



Los Altos Art Club

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475 Knoll Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024

February 2023 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Dues are Due

After two years of no dues, we're now collecting again: \$30/person/year; \$35/family. Pay at the meeting or mail a check to Isao Nojima at 475 Knoll Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024.

Next Meeting

February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Apricot Room in the Los Altos Community Center.

Contest Theme: "Color"
Refreshments will be provided.

Agenda:

Need Publicity Coordinator
Dues (\$30/person/year; \$35/family)
Competitions Discussion
Venues Report

February Demonstrator: Lisa Bauermeister talks about Fine Art Gourds

A self-taught artist, Lisa engaged in many forms of art. Unable to focus on just one, she referred to herself as a "Jack of all trades, master of none" artist. Then she met the Gourd... incredibly versatile, able to take stains, inks, and paint, grown in many shapes and varieties, and can be manipulated while growing. Her techniques include pyrography,



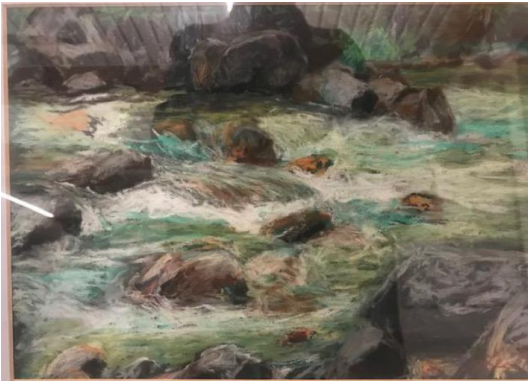
carving, metal leafing, stone inlay, filigree, staining, painting, weaving and much more. Come and watch her! [More at Lisa's website](#)

January meeting Report

Competition

The theme was Rocks and Water, and the winners were:

- First: (pastel by Wanda Lee)
- Second (tie): A Moment in Time (stained glass by Julia Kahan)
Yosemite (watercolor by Ellen Barker)



Venues

Four venues are currently active:

- Pompeii (downtown Los Altos)
- Urfa (downtown Los Altos)
- Pancake House (downtown Los Altos)
- Grant Park Senior Center (south Los Altos)

A sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting if you would like to hang art at any of these sites.

Several members offered to look for additional venues.

January Demonstrator

Our demonstrator was Karin Taber, a contemporary California artist. She brought examples of her work and talked about her techniques for using unusual materials (sand, makeup, foil) to enhance her acrylic representational paintings. Here, she discusses use of basic white glue. More about Karin at www.karintaber.com



Refreshments

Wanda Lee is our new Refreshments Chair. A new signup system has been implemented: please sign up for bringing refreshments by clicking [this link](#), Wanda will send you a reminder the week before the meeting. You can also sign up in person at each meeting.

Video Library

Isao Nojima has set up Google photos to store a video collection of monthly demonstrations. This is the first entry. Please click the link and make sure you can view the whole demonstration.

1/9/2023 Karin Taber: Abstract sea and landscape:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2nm9yJTvxcP4ZdK99>

Club Website

The Los Altos Art Club website is at www.losaltosartclub.com

To update or create your page on the members Gallery, email Leslie Grimm at grimmartclub@gmail.com

MEMBER ART NEWS

(send your news to ellen.barker@pacbell.net)

Diana Collins



“First Day of School” now hangs in the District Office of the Los Altos School District. Diana Ware Collins has been exhibiting with the Los Altos Art Club since 2004 but until 2020 was never able to find a wall large enough for her school bus painting. The LA Grant Park Senior Center had room and on March 1, 2020, the painting was hung with great anticipation. On March 2, 2020 the Senior center closed

for two years for the pandemic – painting never to be seen! When it re-opened Diana started looking for an area school where she could donate it. Diana had been a LA Art Docent for 10 years. Fortunately, Kimberly Dickerson, head of LA Art Docents knew of a good place. The LASD

District Office liked it - it was a perfect fit! On January 25, it was moved and hung. Congratulations, Diana!

Rona Foster's February Art Workshops

Abstract Cityscape with Acrylic

In this expressive and fun workshop paint an abstract landscape using acrylic paint, a palette knife, a drywall scraper and a brush. Using several layers of paint on top of each other, you'll get a highly textured and vibrant look. You'll also learn a glazing technique using a brush to apply the paint. There will be several demonstrations during the afternoon. Beginners or any skill level are welcome.



See www.RonaFoster.com for materials to bring.

Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto
Saturday, February 11, 1:30-4:30
\$100 pre-register. Plus \$10 for materials paid at workshop
To register: www.pacificartleague.org or 650-321-3891

Mixed Media Landscapes with Acrylic

Create a landscape using acrylic paint, color papers and varnish. In this workshop, open to all levels we'll play with a variety of ways to texture the canvas. Demonstrations will take place during the afternoon. Students can begin on practice boards or go directly to their canvas, where they can create an abstract, semi-abstract or realistic landscape. Most materials are supplied, including practice boards, paint, brushes, and colorful paper. Students need to bring two canvases no larger than 12"x16" and a scissors.



University Art, 2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City
Saturday, February 18, 1:30-4:30
Cost: \$100 pre-registration, Rona- 650-858-0589 or Paypal
under 'Send to a Friend' <https://Paypal.me/createart97>

LOCAL ART NEWS

Los Altos Hills Town Hall

At town hall on Fremont, through March: works of LAAC members and others. The group **Artists Beyond the Obvious** was founded 15 years ago by local women artists, who meet twice monthly to critique each other's work.



Los Altos History Museum

<https://www.losaltoshistory.org/>

New Permanent Exhibit: Grand Opening February 11

The inside of the museum has been closed for two years for construction of this exhibit, which opens this month. The public is invited to the grand opening of [Los Altos History Museum's](#) new Permanent Exhibition, "[Making Connections: Stories from the Land](#)," on [Saturday, February 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.](#) The exhibition delivers an immersive experience through expansive video walls, interactive touch screens and listening stations, and intriguing artifacts to tell the story of the people and events that shaped the area. More information and the schedule of opening activities can be found [here](#).

FabMo



Looking for inspiration? Fabric, paper, yarn, notions, tile, and more! [Click here](#) for details, and check out the calendar for in-person crafting, UFO, and other events:

[Events Calendar — FabMo](#). Appointments may be made on the [website](#) one week prior to the event.



Here is an [interesting article](#) on art and craft using wallpaper samples from FabMo.

ArtVentures

ArtVentures is a local group of artists, many of whom are LAAC members. Artists meet in person to work on their own projects and to encourage, critique, and commiserate with each other. A constantly changing selection of their work is displayed in the Senior Center at Hillview.

- **In Person:** Every Wednesday, drop in any time between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Apricot room of the Los Altos Community Center.
- **Zoom** on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. [Join Zoom Meeting.](#)
- See what ArtVenturers have been creating by clicking [here](#).



Doggie 3 by Sally Broberg

Local Galleries



315 State St., Los Altos
(650) 941-5789



Plein Air Works by Maura Carta

Dates: February 1 – 26, 2023

Meet the Artist:

Wednesday, February 1, 11:00-5:00

Friday, February 3, 11:00-8:00

Maura creates stunning oil paintings using observation to

create and curate on her canvas. Vibrant colors and her signature layering technique result in paintings with immense depth and glow. Spending her days year-round outside, painting California provides endless subjects and inspiration.



Gallery House

320 S. California Avenue
(Enter through Printers Cafe)
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Email: info@galleryhouse.art
Tel: (650) 326-1668

Current Show: First Light, through February 26.



Pacific Art League

Workshops

See the [PAL website](#) for a wide range of indoor, outdoor, and online classes and talks in February.

Call for **PHOTOGRAPHY**



Photography Exhibition

March 3 - 28, 2023

Submission deadline is February 6

Call to Artists is now open!

[CLICK](#) for submission details

gallery9 Los Altos

Gallery 9 Los Altos • 143 Main Street, Los Altos • gallery9losaltos.com
Tuesday - Saturday 11-5, Sunday 12-5

"Wide Open Waters"

Christine Oliver's watercolors will be on exhibit
February 1st - 28th

Watercolor paintings and seascapes by Sunnyvale artist Christine Oliver. Known for her vibrant watercolors, Christine brings to life iconic scenes that represent California and the Pacific Northwest.



Recommended by Our Members

University Art

Free lecture on Liquitex acrylics.

Saturday, February 25, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

To Register, contact Gloria Acevedo at gacevedo@universityart.com

Register soon..only 30 spots available!



Zoya Scholis Upcoming Classes

Feb 4th, 2023, Frida Kahlo Self-Portraits, Duende /Surrealism. \$150, at

University Art in Redwood City. To register: Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

Insight from [Cheap Joe's Art Stuff Blog.](#)

[The Best Tools for Painters](#)

To continue to evolve as a painter, you sometimes have to experiment with different painting tools to elevate your artistic style. Sometimes that means switching up your technique, and what better way to do so than by trying out some new painting tools? There are a ton of options out there, and it can get kind of overwhelming when you're trying to decide which ones to buy. So, we're going to talk about some of our favorite rubber painting tools! If you're interested in incorporating rubber tip tools into your painting process, [keep reading.](#)

Online Juried Shows

Want more opportunities to get your artwork out there?

[Click here](#) to see lots of local and national shows and competitions

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