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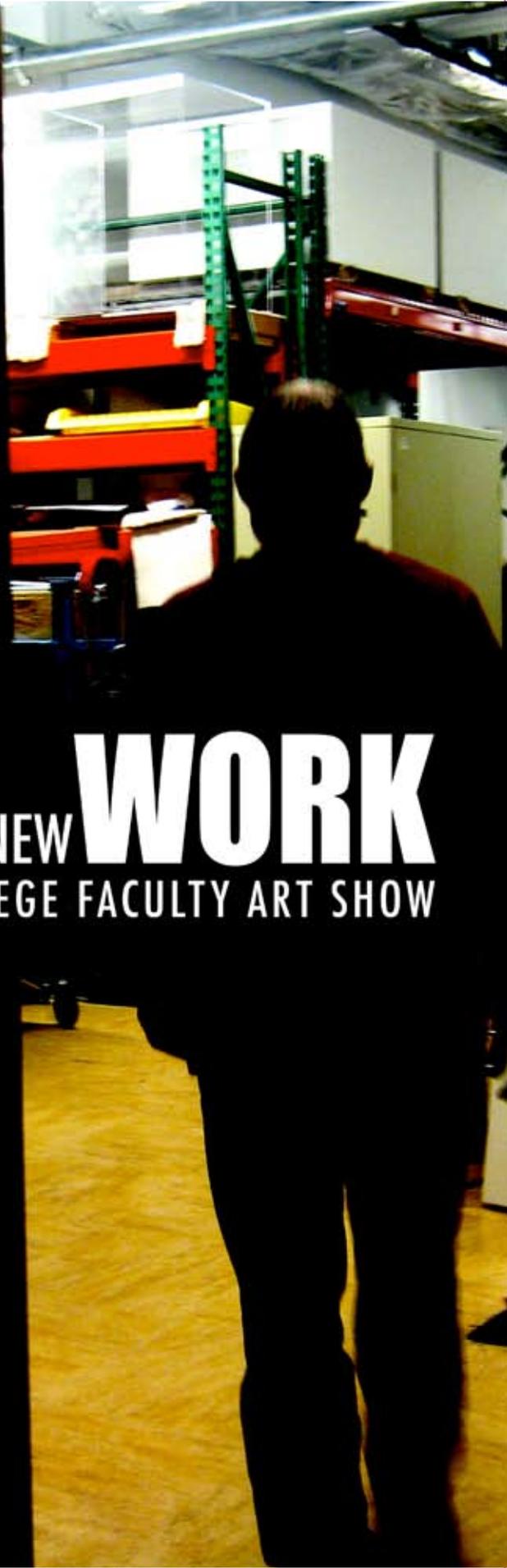
SRJC Foundation Ag Trust Recipient of G.K. Hardt Estate Gift

At the February 13 Board of Trustees meeting, The Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation Ag Trust was presented with \$250,000 from the estate of the late G. K. Hardt. The contribution was made possible by estate co-trustees Gladys Bates, who served as Hardt's Office Manager for over 45 years, and Linda Burille, Trust Officer at Exchange Bank. The funds will be used for a horse stable now under construction at the Shone Farm, which will be named in honor of Mr. Hardt. The new equine facility will include outdoor and indoor arenas, round pen, and 18-stall paddock. Classes are planned in the new facility later this spring. "The missing component of the equine facility has been a stable to house horses requiring special care and space for supplies and equipment storage, as well as faculty and staff offices," says Steve Olson, "The gift from the Hardt estate will enable the college to construct a stable, thereby completing the equine science facility envisioned many years ago."



Gunther K. ("G.K.") Hardt was born in Koningsberg, East Prussia. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1927, attended Santa Rosa High School, and served in the U.S. Army from 1942 -1946. While his business interests were automobile sales and real estate development, he had a passion for horses. Although Mr. Hardt passed away in 2004, his generous contributions continue to support a range of worthy causes, including the Children's Village, SSU Green Music Center, American Cancer Society, Sonoma County Museum, and the Salvation Army, and now SRJC.

Front Row: Estate Trustees Gladys Bates, middle, and Linda Burille, rt., of the Exchange Bank, present Steve Olson, SRJC Vice President/ Interim Dean of the Petaluma Campus, with a check from the G.K. Hardt estate. Back Left to Rt: George Dutton, Equine Instructor Casey Cole-Gatrell, and Agriculture Dept. Chair Bob Fraser.



