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Thanksgiving in action

Paul and Marna Salazar have made it a point to share the holiday spirit – any holiday spirit – in a big way on the lawn of their home on Marian Way for the past 20 years. Giant turkeys make the statement this month, perhaps exhibiting best what Ford company radio spokesman W.J. Cameron told the nation in 1938: 'Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.'

A clean, well lighted space

Art gallery poised to open on the cusp of Land-Curtis parks

By Steffi Broski
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When the more than 90-year-old building on the corner of 21st Street and Second Avenue became vacant in October 2006, owner Eric Nickerman quickly decided to put the space to what he calls its highest and best use.

Nickerman and his wife, Kathy, are looking forward to welcoming visitors and artists to the newly renovated building once the doors of their art gallery -- Park Fine Art at 2673



Artist Miles Hermann's painting of the new Park Fine Art gallery. Hermann will be the first artist to display when the gallery opens.

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Meet the Swell Sisters

'Gather the Women' for artistic support and a creative, new exhibit

By Steffi Broski
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Well, I am not an artist, says Petra B. Wynbrandt. Then she laughs.

"The other sisters correct me when I say that," Wynbrandt explains, "so I should say: 'I have not been doing art my whole life.'"

When glass fuser and computer programmer Wynbrandt is talking about the sisters, she refers to the Swell Sister Society, a group of more than a dozen female professional and hobby artists including painters, musicians, poets, actors and sculptors that meets every second Thursday of the month to talk about art, create art and

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Cree Hudson
Swell Sister

celebrate art at the Sierra 2 Center.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, the Swell Sisters will have their first exhibition at the Coffee Garden, 2904 Franklin Blvd, beginning at 6 p.m.

"Keep your eyes out for us, we are an amazing group of women that are passionate and supportive of the arts," says Cree Hudson, member of the society. "I see great things in the future for us."

Spring founding

Director Elizabeth Wilson founded the group in April 2008 on meetup.com, originally just for a few of her girlfriends. She picked the name when she was experimenting in the kitchen, she says, and she likes alliterations. When the responses poured in quicker than Wilson had ever imagined, she realized what a vastly growing group of female artists could get accomplished.

"As female artists, we needed that. It does give us a stronger voice. Hopefully, as we become better known, we can make a difference and push for equality," says Wilson.

By the same token Wilson makes clear she wants to keep politics out of the group. The women get together as part of the art community in Sacramento; they enjoy the support of one another and the chance to network. Hudson points out women in the art world are oftentimes not taken seriously and underrepresented.

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More artists welcome

The group, today consisting of 30 members, meets once a month as a whole, but there are smaller meetings on the side that will take place at various locations



Photo by Gioia Fonda

The Swell Sisters, women artists who meet monthly to talk, create and celebrate art, will have their first exhibit 'Gather the Women' on Saturday, Dec. 13, Coffee Garden, 2904 Franklin Blvd. Founder-director Elizabeth Wilson (front row, third from left) insists politics stay out of the group, but 'Hopefully, as we become better known, we can make a difference and push for equality.'

and times. And with membership fees at an affordable \$10 a month, every woman, no matter what age, no matter what artistic field she is creative in, is encouraged to contact Wilson or come to one of the meetings. Hudson says the group has a shortage of musicians and singers, but happily welcomes everyone.

"We are a very welcoming, all-inclusive bunch. Everybody has something different to offer," says Wilson.

With the society's first exhibition, titled "Gather the Women," the Swell Sisters have planned

something special. Besides other pieces of art, the group will offer what they call "Little Treasures - Affordable, Original Art for Everyone." For \$20, art fans can buy a unique piece of art. All proceeds will benefit the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services Women's Wisdom Project.

"We want to make sure we are giving back," says Hudson. "It just seems very appropriate that part of our show is giving back."

The point is sisterhood

The women point out that within their group, huge emphasis is being put on sisterhood. The focus is on adult female relationships; all women believe in having girlfriends that support each other no matter what. Especially for artists, explains Hudson, it is important to have social contacts. She knows being an artist can be isolating.

"A lot of the time, you are by yourself. You do what you love, but you also want to stay in contact with other artists," she says.

Wynbrandt says people will be excited about the great artwork shown at the exhibition. Also, visitors will be able to meet the Swell Sisters. And for every woman who loves the arts and is looking for a strong group of women, but is still hesitant to contact the society, Wilson has useful advice:

"Be bold. By all means, we took a little risk and it has been great."

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