

Expressions

The Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council News



"Sea Horses", by Alex Coons

AADAC Awarded Operational Grant Program from LA County Arts & Culture

By Karen Stueve

We are very pleased to announce that the Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council has been chosen as one of the recipients of the LA County Arts & Culture Operational Grants Program. We are grateful to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for this opportunity, with special thanks going to our district Supervisor, Kathryn Barger.

This grant is allotted to AADAC to expand our operational capacity, in pursuit of our goal in support of arts and culture in the area of Acton and Agua Dulce.

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AADAC Awarded OGP, cont.

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Grantees



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Andrew Lewis, board member, AADAC, stands with other OGP grantees, alongside LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger

On July 15, Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council Board member Andrew Lewis visited the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hall of Administration, to represent AADAC as well as meet other grantees, and the Board of Supervisors who administer this grants program. Lewis spoke with our district Supervisor Kathryn Barger, about our goals in arts programming and accessibility. Supervisor Barger has been supportive of the rural areas of Acton and Agua Dulce, providing invaluable financial and other material assistance to not only the Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council, but other local organizations, as well.

AADAC Awarded OGP, cont.



Supervisor Kathryn Barger with AADAC Board member Andrew Lewis, photo credit LA County Arts & Culture IG



AADAC Awarded OGP, cont.



Union Station, Photo by Andrew Lewis



Photo by Andrew Lewis



Los Angeles City Hall, Photo by Andrew Lewis

“Sand and Sea” Art Show

By Karen Stueve

Artists transported us to the sea at the TAADAA Art Gallery, for the “Sand and Sea” exhibit.

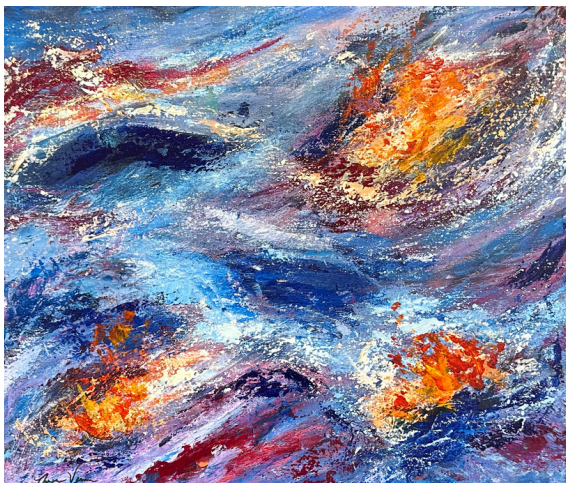
Therese Verner explored various ocean themes, ranging from joyful beach scenes, to the fiery creation of an island.

In the relatively new fiber fine arts category, award-winning artist Carla Wolf brought to life jellyfish and a contemplative

pelican using a range of textiles, creating detailed, textured pieces.

Marlene Fawkes rendered a beach scene in 3 different media, oil, watercolor, and photograph, in subtle variations, as one may focus on different aspects of treasured memories each time in reminiscence.

One of the submissions of photographer Andrew Lewis, a sunset, was composed of the barest strip of magma sky showing through lowering clouds.



“Birth of an Island”, by Therese Verner



“Dance of the Jellies” by Carla Wolf



“Galapagos Sunset”, by Carla Wolf

“Sand and Sea” Art Show, cont.



Andrew Lewis



Vita Blumberg



“Ocean Home”, by Vita Blumberg



Marlene Fawkes



The gift shop section
of the gallery



Alex Coons entered a dramatic, large-scale painting, “Sea Horses”, a trio of powerful horses galloping through the surf, reminiscent of John Frederick Herring’s “Pharaoh’s Chariot Horses.” Vita Blumberg submitted an eclectic mix, including crashing waves and a seaside cottage. Paula Bradley’s sea otter, “Excuse Me”, was charming as only otters can be.

Fall Fantasy Art Show

Autumn-themed exhibit

hosted by the Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council

Applications available at www.taadaa.org

or upon request at aadacinfo@gmail.com

Deadline: 9/8/25

Art Dropoff: 9/12/25

Artist Reception: 9/13/25

Run Dates: 9/14/25-10/19/25

Art Pickup: 10/19/25



ADULT FINE ART SHOW

CALL FOR ENTRIES

ENTRY DEADLINE OCTOBER 25, 2025

Open theme, judged art show. Acceptable media include oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, colored pencil, scratchboard, mixed media painting, photography, ink, sculpture, carving, gourd art, and fiber fine art. Inquire if your art form is not listed .

Show Run Dates: November 1 -
November 2, 2025

Art Drop Off: Oct 31, 10 AM - Noon

Artist Reception: November 1
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Awards Ceremony: November 2, 2:00 PM

Location: TAADAA Art Gallery
33330 Santiago Rd, Acton

Hosted by the Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council
Applications available at www.taadaa.org,
or upon request aadacinfo@gmail.com.



Visit from Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office

By Karen Stueve

Gina Ender, Special Assistant for Communications and Arts for LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office, visited the TAADAA Art Gallery on August 21.

Ender viewed the current "Sand and Sea" Art Show, and was interested to learn more about artists who participate in gallery exhibits.

Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council (AADAC) Board Members discussed the many improvements that have been made to the TAADAA Art Gallery and our programming, through the generous support of Supervisor Barger and our patrons, as well as our plans for the Operational Grant.

The Board discussed several challenges in the Acton-Agua Dulce area, including

sourcing venues for music and theater, reaching our target audience, and logistical challenges to use our local park as a venue for community events.

Ender reaffirmed Supervisor Barger's commitment to our community, and offered to include AADAC events in her own communications regarding events in Supervisor Barger's district, to help increase community attendance and engagement.

With the combined support of Supervisor Barger and our dedicated patrons, the Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council is positioned to deliver a variety of artistic and cultural programming for the community.



2025 Calendar of Events

September 8	Deadline for “Fall Fantasy” Art Show Application (email aadacinfo@gmail.com to request an extension.)
September 13	Artist Reception “Fall Fantasy” Art Show, 7-8:30 PM
Sept 14-Oct 19	“Fall Fantasy” Art Show Run Dates, TAADAA Art Gallery
September 20	Agua Dulce Country Fair, “Blue Jeans and Country Dreams”, (https://adwc.org)
Oct 18-19	Annual Native American Celebration, AV Indian Museum (https://www.parks.ca.gov/EventDetails/17635)
October 25	Deadline for Adult Fine Art Show Application
November 1	Artist & Patron Reception, Adult Fine Art Show, 7-8:30 PM, TAADAA Art Gallery
Nov 2-3	Adult Fine Art Show Run Dates
November 3	Awards Ceremony Adult Fine Art Show, 2 PM

Contact aadacinfo@gmail.com for entry forms to participate in upcoming exhibitions, to be added to the email list to receive the “Expressions” newsletter, or to request past issues. Please note the TAADAA Gallery will be closed October 25-26, 2025. Art Show applications are also available at www.taadaa.org.