OPENING **Reception**
Thursday, February 15, 2007 4pm–6pm
Exhibit Runs February 20–March 31

NEW SPACE NEW WORK
SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE FACULTY ART SHOW

ART GALLERY
SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE
LOCATED IN THE NEW FRANK P. DOYLE LIBRARY
1501 MENDOCINO AVENUE SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA 95401
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GALLERY HOURS
TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10AM – 4PM
SATURDAY 12 NOON – 4PM
GALLERY CLOSED FOR ALL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

PERS* Planning Workshop Scheduled March 2

A PERS workshop that specifically focuses on retirement from SRJC is scheduled for Classified Staff and Management Team Members from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Friday, March 2 in Room 4245 in the Doyle Library. The presenter is PERS Representative Shirley Kuykendall. Topics include calculating your retirement; electing allowance options; employment after retirement; purchasing additional service credits; and Social Security offset.

Preregistration is not required, but space is limited so arrive early! Release time is available with supervisor approval. For more information, contact the Resource Center for Staff Development at 527-4852 or 522-2602.

**Public Employees Retirement System*

Give Kids A Smile Day 2007 Feb 7

In a collaborative effort with the Sonoma County Oral Health Access Coalition and the Dental Health Connection project of Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County, SRJC's Dental Programs hosted the 3rd Annual Give Kids A Smile Day.

Dental hygiene students, dental faculty, and 30 volunteer dentists and dental hygienists from the community provided preventive dental services to 125 children who could not afford dental care. There were 115 other volunteers who served as ambassadors to provide participating families with dental education, services, and referrals for follow-up care. Fifteen children received emergency dental treatment in the mobile dental van from St. Joseph, and no child was turned away. For most of the children, it was their first dental visit. Children as young as 14 months were seen by pediatric dentists. Partners from Kaiser Permanente and Delta Dental agreed that this year's event was the best yet!

SRJC Presents Shakespeare in Hollywood

"Shakespeare in Hollywood" by Ken Ludwig and directed by Theatre Arts faculty member Leslie McCauley, will be performed:

March 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 at 8 PM

March 10, 11 at 2 PM

Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

In this absolutely loony new farce, characters from "Midsummer Night's Dream" accidentally appear, magic flower juice is generously administered, and the most unlikely people start pairing up and the insanity begins. Guaranteed to tickle your funny bone!

You can purchase tickets by calling 527-4343. Online ticketing will also be available in the next couple of weeks! The play is recommended for middle school age and above.

Disability Resources Parent Meeting Feb 21

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the Disability Resources annual Parent Meeting to transition high school students from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, February 21 on the Santa Rosa Campus in Newman Auditorium, Emeritus Hall in Room 1564. The meeting outlines the challenges students with disabilities will face in the transition from high school to college, the skills students need for college success, available and accessible accommodations and services, any accommodations differences between college and high school, and SRJC educational options. For more information, contact Bob Berlin-Grous at ext. 4826.

Environmental Forum

NOON TO 12-1:15 PM IN NEWMAN AUDITORIUM, ROOM 1564

FEBRUARY 14

*The Laguna de Santa Rosa
- Sonoma County's Most Promising Environmental Opportunity*

Associate Executive Director of the Laguna Foundation Mark Green will discuss the biology and history of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, largest tributary of the Russian River and Sonoma County's richest wildlife area. Discussion will focus on the current movement to preserve and restore the Laguna for both wildlife and human recreational use. Visual slides of the enchanting region of our local landscape will be included, followed by a question and answer period.

FEBRUARY 28

Reducing Greenhouse Gasses in Sonoma County

Executive Director of the Sonoma County Climate Protection Campaign Ann Hancock will discuss greenhouse gas emissions in Sonoma County and the countywide inventory project used to assess greenhouse gas emissions and what is being done to reduce emissions.

Contact Katie Gerber, Earth & Science Department, at ext. 4638.

