she lives and the activities that occupy her. She is attracted to abstract patterns, particularly those that involve things one sees and uses regularly, but rarely examines closely. In this exhibit she has photographed objects she uses in her daily activities as well as the natural world that surrounds her. The subject matter ranges from items from her kitchen (tea infusers, for example) to the piles of sticks and leaves and the tools that are part of her family's gardening activities.

This is the second time that Ian Borsook's pottery has been on display at the Pomona Cultural Center. His pottery has a rustic, abstract quality that illustrates form and simplicity. It is made of high-fire clay combined with applications of iron and copper washes. Most of the pieces are vases. This show also includes a few figurines and a piece in the form of an African door.

Artist Theadora Zacker - All visual forms of art invite the viewer to share the artist's reality, imagination, and experience. Artistic styles vary, with some presenting the viewer with novel glimpses of people and of the world, while others present us with stimulating colors, shades, shapes, and patterns. Teddy's works take the viewer beyond being an observer by drawing us into the interactions among her subjects. She specializes in the portrayal of tender contacts; her works include parent-child interactions, people of various ethnic groups, people in torment or in proud self-display. She studied privately with a number of eminent sculptors. Teddy's sculptures have been widely exhibited, including nine one-person shows and many prestigious national and regional juried shows.

If you cannot attend the opening, the exhibition can be viewed at the center any Friday, Saturday or Sunday until January 18 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The center is located at 584 Route 306, just north of Pomona Road. For more detailed information about our artists, please visit our website at www.pomonavillage.com.

Calling all Artists

The Pomona Cultural Center Director is calling for artisans and musicians for 2010 - are you a village resident who just happens to be a photographer, sculptor, ceramicist, painter, etc. or musician who would like to be part of a show at the center?

If so, please call Gde at 845-362-8062 for information.

Thank you.



Mayor's Message...



It is November 11th, Veteran's Day, and I want to share with you a tremendous honor that I received last evening. Longtime village residents, and old friends, Frank Zimdahl and his wife Sharon Chang presented me with an American flag that Frank's son Marine Sergeant Brian Zimdahl carried aboard his aircraft during a combat mission over Iraq on June 14th 2008, most appropriately, Flag Day. The certificate presented along with the flag reads in part:

the enclosed American flag was flown aboard a U.S. Marine Corps AH-1W "Super Cobra" Attack Helicopter during a Close Air Support and Reconnaissance combat mission over Iraq, in the vicinity of Rawah, Al Qa'im, and Tikrit on June 14th 2008, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, in honor of Mayor Nick Sanderson

I was deeply honored by this presentation, and if you wish to see the flag and certificate, as well as a picture of Brian and his helicopter, they are hanging in Village Hall. Sergeant Brian Zimdahl is presently safely back home in California, but expects to be sent back to Iraq for his third deployment. God Bless all of our Service Men and Women.

In other news, the village board recently held a public hearing on a franchise agreement with Verizon for cable television service. The village has been negotiating this agreement with Verizon for some months, and believes that the agreement is fair for all parties, and will result in a "win-win" situation for village residents. The agreement has just received confirmation from the Public Service Commission, and Verizon will start offering the service to residents whose homes have already been wired with fiber optic cable immediately. At this time, this represents about 20% of residences. Residents who wish to know the status of availability on their street can visit the Verizon website, and enter their address in the FiOS section.

I would like to publically thank all of the volunteers who made the Halloween Party a great success. I don't know how Recreation Chair Leslie Sanderson knew so far in advance that it was going to rain, and thus eliminated the parade, but she did, and the roughly 65 children enjoyed themselves in the dry inside Village Hall. As usual Gde carved "Boma" (the giant pumpkin) which was prominently displayed outside Village Hall.

While thanking people, I must not forget to thank our dedicated Pomona Cleanup Squad volunteers, who diligently show up every month to pick up trash from village streets. POCUS dates and times are posted on the village website - join in - it's very worthwhile.

Thanksgiving will be over by the time you read this, but I hope everyone had a good time with family and friends. We now look forward to the holiday season, and I will take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe, happy and enjoyable celebration.

