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Discover art from the heart at PAA meeting

By Placerville Arts Association



“If one has loved, then one has known fear. Yet one can fear and never love.” — Marisa Sayago

Art is an ancient pathway to express the emotions of the human heart. Whether it's ancient paintings on cave walls, Michelangelo's "Pietà" or Picasso's "The Weeping Woman," emotion can be embedded in the art, and/or we can have an emotional response to the art we are viewing. Which comes first?

Marisa Sayago, MFA, a current member of the visual arts department faculty of Folsom Lake College, will be Placerville Arts Association's February speaker — an appropriate topic for the month of love. She will be sharing a slide show of her work while she shares how to put "heart" into your art.

This free event is open to all ages Sunday, Feb. 15 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. It promises to be PAA's most heartfelt meeting this year. The meeting is held at the El Dorado Senior Center, 935 Spring St. in Placerville, and opens with a brief business meeting, followed by a refreshment time of "meet 'n' greet" and then the guest speaker, concluding about 3:30 p.m.

One of Sayago's primary goals in her art is to catch an instant in time that makes a connection with the viewer and causes them to feel some common emotion or mood. Her work has been referred to as metaphors for the human condition. It communicates a strong influence from her native Argentina. Her experiences are more of an international scope.

With an MFA from the University of North Texas, Sayago was a sculpture apprentice to Alfredo Cantarutti in Cordoba, Argentina.

In recent years she's produced some of the liveliest sculptures in Sacramento, giving her audience new visions of flesh and physicality that create a dynamic language for the inner-self.

Besides sculpting, Sayago also expresses her heart through oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, pastel, conté crayon and computer art.

Her works are found in private and public collections throughout the United States, South America and Europe, including the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach.

To learn more about Marisa Sayago visit sayagoart.com.

To learn more about PAA, its artists, upcoming meetings, art shows and other activities visit the Website at placervillearts.com.

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