Employee of the Month February 2007 Alicia Jourdain

Congratulations to Alicia Jourdain for being selected the Santa Rosa Junior College Employee of the Month for February 2007. Steve Cohen, Dean I, Business, CIS, Off Campus & Weekend Programs, introduced Alicia, Administrative Assistant III in the Dean's Office of Business, CIS, and Off-Campus & Weekend Programs, at the February 13 Board of Trustees meeting. She received an EOM plaque, season tickets to SRT, gift vouchers from the Culinary Café, and other gifts from co-workers. "Alicia is an exemplary employee who goes above and beyond her scope of work to assist others throughout the college. She is an excellent resource and is student centered. She is an extremely talented individual who contributes greatly to the SRJC environment and is highly valued by all who work with her," says Steve.

Alicia's key responsibilities focus on serving as the liaison between the Dean's Office and Business Administration, Business Office Technology, Computer Information Sciences, Industrial Ed/Trade Tech, and Off Campus and Weekend Programs and administering the day-to-day functions of the Dean's Office. "She not only handles the day-to-day problems that arise, she also handles the complicated ones, particularly in my absence," emphasizes Steve. "She is a consummate professional who rarely gets rattled. She can multitask as well as anyone I have ever seen. In addition to her demanding workload, she completed her A.A. and B.S. degrees while employed at SRJC, and has become very involved in collegewide committees that deal with student and faculty issues," adds Steve.

When asked what she attributes her success at SRJC to, she responds, "I recall what Maya Angelou said, 'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'" She identifies her greatest accomplishment at SRJC as working on the Sabbatical Leave Committee. "I truly enjoy working with faculty and handling a big project like the committee's task. It takes a lot of coordination and organization, two things I believe I excel in. I enjoy meeting faculty from other departments, and appreciate the committee's hard work and dedication ... it's probably one of the best committees I have worked on." She comments on her greatest challenge: "When I wanted to continue my college education, I needed to adjust my schedule. I spoke with department chairs, classified staff, and the dean to make sure that everyone's needs, including mine, would be met. I was fully supported and was celebrated when I graduated. The challenge turned into a great experience." What she likes most about her job, Alicia quotes a colleague: "The ability to enjoy a career where I work with intelligent professionals who have a good sense of humor, who are respectful of my contributions and skills, and who are willing to take ownership to provide a coordinated, efficient, and effective system of processes that support the cluster. Enjoying the campus is another plus, it is probably one of the most beautiful places I have ever worked."

Alicia's contributions to students and co-workers are broad, and include mentoring three new administrative assistants in the Maggini cluster. "Alicia is the glue that holds together the three departments, which allows us to work as a group, support each other, and share ideas in a way we might not if she didn't encourage

positive interaction," says Joanne Busso, Administrative Assistant II, CIS. Steve adds "She has personally made their transitions smooth by empowering them to perform more effectively in a short period of time. She has also been a valuable resource for all faculty who work in his building, including 37 faculty members who use the building who are not in our cluster."

Born in Akron, Ohio, Alicia often moved during her childhood since her father was in the Army, including Monterey, San Francisco and Marin California, Hawaii, Georgia, and Washington. She graduated from Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley, earned an A.A. in liberal arts with highest honors at SRJC in 2001, and received a B.S. in organizational behavior, Summa Cum Laude, at the University of San Francisco in 2005. Before joining SRJC's staff in 1996, she worked as an Administrative Assistant in an advertising firm, a Business License Coordinator to the Town Treasurer for the City

of San Rafael, and was a Legal Secretary for nearly 14 years in Novato and Santa Rosa firms. She moved to Petaluma from Marin in the late 1980s, and relocated in 1993 to Sebastopol when she married her "kind and wonderful husband, Henry," whom she met at SRJC when they took photography classes together. Since joining SRJC, Alicia has worked as an Administrative Secretary I in the President's Office, a Workforce Training & Contract Education Administrative Assistant III, and in her current position since 1998.

Alicia volunteer work on various includes serving on committees, including DTREC, Knowledge Works II, Student Retention Workshop/Committee, Sabbatical Leave

Committee, and the Professional Development Activities Committee. Her hobbies include photography, collage/paper sculpture, reading, writing, and "being a good aunt" to her one niece and five nephews. "She is patient, outgoing, artistic, compassionate, and a great listener. She is also one heck of a photographer," Steve says. She and her husband enjoy their dogs Bandit, Chester, and Satchel and cat Abigail, whom she calls her "furry children." She enjoys time with her mother who lives in Petaluma, her Dad from Benecia, and her sister who's from Suisun. Michelle says, "In addition to handling her every day office responsibilities, Alicia has been dealing with a member of her family in the last stages of terminal breast cancer. It's phenomenal that she is able to continue to uphold her excellent work at the college in the face of her personal tragedy at home."