Nick Sanderson

Annual Halloween Party for Children held on October 25th

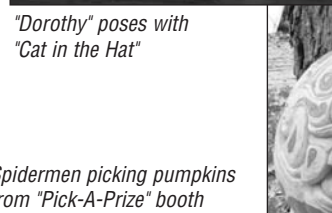
This year's party was held indoors at village hall and by all reports, the children had a great time. They selected a pumpkin from our pumpkin patch, picked out prizes, made lots of crafts and helped decorate our beautiful mural at our "Pin the Face on the Pumpkin" station. A \$25 gift certificate was won by Paula of Ethan Allen Drive - hers was the winning amount of candy corns in the jar! Refreshments, balloon animals, and treat bags were enjoyed by all! Special thanks to the volunteers-Dalem and Rai Arsa Artha, Pat Griffio, Elliott Leader, Rita Louie, Helen Seymour, Bert Singer, Lynn Yagel. Special thanks to Donna Poliseo for making that gorgeous pumpkin mural!



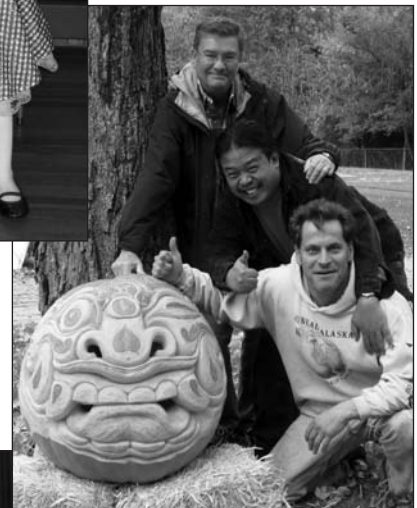
A friendly witch makes a craft



Mayor Nick, Gde & Jeff Rosen setting up "BOMA" for the party



"Dorothy" poses with "Cat in the Hat"



Spidermen picking pumpkins from "Pick-A-Prize" booth





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>December 2008</h1>						
	1 Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	2 Yoga class 7.30 pm Village Hall	3 Recycling - paper 	4 Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	5 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall	6
7 Cultural Center 5 pm Winter Exhibition OPENING RECEPTION	8 Bulk trash/Garbage All Village	9 Yoga class 7.30 pm Village Hall	10 Recycling - bottles/cans 	11  8.00 pm Village Hall Planning Board Regular Meeting	12 Yoga class 9.00am Village Hall Cultural Center Open 2-6pm	13 Coffee with the Mayor Village Hall 10-11.30 am Cultural Center Open 2-6pm
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Verizon FiOS

Pomona signs Franchise Agreement with Verizon for FiOS television service

The Village of Pomona has signed a franchise agreement with Verizon to provide fiberoptic television service for Village residents. This service, which Verizon calls FiOS, will compete with the service currently provided with Cablevision. Currently, Verizon estimates that 20% of Pomona homes are wired with fiberoptic lines and will now be offered the chance to receive this service. They plan to have 100% of the homes wired within about 3 years. The agreement was signed on October 19th and has just received a confirmation certificate from the Public Service Commission. This now allows Verizon to start offering FiOS service to residents in the Village that are already wired.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Coffee with the Mayor is December 13th.
- Next village board meeting is December 15th.
- The next POCUS (Pomona Cleanup Squad) meeting is December 21st. We meet at Village Hall at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Come to the one that is convenient for you. Trash bags, gloves and grabbers are provided.

Garbage

Don't forget - Bulk trash is picked up on Thursday in both sections of the village. Please have it on the curb by 6:15 a.m.

Visiting Village Hall?

Bring in a can of food for our food drive (to benefit People to People, right here in Rockland County!)

FYI - Code Enforcement

Jay Helfgott, our Village Code Enforcement Officer resigned his position on November 7th, and in the meantime, Fred Viohl, the Village Fire Inspector, is assuming some of the duties of the code enforcement officer until a permanent solution to this vacancy is put in place.

Reflectors Available

This is a reminder that village hall has plenty of reflectors for you to wear over your clothing if you walk at dusk or night. Just stop in and ask for yours. They make a tremendous difference if you are wearing dark clothing while out walking.

Yoga

Yoga now meets on Friday at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall for one hour. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. There is no charge for village residents, and you may join at any time. See you there!

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