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May 2023 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: May 3, 2023

CLUB NEWS

Dues and Badges

\$30/person/year; \$35/family. Pay at the meeting or mail a check to Isao Nojima at 475 Knoll Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024. For all paid members, Isao makes new name badges to wear at meetings (and other events if you like).

Next Meeting

May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Apricot Room in the Los Altos Community Center.

May Meeting Agenda

Business Report

Committee Reports

Refreshments

Member Art: Aileen Trant and Germaine Decker

Note: Beginning in May, "Member Art" replaces our usual demonstration and competition **at every third meeting**, as a means of supporting each other as artists. We will schedule a couple of members who would like to talk about their works and encourage other members to bring any work they would like to share in an informal way, even works in process. Members can ask for advice or encouragement when "stuck". No need to mat or frame these casual shares. Gentle critiques are encouraged,

so we can learn from one another. The share nights will NOT be recorded. Join us to participate, enjoy the art, and discuss the frequency and format of continuing this practice, and the practice of continuing to have competitions on the nights we have a demonstrator. A review of past records shows that there has been an increasing number of participants in the contests, but many “ties” receiving one vote each.

April Meeting Report

Competition

The theme was Collage, and the winners were:

- First: “Hand-Painted Papers Collage” by Rona Foster (shown at right)
- Second: “Bouquet” by Carol Rivers
- Third (tie): “Cyclone” by Lenora Valainis and “Competition You Guess” by Donna Keiffer



April Demonstrator: Vineha Bat Shenoy
Pyransky art! On eggshells and other things.
See Instagram photos and videos of Vineha (@starrykites)
Or Etsy: StarryKites - Etsy

You can watch a recording of the demo (and other 2023 demos here:

4/10/23 X – Ukraine egg paint demo
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/SAGzKgQhaSv3UnGD8>



3/13/2023 Denise Howard – Techniques with colored pencil
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4wwKuLkbbYN5SUaK8>

2/13/2023 Lisa Bauermeister – Fine art gourds
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/estsRDGnKbBXo6t2A>

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

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

Refreshments

Wanda Lee is our Refreshments Chair. Sign up to provide 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.

Venues

Julia Kahan is now serving as Venue Chair. We are displaying at four locations, typically for two months at a time. [Click this link](#) to see which venues have openings in future months and to sign up to exhibit. You can also sign up in person at LAAC meetings.

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)

Tags

- 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
- [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)
- Beginning in May, tags will be available at our club meetings

Reminder about Sales

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

LAAC Membership

Click the link below to view 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.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SmW0GiWWPBolSmxvtQw7AE-un81fO7ejDFX39ekunGk/edit?usp=sharing>

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

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

Wanda Lee

Three of Wanda's pastel paintings were on exhibit in Atherton at Holbrook Palmer Park with fellow plein air painters as well as other artists, April 29th and 30th. The show was entitled "Seasons." For more information about the Atherton Art Foundation (classes, exhibitions, and events), visit [Home | Atherton Arts Foundation](#).

Isao and Patricia Nojima

Isao and Patricia will participate in Silicon Valley Open Studios on the second weekend, May 13 and 14, at their home 475 Knoll Drive, Los Altos. They will also be hosting Kathy Schuyler, Nance Wheeler, and Paul Zander (for Cathy Zander).

Rona Foster

Maker Nexus: Rona's piece "Cityscape" was displayed in the pre-show exhibit at [Maker Nexus](#) (a nonprofit community makerspace), 1330 Orleans Dr. Sunnyvale.

SVOS: Rona is hosting a group of thirteen artists for the second and third weekends of SVOS, site 96.



See the flier at the end of this newsletter for more information on the entire group.

Classes: And watch for Rona's new workshops coming in October. www.RonaFoster.com for details.

LOCAL ART NEWS

Arts Los Altos

The latest Los Altos public art installations are in! See this one from the parking lot between San Antonio and Main Street, on the back patio of Tao Palo (149 Main Street).



This sculpture is on Edith Avenue in the space between Los Altos Avenue and Foothill Expressway. It is a spinning piece with four panels showing an apricot tree in each of the four seasons. This photo, taken from the sidewalk on Edith, shows the spring panel.



Silicon Valley Open Studios

SVOS is scheduled for the first three weekends of May, with more than 300 artists participating. LAAC members participating include Isao and Patricia Nojima at their home May 13 and 14, and Rona Foster (first two weekends) – she will also be hosting other artists. See the two fliers at the end of this newsletter for more information on participating members.