"In the short time I've worked with Alicia I've observed how dedicated she is to SRJC. She is one of the most efficient, brilliant, organized, resourceful, effective, and loyal employees I know. She is professional yet warm and kind to everyone she meets, and has a quick wit and great sense of humor. She is a friend to all, a great ambassador for the college, and a role model to many of us. I am proud to have worked with Alicia, and consider her a wonderful friend," says Lynn Dolce, Administrative Assistant II, BAD. Alicia's response to being selected Employee of the Month: "I was stunned. I come to work and do my job just like everyone else. I try to do the best I can at what I do. The people I work with make it a great place to work because of their dedication, spirit, and sense of humor. ... being EOM has a lot to do with those I work with."

Congratulations, Alicia, on a well deserved reward!



Women's History Month March Calendar of Events

The following events scheduled during Women's History Month are free and open to the public. All events are facilitated by members of the SROC Women's History Month Committee. Call 524-1767 or 527-4586 for information.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 12:15 TO 1:00 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Singer-Songwriter Melanie DeMore:

Ballads and Spirituals of the African American Tradition. DeMore will explain the origins of African American ballads and spirituals.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS QUAD

Women's History Month Live Music and Dance Kickoff:

All-women's ukelele band, Rose Harting, Heather Marie and Emily Schmidt; hip hop rapper "Crystal;" jazz; and student dance performers.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1:30 TO 3:00 PM

Doyle Library, Room 4245, Santa Rosa Campus

Latin American Women and the New Song Lecture Presentation

Laura Larqué and Margarita Montes will discuss the work of composer Violeta Parra, who traveled through Chile to rescue indigenous mulatto folklore; Chicana folk music researcher/composer Lila Downs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, 3:00 TO 4:30 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, ROOM 4245, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

to be video conferenced to the Mahoney Library Room 154, Petaluma Campus.

Casablanca to Kabul: Women Writing the Middle East.

Three faculty scholars discuss texts by and about women from the Near Eastern Region. Digitized images of women in the world provide the backdrop of the discussion.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 7:00 PM

Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

Blossoms of Fire:

A film and panel discussion about current social/political events and one of the world's few surviving matriarchies in Oaxaca, Mexico.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, NOON TO 1:30 PM

Doyle Library, Room 4245, Santa Rosa Campus

Defending Our Lives

Film and discussion about domestic violence and its consequences.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 13, NOON TO 1:00 PM, PIONEER HALL, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

Wildly Successful Women: What You Can Learn from Their Choices.

Liz Cornish, leadership transition expert and hard-working mom, shares lessons and wisdom taken from varied settings from the boardroom to soccer fields and Arctic Circle through captivating storytelling.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, NOON - 1:30 PM, PETALUMA CAMPUS, ROOM 238

Conversations with a Holocaust Survivor and a Palestinian

Therese Mughannam-Walrath, a Palestinian who grew up in Jerusalem, and Laure Riechek, a Jewish teen during the European holocaust who joined the resistance, draw on their life stories to illustrate the need for peaceful coexistence and the end of war in Palestine/Israel. Chuck Sher from Jewish Voice for Peace provides the historical context.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1:30 TO 3:00 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, ROOM 4245, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

Senoritas Extraviada

Film and discussion about the murders of over 300 women, mostly workers in maquiladoras (sweat shops), in Juarez, Mexico, and the lack of government interest in finding the perpetrators.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, NOON TO 1:30 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, ROOM 4245, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

Discovering Dominga

Film and discussion about the massacres in Guatemala and one woman's journey to revisit what happened to her family.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 6:00 TO 9:00 PM, NEWMAN AUDITORIUM, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

Women in Pre-Code Hollywood: Sex and Power on the Silver Screen

Film and panel discussion.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 6:00 TO 9:00 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, ROOM 4245, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

Iron Jawed Angels

A film that takes a fresh look at a pivotal event in American history from 1916-1920. A true story about defiant and brilliant young activists Alice Paul, played by Hilary Swank; and Lucy Burns, played by Frances O'Connor, who took the women's suffrage movement by storm to help American women win the right to vote. Post-film discussion will be led by Elaine B. Holtz, Producer/Host of the Public Access television program "Women's Spaces."

