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# Los Altos Art Club

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## November 2024 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: October 30, 2024

## CLUB NEWS

### Next Club Meeting

Monday, November 4 at 7 p.m. in the  
Apricot room

#### Agenda

Business Meeting  
Library Art Wall  
Committee reports  
Holiday Party news  
Member Sharing  
Demonstrator

Note that this month only the  
meeting is the FIRST  
Monday of the month.  
Please bring one or two  
pieces of 2024 art to share  
during the break.

Our November demonstrator is Michelle McCune, a  
wildlife painter & photographer who is also a  
veterinarian and conservationist. Join us on November  
4 to meet Michelle and learn more about her art. More  
about Michelle: [michellemccunedvm.com](http://michellemccunedvm.com)



#### Zoom Link for November meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88498067511?pwd=oPN1b5TOCDBOhkC8yUR2H90KG6upHj.1>

### 2024 Meeting Schedule

- November: Meeting will be held on the first Monday of the month (November 4) instead of the second Monday because the community center is closed for a holiday
- December: Holiday Dinner

You can sign up for a member presentation for any future meeting at this link: [LAAC Demo Schedule 2024 - Google Sheets](#)

## October Meeting Report

### October Demonstrator: Dotty Calabrese , Weaver



Donna holds an M.A. degree in education, specializing in art education, from Stanford. She has been a professional weaver for 50 years and a polymer clay artist for 35 years. She has taught hand weaving, natural dye, and polymer clay.

More on her website: [dottycalabrese.com](http://dottycalabrese.com)

If you missed the meeting, click here: [https://youtu.be/kAWn4sa\\_o\\_g](https://youtu.be/kAWn4sa_o_g).

## Past Demo Recordings

Did you miss a demo? Or want to go back and see how a particular artist achieved a certain effect? You can watch recordings of the 2023 and 2024 demos at the links below.

Note: Isao has shifted these to YouTube, and you can also find them there by searching for **losaltosartclubdemo**.

### 2024

10/08/2024 – Dotty Calabrese, Weaver

[https://youtu.be/kAWn4sa\\_o\\_g](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>

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## Refreshments: Signup Link

The 2024 schedule is full – THANK YOU!. To check which dates you've volunteered for and see who is signed up with you, click [LAAC Refreshment Signup](#). The 2025 signup sheet will be posted later this year.

Questions, contact Wanda at [wandamlee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wandamlee@sbcglobal.net)

## Library Art Wall – November Show



The LAAC show is live! Stop by the main library to see the exhibit. Twenty members are exhibiting. Thanks to all who are participating, especially Julia Kahan, who organized the show.

## Venues

### We have Openings!

[Click this link](#) to see which venues have openings, 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.

### Guidelines for sign 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 during a time period
- 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

Support our venues!

### 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

## 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](mailto:isao.nojima@gmail.com).

# MEMBER ART NEWS

We are here to support each other! Send your news to [ellen.barker@pacbell.net](mailto:ellen.barker@pacbell.net)

## Christine Oliver

### Aegis Gallery of Fine Art, "Viva la Mexico!"

4531 Big Basin Way (Hwy 9) in Saratoga

October 30th through November 24th

Artist Reception Saturday, November 2, from 4 to 7 p.m.



Christine is exhibiting a solo show inspired by a trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico two years ago to celebrate Dia de Los Muertos or Day of the Dead, when citizens honor their ancestors and departed family members. The entire city is decorated with bright orange marigolds around every doorway and skeletons of all sizes and shapes to kick off the festivities which take place each year on November 2nd. Christine has created 25 new acrylic paintings from photographs from her trip.

### "More the Merrier" show at ARK Art Gallery in San Jose

Opening reception is Friday, November 1, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The show runs through Saturday, December 7

Art Ark Gallery - 1035 S Sixth St, San Jose, CA 95112

Closing Reception is Friday, December 6, from 6 to 9 p.m.

## May Xu, Wanda Lee, Charlotte Montgomery, Vivian Levitt

Four club members have paintings in the "Life in Los Altos" show at the Los Altos Community Center. The show is on exhibit through March 2025.



Light and Space  
by May Xu



Los Altos Art Sculptures  
by Charlotte Montgomery



On Orange Avenue  
by Wanda Lee



DeMartini Orchard  
by Vivian Levitt



## 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](#)

### Rona's fall classes:

#### Fall Birch Trees with Acrylic

Saturday, Nov. 16, 1:30-4:30

University Art, 2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City

#### Metal Leaf Mixed Media with Acrylic

Saturday, Nov. 23, 1:30-4:30

Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto

### Rona at the Artisans' Bazaar

Visit Rona booth at the Artisans' Bazaar in Palo Alto on November 2 and 3.

J. Haynes

L. Maki

J. Rufaro

M. Mann

K. Bonte

G. Hausmann

**ARTISANS' BAZAAR**  
Celebrating Local Artists at  
First Congregational Church of Palo Alto  
1985 Louis Road - corner of Embarcadero Rd.  
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024  
10:00-4:00  
Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024  
11:00-3:00  
M. Robinson

# LOCAL ART NEWS

## Los Altos Library

### LAAC Exhibit through November 27

(Reminder to members who are exhibiting: Please remove your artwork on November 27 between 9 and 10 a.m.)

