



The Center for Art
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THE Exchange

A newsletter on the Art, Culture, and History of California's Heartland



CACHE Melodrama Fundraiser Garners Support

CACHE's fourth annual benefit fundraiser was a huge success! Attendees enjoyed bidding on silent and live auctions, viewing a brand new Kiwanis history exhibit, partaking in a delicious rib dinner with homemade side dishes, and, of course, being entertained by the main attraction, "The Missing Masterpiece" melodrama.

We would like to thank everyone who made this event possible: our generous sponsors, silent & live auction

donors, Hometown Emporium, Exeter Eagles, Stafford's Chocolates, Shannon Schroth with the Exeter Chamber, the CACHE board, James Houston (melodrama writer/director), and the entire cast of "The Missing Masterpiece."

We look forward to next year's event!



Left to Right: The community gathers outdoors for CACHE's annual benefit fundraiser.

Reception attendees view Austin McKinzie's solo exhibition Rest.



McKinzie Reception Draws Crowd

Austin McKinzie's reception for his solo exhibition *Rest* drew a considerable crowd. Guests admired his work while listening to live piano music by local musician Richard Garoogian. Hometown Emporium provided delicious cakes, cookies, cheese, vegetables, and shrimp as appetizers. Red and white wine was also available.

McKinzie's work is created by applying thick layers of oil paint with a palette knife to wood panel. He depicts outdoor landscapes that highlight the best of California's Central Valley, including images of vineyards, olives, oranges, and almonds, as well as personal explorations of the Central Coast. His practice is based on "the conviction that landscape is active, ever-changing, textured, and provisional rather than fixed or smoothed," said Aaron Collins, San Joaquin Valley-based arts and culture writer.

The exhibition is on display until December 27. All artwork is currently for sale.





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CACHE Welcomes Queens

Avery Ramirez, the new Miss Exeter, and her court visited CACHE during its Sweet & Savory restaurant contest for a meet and greet with the community. Attendees enjoyed socializing while tasting scrumptious offerings from local Exeter restaurants, including Exeter Meats, Hometown Emporium, Kirkman's VIP Pizza, Monet's Wine Bistro, and Stafford's Chocolates.

Congratulations to Hometown Emporium for winning Best Sweet Dish and Monet's for Best Savory Dish! Thank you to everyone who participated and attended this favorite annual event.



Miss Exeter and her court (Left to Right): Kamila Nola, Teegan Eastham, Avery Ramirez (Miss Exeter), Taylor Brandt (first runner-up), Alexie Fuentes, and Audrina Bass.

CACHE presents CACHE Chats:
TALES OF EXETER AND BEYOND
with Dwight Miller



Memorial Hospital of Exeter

COMMUNITY OF CARE: Exeter's Four Hospitals

Join us for our newest Tales of Exeter and Beyond with Dwight Miller. Miller will discuss Exeter's four hospitals, including three that were privately funded and the non-profit public hospital, Memorial Hospital of Exeter (MHE). Each has a unique story about the people who made them happen. The event will be held in the upstairs conference room at CACHE and is free to the public—donations are appreciated.

MONDAY, NOV 16 | 7 PM

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CACHE hosts a new local history talk by board member Dwight Miller from the quarterly series CACHE Chats: Tales of Exeter and Beyond. Dwight's discussion is on Monday, November 16, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the upstairs conference room, and the topic is "Community of Care: Exeter's Four Hospitals."

This event is free to the public; donations are appreciated. For more information, visit our website at cach-exeter.org/event-details/exeters-four-hospitals.

MEET OUR BOARD of DIRECTORS



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