

There's a New Art Gallery in Town

Fallbrook Art Association (FAA) is excited to announce a new home. THE GALLERY at 127 N. Main Street opened its doors on Tuesday, Sept 25. The first monthly show is currently hanging in the new gallery. Volunteers worked hard for weeks to get the space ready, building movable walls to create extra space for art, having a new floor installed, and painting walls. The weekend previous to the opening, 81 beautiful works of art were taken in, judged for ribbons, and hung on the freshly painted walls. Ribbon cutting by the Chamber of Commerce and a reception occurred Oct 2. The grand opening will be scheduled for Dec or Jan, and the public is welcome.

FAA has an interesting history. It was organized in 1962. The first organized meeting was held December 4, 1962. In 1962 the organization became incorporated. FAA was started by Carlton Poling, a high school teacher who wanted to start an art club to motivate his students and stimulate interest in art. He started teaching a class of adults, sponsored by Palomar College, and some 50 artists attended. Nearly all joined the new art club. Ron and Marie Scofield called local artists together to sponsor a school contest and art exhibition. The Association was formed with 39 charter members, and Ron Scofield served as first president. The first big art show was held in 1967 with Southwest Bank as sponsor for many years, contributing money toward awards.

FAA continued to grow, and in 1984 the second floor of Home Savings Bank was acquired on a lease basis for many years. Since then, FAA has various meeting places, the most recent being The Women's Club in Fallbrook. They hold monthly meetings featuring guest artists demonstrating in various media, fall and spring art shows, a plein air competition and show, workshops and classes, galleries of art around town in shops and the library. FAA raises funds for high school and college scholarships, and uses an Art Assist Program at the library to enrich art education for local children.

FAA will continue their monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month at The Women's Club, but now has a place for monthly shows and art classes. This gallery is open to ALL artists, emerging and established, FAA members and non-members. Shows will include a wide range of artworks in various categories, including paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, photograph, as well as related merchandise (cards, prints, etc). Artwork for shows will be changed out at the middle of every month. THE GALLERY has a space in the back for local artists to teach classes, and Gallery Directors Julie Compton and Ruth Parker are working on a schedule. This gallery is open to ALL artists, emerging and established, FAA members and non-members.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 am to 5 pm and Sundays Noon to 3 pm. For more information, call THE GALLERY at 760-645-0491.

Photos:

- 1) The new art gallery at 127 N. Main Ave.
- 2) Gallery Directors Julie Compton and Ruth Parker