### Upcoming Art Workshops for Adults

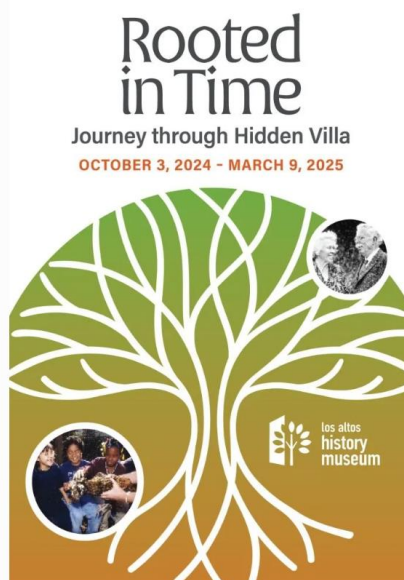
- Paint Party for Adults and Teens on Wednesday, November 13
- Watercolor workshops on multiple dates
- Draw and color an orchid using pastels on November 20

[Click here for details and to register.](#)

### Sunday Crafternoon events

A surprise craft every month on third Sundays! These crafts are for all ages; adults, teens, and children are all welcome. It's a time to relax with your friends, family, and community.

## Los Altos History Museum



### Rooted in Time

#### Journey through Hidden Villa

Oct 3, 2024–Mar 9, 2025

#### *Main Gallery*

Explore the rich history of Hidden Villa, tracing its roots from its earliest inhabitants to its historic landmarks, and the people who brought it to life. A century later, Frank and Josephine Duveneck left a lasting legacy on this land. Their spirit and ambitious mission continue through the ongoing work of the Hidden Villa Trust.

## Arts Los Altos



### Walking Tours

Every first Friday at 5 p.m. Meet at Mandahlia sculpture at 169 State Street (across from the State Street Market). And get a free copy of the new and improved Art Map. Walking tours last about one hour, and then you can enjoy the First Friday Festivities, with lively bands on most corners downtown.



To sign up and for more information about Arts Los Altos, visit [www.ArtsLosAltos.org](http://www.ArtsLosAltos.org). From this link, you can also download and print a map of all the downtown art or download the app to take the tour on your own.

## San Mateo County Art on the Square Holiday Show

November 23  
2200 Broadway, Redwood City





## FabMo



1240 Birchwood Drive, Suite 2 Sunnyvale

**FabMo will next be open for In-Person shopping November 7-9.**

Lots of cool stuff for holiday decorations and gifts. Tons of glitz and sparkle. [Click here](#) for this month's in-person shopping days and special events. Appointments are required before noon and recommended all day. Drop-ins are welcome as space allows. You may make an appointment [here](#) one week prior to the event date.

Check out the [FabMo Facebook page](#) to see what special focus items might be available this month. Your purchases and generous donations are the source of funding to allow Fabmo to continue offering this service.

Volunteer for fun and a sneak preview for new material as it arrives. [More information and signups for many different tasks here.](#)

## **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. A constantly changing selection of their work is displayed in the Senior Center at Hillview. Everyone (over age 50) is welcome AND IT'S FREE!

Stop in the Senior Center for coffee and take a look at the latest ArtVentures group project.

- **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 not required, and it's free.
- See what ArtVenturers have been creating by clicking [here](#).

## Local Galleries



### [Gallery House](#)

826 Santa Cruz Avenue  
Menlo Park  
Hours: Wednesday through Sunday  
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



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GALLERY HOUSE  
HOMECOMING

GRAND OPENING RECEPTION

6 - 8 PM

Door Prize

Our new show "In The Moment" on view Nov 6 to Jan 5 2025  
in our new home in Menlo Park  
826 Santa Cruz Avenue

## Pacific Art League

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



## November

### 103rd Anniversary Exhibit

Forest & Ramona Gallery

November 8th - January 14th



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

### **“Birding 2024” new works by Floy Zittin**

Show Dates: October 30th-December 1st, 2024

Reception: Friday, November 1st 5-8pm

Meet the Artist Days: Saturday, November 9th and 16th 11am-5pm



gallery9  
Los Altos

Gallery 9 Los Altos • 143 Main Street, Los Altos • [gallery9losaltos.com](http://gallery9losaltos.com)

Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5, Sunday 12 – 5

### **Susan Grabowski: All About the Light**



October 29th – December 1<sup>st</sup>

This show is a curated selection of works in oil, acrylic, and gouache, all with the focus on how light both creates the composition and informs the color. Grabowski works both in her San Mateo studio and outdoors (en plein air) from California to Maine.

## Recommended by Our Members

### Zoya Scholis



#### Workshops

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

Classes fill up fast, so register early.

Special event: **FIX - IT**

Saturday, Dec 7, 2024, from 10-2:30

Registration required (\$100)

### University Art

#### [Classes and Workshops](#)

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Online!

Spoiler Alert: Denise Howard won  
First Prize

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

#### [Painting Ideas for Fall](#)

Whether you're a seasoned artist or just looking for a fun, creative way to celebrate the season, fall offers endless inspiration.

We're here to help you explore a variety of fall painting ideas that will bring the warmth, richness, and vibrancy of autumn into your artwork.





## Online Juried Shows

Want more opportunities to get your artwork out there?

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

## One Last Click

What were they thinking? Fifteen wild art installations, by Banksy, Christo, and others. Click below for the 16-minute video.



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