



About the Village Arts and Education Foundation

The Village Arts and Education Foundation (VAEF) would like to bring the Spanish Village Art Center (SVAC) members up to date on our activities. The Foundation is looking forward to a close working relationship with the members of SVAC and it is our hope that both organizations will benefit from this collaboration.

VAEF was approved as a 501c(3) by the IRS on June 26, 2014 and granted tax-exempt status by the State of California Franchise Tax Board on December 7, 2013. As a non-profit the Foundation can apply for grants from charitable organizations that support our activities. We have a logo beautifully designed by Chris Stell and a website built and maintained by Jana Kenney where we list our activities, offer class registrations and invite teacher applications available exclusively to SVAC members. The website also posts our By-Laws, requests for donations and a list of donors to date. Reading this information will bring you up to date on the Foundation, its hopes and plans for the future, and how it will complement the SVAC community.

Our seed money came from the Board of SVAC who graciously contributed \$1500 to get the ball rolling. A grant application was submitted by Ellie Hitchcock to the Thursday Club of Point Loma for the Adult program for \$3500. VAEF was awarded the grant last year. With that money, we have purchased canopies for the back patio, a ware rack, and LED lighting for the work areas. Our wish list includes a secure storage area and propane heaters.

What is the benefit of the Foundation to SVAC?

- The Foundation brings the opportunity to members of SVAC who wish to apply for a grant in support of their activities to first apply to the Foundation for approval. Once approved, they could carry on with the application for their grant using the VAEF tax number. The Foundation then would act as fiscal agent and administer funds accordingly.
- The Foundation will provide opportunities for SVAC members to teach classes in their juried medium within our programs. We now offer children's summer art classes and this past year began a program of art sampler classes for adults. It is our hope to offer scholarships in these classes as funding allows.
- In outreach to the wider community, VAEF has entered into partnership with the Armed Services YMCA and Naval Medical Center San Diego to provide short introductory art classes with teacher volunteers of SVAC on our site.
- We plan to offer lectures on various art related subjects to SVAC members at little or no cost.
- We also plan to create international and national artist exchanges.

Our funding needs are not great, but as you all know, it takes money to keep things rolling along. There is a monthly fee for the website and we will have printing and marketing costs as well. We welcome your tax deductible donation to the Village Arts and Education Foundation made either in person or through our website villagearts.org.

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