

TRINITY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Ted Pierce Traveling extensively as a youngster due to his father's career, Ted found an appreciation for the historical places and sites he came across. He found beauty in history. Many years later, after a career that included an Army enlistment, roughneck on an oil rig, employee at a New Mexico zoo, and lastly, a restaurateur in Los Angeles, he decided to become a photographer to capture the historically beautiful places he saw as a child. Ending up here in Weaverville was a dream come true; beautiful mountains and historical buildings became the back drop for this visionary. And if his photography wasn't enough to keep him going he also started a clothing business and was recently elected president of the Trinity County Arts Council.

VISION: My vision for the TCAC and the Art community as a whole is this: I would love to bring the TCAC to a point where we are the foundation for many great programs. Where others from the art world will come to us for our programs in which to share our vision with their communities. To put the ART back into our ART community. Assuring that we become a destination point for many travelers as well as artists from all over to view, participate in or bring art to this quaint yet growing community. Putting together better and bigger ART events. Bringing in artists from all over to showcase the diverseness of other areas and bringing our artists better exposure through shared programs. Sharing our artists with other counties, cities, states or countries through our brand new website or allowing our artist to show in other galleries across the country. Thus bringing exposure to TRINITY COUNTY. Yes, the dreams are big, but to not dream at all is an injustice to our artists !

Vice President - David Vaughn came to Trinity County in 1987 to teach at Lewiston Elementary School. In 2003, he joined the Trinity County Arts Council and has been on the board since then. "I paint, sculpt, and take photographs when I have time. I live along Rush Creek and am grateful for my surroundings every day."

Secretary - Julie Feely has worked as a teacher and a nurse. She and her husband owned and operated a Silicon Valley business for 15 years. They have been property owners in Trinity County since 1974 and moved to Weaverville permanently in 2006. Julie currently is a librarian at the Weaverville Library. She has been on the Board of the Trinity County Arts Council since 2008.

BOARD MEMEBERS

Helena Pizarro attended the Academy of Arts in Den Haag, the Netherlands (portrait, figure drawing and sculpture). Because of her affinity for languages she studied Spanish in a program for non-Spanish speaking people at the University in Barcelona, Spain. She met her husband in Spain and moved to California where, because her love for children, she was given the opportunity to work with "special needs children" for the Jefferson School District in Daly City. She and her husband became permanent residents of Trinity County in 2001. Keeping the Arts in Trinity County alive is vital, especially for the benefit of our young people. The desire to help the Arts in Trinity County flourish compelled Helena to become a Board Member of the Trinity County Arts Council in 2010.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jill Richards has been a professional photographer and worked in industrial marketing and sales in Northern California for 35 years. She is experienced in many forms of art including Photography, Ceramics, Painting, Mosaics and Gourd Art. In 2008, she became an active member of the Trinity County Arts Council and currently administers the grants and arts programs from the position of Executive Director.

Bookkeeper

Virginia Updegrave has been a member of the Trinity County Arts Council for twenty years and has served as a Board of Directors, member, secretary, and docent for the Main Street Gallery. She managed the Highland Art Center for many years, is a long standing and active member of the Historical Society, and is a watercolor artist. Virginia is the part-time paid bookkeeper. Her duties include accounts payable, accounts receivable, as well as preparation of budgets, financial reports, tax forms, payroll, maintains our filing system, and grants accounting.

IT Consultant

Dero Forslund, from a pioneer family since the 1860s, is dedicated to a flourishing Trinity County. Retired from the county as CAO and director of the IT division, Dero brings many capabilities to the Arts Council including an in-depth knowledge and love of computer technology, both hardware and software, as well as knowledge of photography and video production. Dero has been active in increasing the technologies capacity of the community through broadband enhancement. His commitment to work with the businesses of Trinity County to develop a marketing strategy coupled with his technical expertise will support the vision of Trinity County's financial sustainability. The Trinity County Arts Council is fortunate to have the considerable resources of Dero Forslund.