



Los Altos Art Club

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February 2026 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Welcome New Members

Next Club Meeting

Monday, February 9, at 7 p.m.
Apricot Room

[Click to join by Zoom](#)

February Meeting Agenda

- Business: Venues, Refreshments, etc.
- Demonstrator Julia Foug

Julia Foug was born in San Francisco and came back to the Bay Area in 1983 to study design at the Academy of Art College. She worked as a graphic designer / art director for 35 years with clients such as Adobe, Informatica, Tom & Stacey Siebel Foundation, and Stanford Business School.

2026 Meeting Schedule

- February – **Julia Foug** (figurative & abstract- oil & acrylic)
- March—Demo
- April—Members

Meeting Reminder

- Bring one or two new works or works in progress to share during the break
- We need signups for refreshments in February, March, and April—click [LAAC Refreshment Signup](#).

January Meeting Report

Julia is working on new venues.

Three member artists presented: May, Rona, and Isao.



Past Demo Recordings

Did you miss a demo? Or want to go back and see how an artist achieved a certain effect? You can watch recordings of the 2023, 2024, and 2025 demos by clicking the links in [Appendix A](#) at the end of this newsletter.

Note: all links are on YouTube – search for **losaltosartclubdemo**.

Refreshments: Signup Link



To sign up or to check which dates you've volunteered for in 2026 and see who is signed up with you, click [LAAC Refreshment Signup](#).

Questions, email Carol at carolrivers@pacbell.net

Venues

Urfa and the Refillery are no longer venues for us. But **Julia has signed up a new venue: Barre 3 Exercise Studio** at 249 First Street in downtown Los Altos. Here is the link to sign up for all our current venues: [LAAC Venue sign up - Google Sheets](#)

PLEASE VISIT THE VENUE BEFORE HANGING so that you know what to expect and can plan your exhibit accordingly. Reminders and more information about hanging at venues are included in [Appendix B](#) at the end of this newsletter.

[Click this link](#) to see which venues have openings January through June, what size each venue wants, and other information. To sign up to exhibit, just type your name in the appropriate box; no need to save. You will get an email reminder when it's time to arrange the hanging. You can also sign up in person at LAAC meetings.

Send in pics of your venue hangings

Once you've hung your artwork, take a few pictures and send them to ellen.barker@pacbell – I'll include them in the next month's newsletter.

Kara Eberle's ethereal oils graced the walls at State Street Market in December, and Aileen's bright acrylics went up in early January.



MEMBER ART NEWS

We are here to support each other! Send your news to ellen.barker@pacbell.net

LAAC Membership

[Click here for the current roster of club members.](#) You can view but not edit the sheet. If you can't access the sheet or need to update data, contact Isao at isao.nojima@gmail.com.

Julia Kahan

Curious about stained glass? Julia teaches stained glass for beginners. Contact her at jorthomom@yahoo.com for details.



Rona Foster

Rona offers custom, one-on-one and small group classes at her studio. Contact her to discuss. Call (no text) her at 650-858-0589 or use the contact form on her [website](#): [Contact — Rona Foster](#).

Upcoming workshops

(all at Redwood City Parks & Recreation, Red Morton Center, 1120 Roosevelt Ave. in Redwood City)

Mixed Media Landscapes

Saturday, February 14, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Metal Leaf Mixed Media with Acrylic

Saturday, Feb. 28 1:30-4:30

Cost: \$100 includes some supplies

To register and see supply list, call Rona at 650-858-0589.

Learn how to apply metal leaf to your canvas. Mixed media techniques will be introduced and you'll be guided in



designing and collaging simple images, such as butterflies, birds, and flowers using colorful papers. More information at [Workshops — Rona Foster](#)

Mandala Art

Saturday, March 21, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Mixed Media Florals with Acrylic

Saturday, March 28, 1:30-4:30

Cost: \$100 includes some supplies

To register and see supply list, call Rona at 650-858-0589



Learn a variety of collage and painting techniques using acrylic paint and colorful paper. Create a floral design of your choice on canvas. More information at [Workshops — Rona Foster](#)

Pacific Art League Class

Abstract Cityscapes

Saturday, April 18, 1:30-4:30, cost \$100

Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto

To register: PacificArtLeague.org 650-321-3891

Paint an abstract cityscape using a palette knife, a drywall scrapper and brushes. This class offers the tools to bring your vision to life on canvas. Using several layers of paint you'll get a highly textured and vibrant look. You'll also be introduced to a glazing method. Through instructor-led demonstrations, individual exploration and experimentation by the end of the session you'll have a unique abstract cityscape that reflects your personal style. You'll leave with new techniques and inspiration. Once registered you'll receive a supply list.

