



Los Altos Art Club

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December 2025 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: TBD

CLUB NEWS

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New Member

Welcome to the club, Shankar Ramamoorthy! We hope to see you soon.

Next Club Meeting

Holiday Party! December 8 at 6 p.m.
If you haven't already RSVPd, contact isao.nojima@gmail.com by **Dec. 1.**

Meeting Reminders

The holiday party is at 6 p.m., an hour earlier than our usual meeting time.

2026 Meeting Schedule

- January – Member Presentation (contact Rona at ronasuef@gmail.com if you can present)
- February – Julia Foug

December Meeting Agenda

- Announcements
- Thank yous
- Dinner

November Meeting Report

Mansi (pronounced: Maan-see), is a writer, artist and creator of [The RIPPLE Practice™](#). She told us how it works – it's messy, it's fun, and it's all about connecting with others. If you missed it, you can see the demo [here](#), and [check out her podcasts](#).



1Mansi works on a token

LAAC's Library Show

Huge thanks to **Julia Kahan** for arranging the November show, and to **Eric Greenhut** for overseeing the hanging.

Sixteen club members participated: Rona Foster, Isao Nojima, Ellen Barker, Wanda Lee, Christine Oliver, Aileen Trant, Yukie Kikida, Olga Collart, Eric Greenhut, Karen Olsen, Lei Yuan, Charlotte Montgomery, Eimei Onaga, Tracy Wu, and Jane Yuan.





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

Congratulations to Carol Garliepp who sold four paintings at the Main Street Market!



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.

Support our venues!

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.

Eimei Onaga



Eimei recently joined other LAAC members (including Isao and Patricia Nojima) as a member of Gallery House in Menlo Park. He is Japanese-born artist whose paintings explore the quiet connections between nature, memory, and music through watercolor and acrylic.

Julia Kahan

Julia has a show from December 11 to January 5 at Mirada Art on Main in Half Moon Bay. The artist's



reception is December 13. Mirada Art is at 355 Main Street and is open Thursday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Rona Foster

Rona will be at the second annual **Bol Park caroling and craft fair** on Sunday, December 7 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The park is at 3590 Laguna Ave in Palo Alto. Rona will be there with pottery, greeting cards and a few small paintings.

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)

Acrylic Painting Techniques

Saturday, January 10, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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](#)



LOCAL ART NEWS

Justice Vanguard Call for Art

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

[Art Brings Us Together Exhibit](#)

December 1 – 30

The pieces for this exhibit are from Drawn2Art's 20th Anniversary Art Show and are all original artwork from its students.



[Adult Watercolor Workshop: Winter Wonderland Animals](#)

Friday, December 12, 11:00am–12:30pm or 1 – 2:30 p.m.

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Friday, December 12, 1:00pm–2:30pm

[Sunday Crafternoons](#)

Sunday, December 21, 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:

January 18

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

Display your work at the Community Center in 2026



**Deadline to submit:
Friday, January 2**

Artwork must be available for display at the Los Altos Community Center from Monday, February 9, through Friday, July 31, 2026.

Full details, requirements, and the link to submit are here: [Call for Art: Around the World in Los Altos | Los Altos, CA](#)

My Illustrated Poem Exhibit

This art-plus-poetry exhibit is still on display in the long hall between the senior center and the main lobby. LAAC members exhibiting include Charleen Montgomery, Carol Rivers, Aileen Trant, Lenora Valainis, May Xu, and Ellen Barker.

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



Coming in January:
**10,000 Memories
Partition, Independence, and WWII in South Asia**
Jan 29, 2026–May 24, 2026

Arts Los Altos



Latest in downtown outdoor art:

Local artist **Morgan Bricca** transformed a white wall into a colorful Wayne Thiebaud-inspired work of art on the front of the new GK Pastry shop on Main Street. Read about it here: [Pie in the Sky, Morgan Bricca — Arts Los Altos](#)



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: December 11 – 13

[Heart Embroidery Appliqué with Lindsay \(WK-HRT-0125\) — FabMo](#)

\$55.00 (benefits FabMo)

Sunday, January 25, 10 am to 2 pm

Ring in the new year by learning how to make a lovely embroidered heart.



