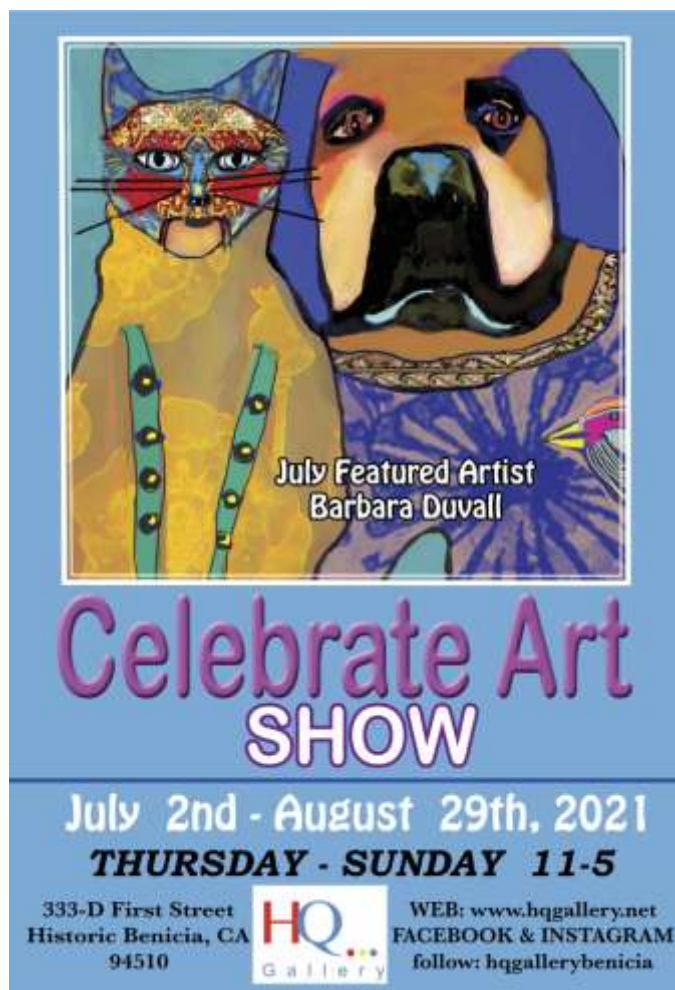
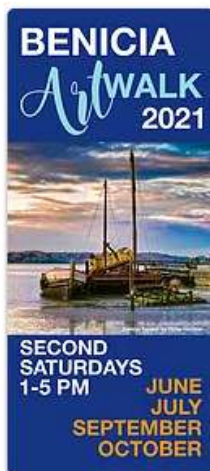


HQ Gallery presents “**Celebrate Art**”, opening July 1st and running through August 29<sup>th</sup>. The show celebrates our artists’ wide range of media including painting, photography, drawing, ceramics, needle arts, digital and mixed media.



Benicia Mayor Steve Young (below left) picking the Art Walk Passport winner. Congratulations Patricia Little, the winner of a \$200 certificate to use at one of the galleries. She chose this painting of Neptune's Daughter by Samantha McNally for her prize (on the right).

Don't miss the Passport contest next Art Walk, July 10.



July – August 2021

On July 10, HQ will be giving away a collaborative painting created by several HQ artists. Enter the drawing at HQ. You need not be present to win.

Below, Barb Duvall shows the “work in progress.”



#### JULY SHOW:

*July 1st to August 29th*

#### SEPTEMBER SHOW:

*September 2nd to October 31st*

#### NOVEMBER SHOW:

*November 4th to January 2nd 2022*

NOV 25th **THANKSGIVING DAY-CLOSED**

DEC 25TH **CHRISTMAS-CLOSED**

## Up Coming SPECIAL Events

**July 10**

**Art Walk**

**Drawing for HQ artists'  
Collaborative Painting  
and Scavenger Hunt**

**August 14 Visit HQ's booth  
at the Peddler's Fair**





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HQ Artists Annette Bachelor, Pat Calabro, Barb Duvall, Ok Kyong Hanrahan, Ebba Navas, and Jean Purnell participated in the Art on the Vine event at BackRoads Vines Winery in Fairfield on June 12 -13. The event featured art, wine, music and food and was put on by the Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association.



May



## Featured Artist of the Month

Sara Wong

See Sara's link.com



30 years ago, in the 1980's, after I received my AA degree from City College of San Francisco Major in Fine Arts, my first son was born. I was caught up in life and in the commute between my job in San Francisco and my home in the East Bay. I really didn't have much time to paint. But I never gave up painting.

After I finished raising my two sons I started painting again. I just paint whatever I have around, like fruits and vegetables. My son gave me flowers and I painted the "Tiger Lily". When I started working at McKesson Corporation in 2000, the company encouraged employees to volunteer in the community. That was when I signed up as a volunteer with "Solano County Friends of Animals". I started as Adoption Coordinator and then changed to Bake Sale Coordinator, helping in baking cookies and at the bake sale table. And instead of painting on paper, I painted on the sugar cookies I baked. And I started painting homeless dogs, and donated the paintings to the group for their annual fund raising "Silent Auction" event.



June

Mary Frances Kelly Poh



Mary Frances is a member of the HQ Gallery in Benicia California, the California Watercolor Association, Arts Benicia and the Embroiderers' Guild of America.

She began doing needlepoint in 1971 and later took up Cross stitch which she did for a number of years, but never lost her love of needlepoint.

Mary Frances stitches almost exclusively using various silk and metallic threads. She specializes in color and decorative stitches. She uses designs by leading designers and her own designs. Mary Frances designs purses and plaids. Following her career as a registered nurse, Mary Frances was able to focus on her love of needlepoint and cross-stitch. She creates exquisite and meticulous designs, which take 4-6 months to complete, and garner many awards.

She has always loved art and has taken various art classes in college. Mary Frances wanted to be able to use her art to design special needlework designs. She attended Solano Community College and took watercolor classes and also drawing classes from Lennie Fox at Arts Benicia. She started taking watercolor classes from Samantha McElroy, and has started painting larger paintings.

Her artistic journey further evolved through drawing and watercolor classes and she creates vibrant compositions in mixed media. A sampling of works by the multi-talented Mary Frances are featured at HQ Gallery, and previewed here.

Please feel free to contact Mary Frances at 707-833-6433 or at [mfph@earthlink.net](mailto:mfph@earthlink.net)

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July



Barbara Duvall brightening up the bench outside City Hall, Benicia, with her vibrant artwork

Barb Duvall, HQ Gallery Chairman, is HQ Gallery's July artist of the month. Barb is known for her vivid animal – human portraits that depict relationships and our connection to the natural world. Barb was chosen to paint a city of Benicia public bench in 2019 and her artwork was chosen to represent the city's Art Walks in 2020. As a recently retired high school teacher, she is community-minded and volunteers as a children's art instructor for local non-profits and is the secretary on the board of directors for Arts Benicia. Barb is looking forward to reinstating special events at HQ and continuing to move the gallery forward as part of the vibrant local arts culture. See her work in the gallery and check out her YouTube video by Fiona Hughes at [hqgallery.net](http://hqgallery.net)

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**Visit HQ Gallery @  
33D First St, Benicia  
Thur – Sun 11 - 5**



HQ Gallery is a vibrant and relevant fine art space that has prominent distinction in the local arts culture. As an artist-run collective, we showcase established and emerging artists in a wide variety of mediums. Located in the historic Washington House Building, near the waterfront, we welcome visitors from all over the Bay Area.

If you would like more information about membership in HQ, contact Susan Street.  
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