LOCAL ART NEWS

Justice Vanguard—Last Call for Art

Donate black and white paintings of any kind, any size

Justice Vanguard is a civil rights education foundation founded in Los Altos by a young black Los Altan, Kenan Moos. His mother was a black

physician and his white father was born and raised in Los Altos. He grew up being challenged by police and authorities when he walked from his Los Altos Avenue home to his grandparents' home in Los Altos Hills. He was a scholar and soccer star at Yale. He was named Los Altan of the Year in 2022 for his work in making Black Lives Matter films and documentaries about black history and for his teaching of civil rights and black history at regional schools.

His foundation is having a fundraiser on February 21, 5-8 p.m. at Los Altos Community Center. At previous Justice Vanguard events, works of Black Panthers other black artists has been featured, as wells the films the foundation has made. The February 21st community event is **a fundraiser and will feature donated black and white work of local artists and photographers.**

Please contact local artist Karen Druker at kadruker@pacbell.net or 650-941-8073 if you have any work of any size that is black and white that you would like to donate to the fund raiser. Donations are tax deductible.

Los Altos Library

February Art Wall Exhibit

Belinda FC Lo's Oil Painting Exhibit will be on display at the Los Altos Library for the month of February, featuring vibrant and spirited depictions of Taiwan's landscapes and cultural heritage.



Silicon Valley Reads: Art With Drawn2Art

Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
or

Tuesday, March 03, 6:30pm–8:30pm

Join instructors from our local Drawn2Art studio for this fun Silicon Valley Reads-themed art program! An instructor will guide participants in the creation of a lovely watercolor pencil landscape. This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary.



[Watercolor Workshops for Adults](#)

**Friday, February 13, 11:00am–12:30pm
or 1 – 3 pm**

[Chinese Ink Painting](#)

February 27, 11 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

[Watercolor Workshops for Adults](#)

**Friday, March 13, 11:00am–12:30pm
or 1 – 3 pm**

[Sunday Crafternoons](#)

Sunday, February 15, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. in the Orchard Room

Relaxed crafting on the 3rd Sunday of every month. All ages.
Supplies are provided for you to explore a surprise art activity.

Future dates for Crafternoons:

February 15

March 15

April 19

For more future events, [click here.](#)

The library has all sorts of online resources including these online art classes. Enjoy at your leisure.

[Creativebug: Art & Craft Classes | Santa Clara County Library District](#)

Can't get to the library? Don't let that stop you from getting art books or any other books you want or need. The library will take the books to you. The Santa Clara County Library District Homebound Services program is a free library materials delivery service to SCCLD residents of all ages who are unable to visit a library because of temporary or long-term illness, injury, impairment, medical condition or disability. [Click here for more information.](#)

Los Altos Community Center

Community Center Beginning and Intermediate Painting Classes

[Click here for details.](#) Full disclosure, this website is a little hard to navigate.

Los Altos History Museum



10,000 Memories

Partition, Independence, and WWII in South Asia

Jan 29, 2026–May 24, 2026

Arts Los Altos



Latest in downtown outdoor art:

The newest mural, entitled [“Los Hills.”](#) was painted by San Francisco artist Brian Barneclo. The inspiration for this mural began with Barneclo’s hike around Redwood Grove and up to the top of the Jesuit Retreat Center. After the hike, and looking at a map of Los Altos, he began to envision painting the mural as a bird’s-eye view of a hill enclosing various shapes. As one looks at the mural, each shape on the hill, defined by bold white lines, represents a different segment of Los Altos, including residential neighborhoods, farmland and natural spaces. He calls the style of this mural, “pop-folk or folk-modern.”



