

# Linda Gonzalez Memorial Youth Art Walk

Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 4 – 7pm

Sponsored by the  
Petaluma Downtown Association  
And  
Participating Galleries & Merchants



Linda Gonzalez (1937 – 2009) was one of the most influential artists/gallery owners in recent Petaluma History. She taught art at St. Vincent de Paul High School in Petaluma for over 30 years, influencing several generations of artists. Linda and her husband Michael established Gallery One as a cornerstone of the Petaluma art scene over 20 years ago. Throughout the years, Linda worked diligently to bring fine art & craft to Petaluma and truly served as the matriarch of the Petaluma art world. She had a fun loving way about her & was always “in the know” about things happening downtown. This celebratory art exhibit will be dedicated to Linda’s love for life & art.

Galleries & Merchants of the Petaluma Downtown Association (PDA) have joined forces with the art teachers at Casa Grande High School (CGHS), Petaluma High School (PHS), Saint Vincent High School (SVHS) & San Antonio High School (SAHS) to celebrate the life & influence of Linda Gonzalez while also celebrating Youth Art Month. March is designated as Youth Art Month by the Council for Arts Education (CFAE). Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

Youth Art Month was created in 1961 by Art & Creative Materials Institute (ACMI), a non-profit association of art and craft materials manufacturers, in cooperation with the NAEA. In 1984, ACMI created CFAE to administer the national Youth Art Month program and encourage funding for the program. This year's theme is “Art Shapes the World”.