

Celebration of Life for Mary Harris

As a community, we have been so blessed to have in our midst such a person as Mary Harris, artist, teacher, activist, and humanitarian extraordinaire. An original studio holder in what is now Sanchez Art Center, Mary continued to make art throughout her life, and was a dedicated supporter of the Art Guild of Pacifica and Sanchez Art Center, who together will hold a Celebration of Life for her on Sunday, June 24, from 1 to 4 pm. The community is invited to come remember Mary, view her artworks, and honor the difference she made.

The theme for the celebration is Peace and Harmony, which will be held in the Mary Harris Arts Education Room and the Rotary Plaza Garden at Sanchez Art Center, 1220 Linda Mar Blvd. It opens with an informal reception, light refreshments, and Mary's artworks made available for sale at "friends-and-family" pricing. Proceeds are to go to the Sanchez Art Center, per Mary's bequest. There will be music and art-making, with peace bracelets, peace buttons, and the like to take away. You can leave messages and drawings on the chalkboard, which will be photographed at the close of the celebration. Also, the Pacifica Historical Society's "Footprints of Pacifica" videos of Mary, created by Sharron Walker, will be playing and available for purchase.

From 2:30 to 3:30 pm, speakers will share their thoughts and reminiscences. Following this program, there will be additional time for sharing, art viewing and purchasing, and mingling. The event closes at 4 pm. We hope all who knew and loved Mary will come to this special event in her honor.



Mary Harris with Self-Portrait (photo by Sharron Walker)