Los Altos History Museum

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

New Permanent Exhibit

The [Los Altos History Museum's](https://www.losaltoshistory.org/) new Permanent Exhibition, "[Making Connections: Stories from the Land](#)," is now open. 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 can be found [here](#).

Los Altos Hills Town Hall

Former LAAC member Rachel Tirosh's solo art exhibit "An Artist's Playground" is on display through September 2023 at Los Altos Hills Town Hall. The exhibit is open during Town Hall business hours.



Artist reception: Sunday, May 14, 2 – 5 p.m.; free and open to the public.

Artist-led tour of exhibit: Saturday, August 12, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; free and open to the public.

FabMo



Whether you work in textiles, tile, leather or paper, come to FabMo, find your treasures, and keep valuable materials out of the landfill. Every year FabMo rescues approximately 70 tons of discontinued designer samples such as fabric, wallpaper, tile, and carpet and makes them available to the creative community for reuse. [Click here](#) for details, and check out the calendar for in-person crafting, UFO, and other events: [Events Calendar — FabMo](#). This month's shopping days are May 11 – 13 and May 25 – 27. Appointments may be made on the [website](#) one week prior to the event.

Extreme Crochet Creativity

FabMo fiber artists might want to take a look at the fascinating work of Mulyana, "an Indonesian artist known for his colorful crocheted worlds of fun characters inspired by the television shows of his youth." Click [here](#) to learn about his interest in Batik textiles and also his creative process when it comes to designing and fabricating his fanciful and fascinating worlds.



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. AND IT'S FREE!

At right, Diane's latest, "The Emergency Fruit."

- **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 is taking a break. Email Lenora.valainis@gmail.com or bxymay@yahoo.com if you are interested in future Zooms
- See what ArtVenturers have been creating by clicking [here](#).



Sunnyvale Library: Angelo Lopez

Humorist acrylic paintings by artist Angelo Lopez are now on display at the library, 665 W. Olive Avenue

Dates: through May 14, 2023

Mon - Thu: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Fri - Sat: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sun: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Contact: angelolopez@yahoo.com



Angelo also made a YouTube video of the exhibit, which you can view here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-q4DG7mDnw>. It's five and a half minutes long, and amusing. Worth watching!

Local Galleries



Gallery House

320 S. California Avenue

(Enter through Printers Cafe)

Palo Alto, CA 94306

Email: info@galleryhouse.art

Tel: (650) 326-1668

Current Show: On a Clear Day, May 3 through June 25.



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

May Exhibit

"Habitats" by Annie Haines

Show Dates: May 3rd –28th, 2023

Reception: Friday, May 5th 5-8pm
Meet the Artist Dates: May 14th and
21st 11am-5pm

The May show features all new mixed media works inspired California landscapes. This exhibition features a fresh new abstracted take on California habitats, including native plants and tidepools. Through abstraction, Annie conveys the energy and transcendent elements of the landscape that are difficult to depict using traditional methods. The result is a collection of works that reveal the breathtaking beauty and energy of California's wild spaces, as well as Annie's own vibrant and distinctly expressive style. For more information, please see www.viewpointsgallery.com or Annie's website www.anniehainesart.com



Two new calls for art at PAL, both deadlines May 5. Click the Submit buttons to read each prospectus. I know a lot of you have some cool animal art!