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 7:00 TO 8:30 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, 4TH FLOOR READING ROOM, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

Literary Reading by Joan Frank

Ms. Frank will read from her novel Miss Kansas City.

The Sonoma County writer will be the featured reader with several SRJC students from the Creative Writing Program.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, NOON TO 1:30 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, ROOM 4245

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 7:00 TO 8:30 PM, DOYLE LIBRARY, ROOM 4246

Women of Kenya: Changing the Face of Africa.

Women's groups in East Africa dedicated to the empowerment of girls and women are flourishing. Kathleen Kraemer will share photographs from her volunteer work with the Kenyan grassroots organization, "Mama na Dada."



Career Expo & Career Fair Set For April 25

Mark your calendars now for the 2007 Career Expo & Job Fair scheduled on Wednesday, April 25 from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Haehl Pavilion on the Santa Rosa Campus. Look for more information about this popular and well-attended event in upcoming *Insiders!* PHOTOS



Petaluma Campus To Host "Leadership Petaluma Education Day" Feb 20

The Petaluma Campus will host the Petaluma Area Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Petaluma Education Day" on February 20 from 8:00 AM to 4:00. Focusing on "K-16 Partnerships: Seeking Seamless Pathways", the goal of the workshop is to educate Leadership Petaluma participants about innovative approaches and programs that allow elementary and secondary schools to develop unique opportunities that lead to postsecondary academic success for children and youth.

While participants will start at different local schools on a kind of "driving tour," all participants will converge on SRJC's Petaluma Campus in the afternoon from 2:15 to 4:00 p.m. School principals, counselors, managers, staff, and students will participate.

Contact Dr. Ofelia R. Arellano, Dean, Petaluma Campus, for more information, at 778-3930.

Sabbatical Leave Applications Due February 23

Applications for sabbatical leave are due no later than Friday, February 23 by 5:00 PM.

Full-time regular faculty who are interested in applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2008-2009 academic year may pick up an application from Alicia Jourdain in the Office of the Dean, Business, Computer & Information Sciences, and Off-Campus & Weekend Programs in Room 2715, Maggini Hall.

Information about sabbatical leaves can be found in the current AFA contract. For additional information, call Micca Gray, Chairperson of the Sabbatical Leave Committee at ext. 4552.

Due By Feb 28 - Red Cross Seeks "Real Heroes"

The Sonoma County Chapter of the American Red Cross will host the "Real Heroes Breakfast" on Wednesday, April 25 at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel. The event honors Sonoma and Mendocino County heroes who have selflessly helped others during the past year. The Red Cross seeks nominations of local heroes who have taken action to help others or has shown an extraordinary gift of compassion that reflects the values and principles of the American Red Cross.

Of the 11 award categories, education is one. Help the Red Cross honor our local heroes and your colleagues by submitting the name of a compassionate counselor, an exceptional educator, an inspiring administrator or a creative coach from the SRJC college community who may have performed a "heroic act" that is ongoing or occurred between January 1, 2006 and February 27, 2007. Full nomination details including the categories and the nomination form are available at <http://www.sonomacounty.redcross.org/>. Nomination forms must be received by February 28, 2007.



*The Santa Rosa Junior College
Foundation and
Bear Cub Athletic Trust*

*Invite you to the
12th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner*

Saturday, March 3

Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

5100 Oak Meadow Drive.

5:30 PM No Host Bar/6:30 PM Dinner

*The event will honor the following
Bear Cub athletes:*

Joan Fleck, Athlete 1970s

John Alejos, Athlete 1970s

*Women's Track & Field Relay,
Athlete 1970s*

Nicole Findlay, Athlete 1990s

Bob Miyashiro, Coach

Laurie Beard, Special Recognition

Please make reservations soon, as the event sells out quickly. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, February 19. The cost per person is \$60, plus sponsorship tables are available at \$750 per table with seating for 10, a bottle of wine, and table recognition. Meal choices include beef, salmon, or pasta. Be sure to indicate the number of tickets you wish to reserve, names of guests, and meal choices.

For more information, contact 527-4348.



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