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 *Warp and Weft, Woven Images*. Stop in for coffee and take a look.

Bol Park Caroling and Craft Fair

Stop by second annual Bol Park caroling and craft fair Sunday, December 7 from 2-5. 3590 Laguna Ave, Palo Alto. Rona Foster will be there with her pottery, greeting cards and a few small paintings.



Local Galleries



GALLERY HOUSE
CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

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

Holiday Reception

Friday, December 5, 6-8 p.m.

Special, once-a-year offer: a 20% holiday discount.



Gallery House Holiday Show

The show is now open, featuring a joyful collection of original 12" x 12" works by 20 talented local artists. From vibrant paintings and photography to unique mixed-media creations, each piece captures the warmth and creativity of the season.

You'll also find a festive Holiday Gift Table filled with handcrafted treasures-small sculptures, cards, jewelry, and other artful surprises-perfect for thoughtful, locally made gifts.

Other Gallery House News

Barbara Brown, a long-time member and gifted ceramic artist, passed away recently. She was a beloved part of Gallery House for many decades – a teacher, a mentor, and a dear friend to many.

Two new artists have joined Gallery House: LAAC member **Eimei Onaga**, a Japanese-born artist whose paintings explore the quiet connections between nature, memory, and music through watercolor and acrylic, and **Anne Pegolotti**, abstract painter.

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



104th Anniversary & Exhibition Fundraiser

Group Exhibition
November 14 - January 13

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



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Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5. Sunday 12 – 5

Holiday Group Show



A Few of Our Favorite Things December 2 – 24



Opening Reception First Friday, December 5 Time: 5 pm - 8 pm



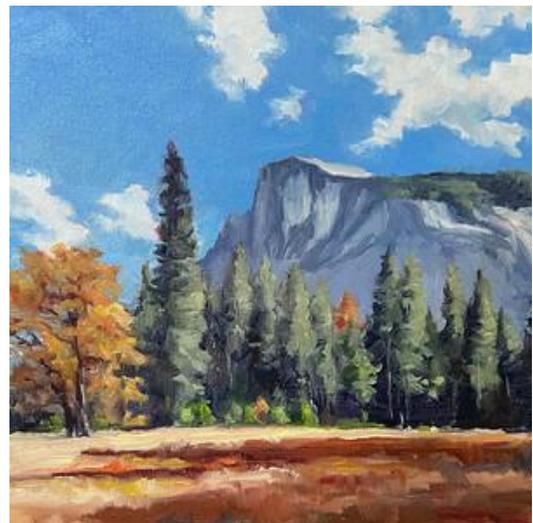
VIEWPOINTS GALLERY

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

“Mountain Song” by Julia Munger Seelos

Show dates:
December 3 – 28

Artist Reception:
First Friday, December 5th 5-8 pm



Recommended by Our Members

Zoya Scholis Workshops

"Fix It"

Saturday, Dec 6, from 10:00-2:30

Fee: \$100

University Art in Redwood City

Bring the paintings you are struggling to finish and have experienced eyes evaluate your work. You will need to bring your painting supplies and two or three unfinished paintings of any size.

Questions and registration: contact: Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com



University Art



Tricks of the Trade is a section on the UArt website. Everything from the wacky to formal drawing techniques. This works for almost any

holiday:

[Glitter & Shimmer & Shine...Oh My! - University Art](#)



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



Your Guide to Choosing the Perfect Paint Palette

Choosing the right paint palette is one of the most important decisions you'll make as an artist. It's where your paints live, mix, and come to life—ready to burst onto your canvas. But with the wrong palette, your paints can dry out or become a mess

[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.

An Art Carrier You Already Own

Always struggling to carry your paintings to shows, venues, and LAAC meetings? Check your closet for that garment bag you aren't using for travel at the moment.



Two (or more) 16 x 20 pieces fit easily into a standard bag. Zip it up, fold it, and off you go

One Last Click for December

It's gift-making season. Here are last-minute [ideas from Journey Art Stuff](#) for things to *give* artists.

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-wuCeEIjNY&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/Qtir1uNdIJI>

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