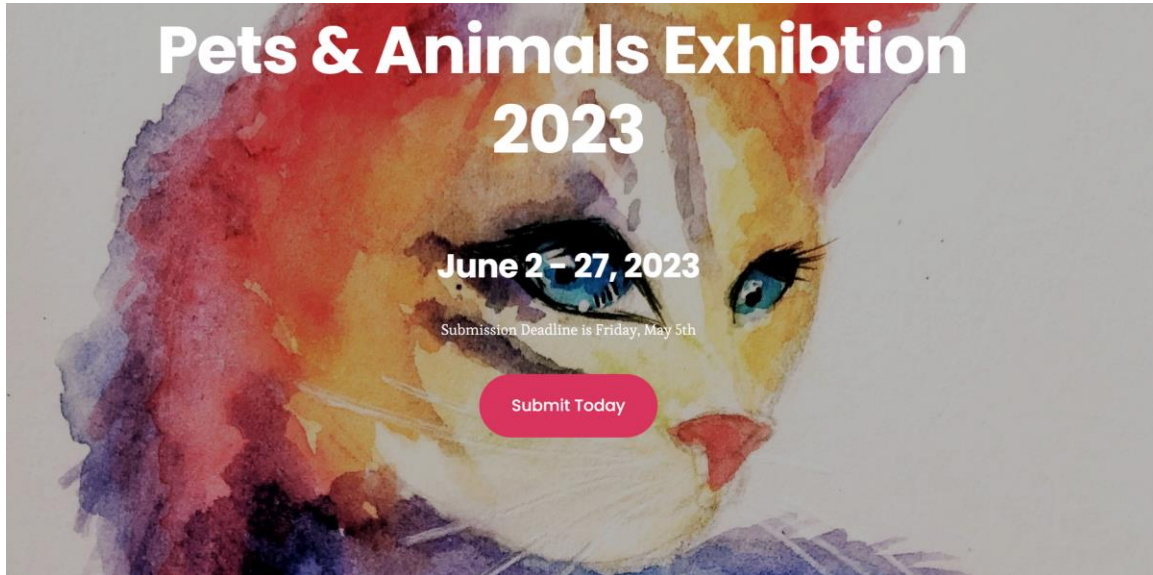
Pop Art Exhibition 2023

June 2 – 27, 2023

Submission Deadline is Friday, May 5th

Submit Today





Workshops

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



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

Visit the gallery to see the latest.

Recommended by Our Members

University Art

[Enter the UArt Open](#)

University Art invites you to enter our

15th Annual Open Art Competition & Exhibition & High School Emerging Artists Competition

for Artists in Northern California

University Art's "UArt Open" is an annual art competition and exhibition held to promote the arts and to showcase outstanding work in a variety of media from artists, and emerging high school artists, all over the Bay Area and Sacramento. Visit universityart.com/events/2023-uart-open/

for more information and a link to sign up!

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



Find Out How Different Watercolor Supplies Work

Posted April 10, 2023 in Watercolor, Product Information

Numerous tools can be used to create breathtaking watercolor paintings, but if you're new to the medium, you might be unfamiliar with some of the supplies. Tools like watercolor pencils and watercolor paper can play an important role in getting ...

[Read More >](#)

Zoya Scholis

Stain Painting Workshop

Helen Frankenthaler (1928 – 2011) was an American Abstract expressionist and color field painter. She made large format, (often raw) canvas stain-paintings of simplified abstract compositions. Her style is notable in its emphasis on spontaneity. In this workshop, we will use fluid shapes, abstract masses, and gesture to create original compositions. Frankenthaler herself stated, "A really good picture looks as if it's happened at once." Make as many as 3 paintings in one day! For materials list and questions, contact Zoya at Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

Date: Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Please send fee (\$150) by check to Zoya at
1876 Harding St., Seaside, CA 93955
or use [PayPal](#).

Class size limited to 9 participants
Workshop location: University Art
2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City



Online Juried Shows

Want more opportunities to get your artwork out there?

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

The Last Click for this Month's News

Just for fun, take a look at my friend Renee Knight's show: [Renee Knight Art – St. Marys Station Gallery \(stmarysstationgallery.ca\)](#)

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

Newsletter Bonus: Rona's SVOC Flier and Isao and Patricia's flier.



You're Invited to Open Studios 2023
Weekend 2, **May 13 – 14**
Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm
www.svos.org

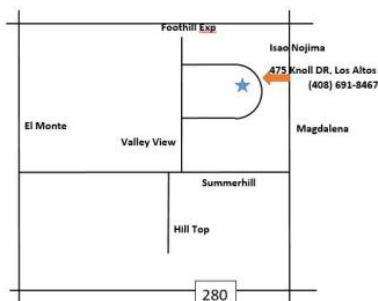


Site #124
475 Knoll Dr.
Los Altos, CA

*Five Artists at
one easy-to-
find location!*

*An outdoor
event*

*Chat with the
artists in
person.
Discover how
and why they
make their art.*



Isao Nojima (watercolor)

Patricia Nojima (watercolor)

Kathy (Sky) Schuyler (mosaics)

Nance Wheeler (acrylics)

Paul (for Cathy) Zander
(various mediums)

**SILICON VALLEY
OPEN
STUDIOS**

2 WEEKENDS!

WEEKEND 2- MAY 13-14 11-AM-5PM

WEEKEND 3- MAY 20-21 11-AM-5PM

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