Thoughts on CAA and the Community

"Bylaw Article III, Purposes, Section 2

To establish Cayucos as an art center by increasing the awareness of art within the community through classes, lectures, programs, demonstrations, and workshops in the arts and crafts."

Various ways this is carried out:

- 1. Presentation of art-related topics by experts each month at Association meetings.
- 2. Weekly classes for adults taught by practising artists-introduction and continuing.
- 3. Four-week summer school classes for children aged 7-14 with practising artists.
- 4. Support of art instruction in local schools:
 - i. at Cayucos Elementary School: For many years paid for instructional materials; initiated support of a full time art teacher; worked with school foundation to take over the support of the art teacher; provide prizes annually in all grade levels for achievement in art. For some years sponsored school competition for design of float for town July 4 parade.
 - ii. at Coast Union High School:

 For many years have judged and provided prizes for the art program; in addition provide rwo scholarships for graduating seniors who will be pursuing careeers in some aspect of the arts.
- 5. Reception honoring featured artist for each show of the Cayucos Community Art Gallery.
- 6. Fundraisers that feature central coast artists. One example has been Wine/hors d'oeuvres reception accompanied by "paint-in" of a model or models throughout the afternoon by invited artists.

- 7. Participation in the annual Fourth of July town celebration with a float celebrating art and local artists.
- 8. Newsletter published eight times annually publicizing the Association's actvities, and carrying news of activities of the Cayucos Community Art Gallery and other local art events.
- 9. A website, "cayucosart.org" which publicizes Association and town art events amd provides links with other art websites.
- 10. Individual members volunteer for local art events including for the Cayucos Community Art Gallery.
- 11. Arrangement with public library for Cayucos artists to have the opportunity to hang their work giving library visitors a chance to become acquainted with various styles of painting.
- 12. An "Artchat", a one hour informal continuing conversation on any art-related topic at a local coffee shop.