First Friday walking tours run 5-6 pm monthly, meeting at the Mandahlia sculpture (169 State Street at 3rd). For a private group tour, email your preferred dates/times to tours@artslosaltos.org



FabMo

1240 Birchwood Drive, Suite 2
Sunnyvale

Next shopping dates: February 12-13-14

[Appointment registration opens February 4.](#)

Surface Embroidery (WK-SUR-0315)

\$45.00 (benefits Fabmo)

10:30 am to 12:30 pm Sunday, March 15

Jumpstart your creativity by learning a variety of embroidery stitch techniques on muslin fabric.



ArtVentures

ArtVentures is a drop-in open studio with an ever-changing set 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.



- **Join Us in Person:** Drop in any Wednesday, any time between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Apricot room of the Los Altos Community Center. Registration is not required, and it's free.
- See what ArtVenturers have been creating by clicking [here](#).

A constantly changing selection of their work is displayed in the Adult 50+ Center at Hillview. The latest collection is *Art with Squares*. Stop in for coffee and take a look.

Local Galleries



GALLERY HOUSE CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

826 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025
Wednesday - Sunday 11am to 5pm

Patricia Nojima's *The Hand*, at right:

Check the [gallery website](#) for more works and for the latest featured artist.



More here: [Exhibits — Pacific Art League](#)



Gallery 9 Los Altos • 143 Main Street, Los Altos • gallery9losaltos.com

Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5, Sunday 12 – 5

February 3 – March 1

In “When Light Turns to Memory” **Mami Weber’s** watercolors center on fleeting moments when light, memory, and presence quietly converge.



Opening Reception

Date: Friday, February 6

Time: 5 pm - 8 pm

One more reason to stroll around downtown during First Friday festivities.

Did you know? Gallery 9 gives back to the community by donating part of the proceeds in December 2025, to Los Altos Art Docents. The members of the cooperative art gallery are grateful for this opportunity to support the future of local art.

Los Altos Art Docents is a volunteer art program in the Los Altos school district that aims to foster a love for art among elementary school children by exposing them to a wide range of artistic styles and techniques.

Gallery 9 has been collaborating with the local Art Docents in many ways over the years. Most notably with the annual children’s art exhibit in the gallery, but also by participating in school events. This is the second time Gallery 9 has donated to Los Altos Art Docents in celebration of the future of art!



315 State St., Los Altos
(650) 941-5789
Gallery hours: Wed-Sun 11am-5pm

[Check the website for upcoming events.](#)

Recommended by Our Members

University Art

[See the full list of workshops here.](#) including classes by LACC member Rona Foster.

[Zoya Scholis Workshops](#)

Fee: \$150 each workshop

Questions and registration: contact: Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

Saturday, February 7, 10 am - 2:30 pm
Henri Matisse

Saturday, March 14
Georgia O'Keefe Zoomed-in Abstraction

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

[Fun Projects to Get You Out of an Art Rut](#)

Are you feeling a little stuck when it comes to creating lately? We've all been there. Sometimes, your brushes seem to weigh a ton, and your inspiration feels as dried up as that old tube of paint in the back of your drawer. Every artist, no matter how seasoned, hits a rut now

and then. But the good news is that a little inspiration and a fresh approach can help bring you out of an art rut.

[Check out years and years of advice and inspiration at Cheap Joe's.](#)

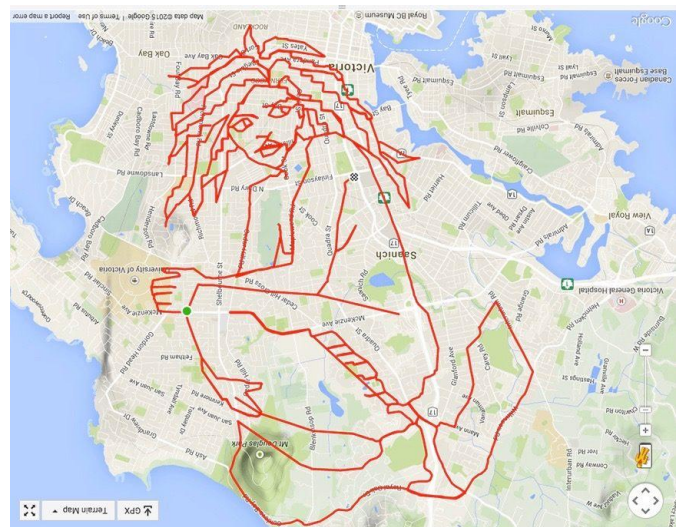
Opportunities to get your artwork out there

