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**Calendar Item**

Special Winter Exhibits: PhotoMontage and Quilt Works exhibits, January 15 through February 21. Two unique artists will exhibit at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Fiber and quilting artist Franki Kohler; PhotoMontage artist/storyteller Deborah Griffin. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Both artists are scheduled to be on hand to chat with the public about their works during the next Gallery Reception, Thursday, January 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: [JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov), or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

**Press Release**

***Special Winter Exhibits: PhotoMontage and Quilt Works***  
***Two unique artists in Firehouse Arts Center installations***

*Pleasanton, Calif.* – Two unique exhibitions will be on view at the Firehouse Arts Center public spaces from January 15 through February 21. PhotoMontage artist and “visual storyteller” Deborah Griffin ([www.deborahgriffin.com](http://www.deborahgriffin.com)) is well known for her use of ephemera from the past in combination with photographic elements, both vintage and created. Fiber and quilting artist Franki Kohler (<http://frankikohler.com>) is active both locally and internationally, having earned recognition and awards in a variety of textile media.

Both artists will be on hand to chat with the public about their works during the next Harrington Gallery Reception at the Firehouse Arts Center on Thursday, January 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free, with donations always gratefully accepted.

Harrington Gallery curator Julie Finegan notes that both artists' works could have a somewhat seasonal connection: quilting and fiber arts can evoke warm, tactile appeal in cold seasons, and the narrative nature of photo collage could be a nice tie-in to the Valentine's Day period.

The works of these two interesting artists is open to view during Firehouse open hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located in beautiful downtown Pleasanton at 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free.

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**Information about the Harrington Gallery:**

**Located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, the Harrington Gallery is a state-of-the-art 2000 square foot exhibition space operated by the City of Pleasanton. Exhibits are located in the gallery, the grand atrium lobby, the upper mezzanine, and across the glass bridge in the Firehouse Lounge. The gallery and exhibit spaces maintain a lively schedule of rotating art installations featuring a variety of media, themes, and styles. Exciting interactive programs in performing and visual arts are on-going. The Firehouse Arts Center opened in 2010, and also houses the 227-seat Firehouse Theater which presents world-class performances. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.**

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