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

One Last Click for February

If anyone tries this (walking would work as well as bicycling), send the result to ellen.barker@pacbell.net and we'll share them in next month's newsletter.

[AGPS Doodles Turn Your Workout Into an Art Project - Atlas Obscura](#)



Please send newsletter comments, complaints, and contributions to ellen.barker@pacbell.net

APPENDIX A

Past Demo Recordings

2025

11/11/25 – Mansi creates a little token

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=3ozFAS-wuCeEljNY&v=Q4tG5CI9Lfo&feature=youtu.be>

6/9/25 – May Shei, painted Peony with Chinese brush painting.

https://youtu.be/bfJR_4d6GKQ

05/15/25 – Karen Olsen, Watercolor Techniques

<https://youtu.be/k7STI-RXI3A>

4/14/25 – Rona Foster's Still Lifes and Anil Sawe's Seascapes

<https://youtu.be/kcCLgkvHkTQ>

03/10/2025 – Ria Sharma, Pastels

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wU_vNLMoPA

2024

11/04/2024 - Michelle McCune, Wildlife Painting in Oils

https://youtu.be/HulbrpGOG_8?si=fFkuA_NZr9HOLIt5

10/08/2024 – Dotty Calabrese, Weaver

https://youtu.be/kAWn4sa_o_g

5/13/2024 – Lonnie Zarem, Encaustic wax

<https://youtu.be/hgCHZdK6m5w>

4/8/2024 – Ria Krishnan, Oil painting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkZBiGjqg6E>

3/11/2024 – Eric Greenhut, Watercolor (Member Presentations)

<https://youtu.be/Qtir1uNdIJl>

2/12/2024 – Rafael DeSoto, Watercolor

<https://youtu.be/yoRRtKraB6w>

1/8/2024 – Richard Becker, Acrylic Landscape

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVoQFR8HzXY>

2023

10/2/2023 – Rajashree Dokras Painting on silk.

<https://youtu.be/K819PzWVaI8>

6/10/23 Loic Maltais Portrait from live model

<https://youtu.be/gv7ot00tOJ8>

4/10/23 Vineha Bat Shenoy - Pyransky art on eggshells and other things

<https://youtu.be/kp5MZbADcl0>

3/13/23 Denise Howard – colored pencil and graphite

<https://youtu.be/JRhch78srEA>

2/13/23 Lisa Bauermeister – Fine Art Gourds

<https://youtu.be/Onrx2U1QjMc>

1/9/2023 Karin Taber

Abstract sea and landscape

<https://youtu.be/HsQDLsxufkc>

Earlier

9/9/19 Stacey Nussbaum – colorful, textural California landscapes done in pastel.

<https://youtu.be/qukC-2DmMrA>

APPENDIX B

Venue Reminders

Guidelines for signing up at all venues

- An artist cannot sign up for the same venue two times consecutively.
- An artist cannot sign up for more than one venue at a time
- Exceptions will be made if we have empty slots on the schedule within a few days of the art exchange date – contact Julia.

Reminder about Sales

- For each sale through a club venue, please send 10% to LAAC, c/o Isao Nojima (treasurer), 475 Knoll Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024.

Tags at Venues

- [Click this link](#) to open a pdf and print the official tags (print them on card stock if you can, otherwise printer paper is fine). You can fill them in by hand or electronically.

- Artwork must display the official LAAC tag next to each artwork
- Prices should be included if the piece is for sale (otherwise, put “not for sale” on the tag)
- Make sure your contact information is legible and correct
- Printed tags can also be picked at our club meetings