



Los Altos Art Club

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April 2026 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Welcome to Our Newest Member

Elena Krasnoperova

Next Club Meeting

Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m.
Apricot Room

[Click to join by Zoom](#)

Meeting Reminder

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

790 Arroyo

April Meeting Agenda

- Business: Venues, Refreshments, etc.
- Demonstrator: **Member Presentation: Elena Krasnoperova**

A member presentation can be:

- A retrospective or your work
- Technique demonstration
- Virtual tour of your studio
- Anything you dream up!
- Email Rona at ronasuef@gmail.com to volunteer or ask questions



2026 Meeting Schedule

- April—Member presentation with Elena Krasnoperova
- May—Barbara Cronin, Gel Painting

- June—Julia Munger Seelos, California Plein Air Art
- July—Annual Potluck
- August—Annual Break (no meeting or newsletter)

March Meeting Report

Inna Zatulovsky gave us an overview of her modern interpretation of Japanese Oshibana Art. She described using found using natural objects—often petals and leaves from her own yard—and other materials, sometimes from Fabmo, to create colorful and intriguing works of art. She also showed us some of her equipment and shared techniques and materials.



Inna is a member of ArtBias in San Carlos. See more about ArtBias and Inna's art here <http://www.artbias.org>. ArtBias is open to the public on the first Sunday of each month from noon to 4 p.m.

Watch Isao's recording of Inna here <https://youtu.be/7Z4rdfKZk-A>, and click to [see more here](#).

Four members shared recent work during the break: Eric Greenhut (watercolor), Wanda Lee (pastel), Tracy Wu (cat portrait), and Christine Oliver (watercolor):



Past Demo Recordings

Did you miss a demo? Watch recordings of the demos from the last four years 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

Our newest venue is **Barre 3** Exercise Studio at 249 First Street in downtown Los Altos. This is a great venue if you don't think you have enough to hang at a large venue like State Street Market. The owner does request that the art be similarly framed to present a consistent, professional look.

Here is the link to sign up for all our current venues: [LAAC Venue sign up - Google Sheets](#)



PLEASE VISIT VENUES 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 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.

MEMBER ART NEWS

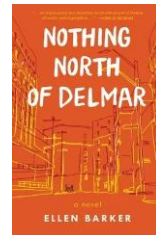
We are here to support each other! Send your news to ellen.barker@pacbell.net

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.

Ellen Barker

Ellen's latest novel, [Nothing North of Delmar](#), comes out on April 14. Mark your calendars for an author event on May 28 at 6 p.m. at Keplers in Menlo Park. [Story Is the Thing — Kepler's Literary Foundation](#)



Julia Kahan

Julia is displaying her stained glass art at the Mirada Art Gallery:
355 Main Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
Dates: April 2 through 27
Open Thursday - Monday
11 AM – 5 PM
Please come by to say hello and see the beautiful art in this gallery.



Contemporary Art Gallery in Half Moon Bay, California

Rona Foster



Join Rona at the Community School and Music art reception on Saturday, April 4, from 3:00-5:00pm, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mt. View. This is a free event. Rona has two paintings in the exhibit, including this one, "Abstracts in the Grove."

Silicon Valley Open Studios

Rona Foster will be participating and hosting the Silicon Valley Open Studios again, Saturday & Sunday, May 9, 10, 16, & 17 11:00-5:00. 3858 Timlott Court, Palo Alto. Come say "HI" and see her paintings, mixed media collage art and pottery. There will be 12 artists in all.

Workshops

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

Abstract Cityscapes

Saturday, June 6, 1:30-4:30, cost \$100

Rona's studio, 3858 Timlott Court, Palo Alto

To register: call 650-858-0589 or email ronasuef@gmail.com

Paint an abstract cityscape using a palette knife, a drywall scraper and brushes. This class offers the tools to bring your vision to life on canvas, using several layers of paint. 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.

Kakizome Art

Club members and ArtVenturers (among others) participated in a

Kakizome art workshop held in Los Altos

A Kakizome art workshop was held in February for the Lunar New Year at the Los Altos Community Center.

Goyo Morimoto, a master Japanese calligrapher and founder of Goyo-Shachu, a calligraphy studio in Silicon Valley, led the Adult 50+ Program guests through the art of Kak-

izome, a cherished Japanese tradition where individuals write their New Year's resolutions using Kanji characters. Each guest selected a personal, aspirational word for 2026 and learned how to transform it into a beautiful work of art using the elegant strokes of Japanese calligraphy.



workshop last month sponsored by the Los Altos Community Center. Some of the works are on exhibit in the senior center. Thanks to Diane Brauch for sending in the story to the Town Crier.

LOCAL ART NEWS

Silicon Valley Open Studios

- May 2 & 3 – Coastside and Northern Peninsula
- May 9 & 10 – Mid-Peninsula
- May 16 & 17 – South Bay

Details here: [Silicon Valley Open Studios – Connecting artists to art enthusiasts](#) –including the full directory.

Locations open Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 5pm each day

Mark your calendars now for SVOS2026. SVOS features visual artists in many mediums — paintings, sculptures, woodworking, ceramics, fabric arts, jewelry, photography, mixed media, gourds, and much, more.

LAAC member Rona Foster will host twelve artists on Saturday & Sunday, May 9 and 10 and May 16 and 17 from 11:00-5:00 at 3858 Timlott Court in Palo Alto.

Let me know if you are participating in SVOS so I can announce it in the May newsletter. ellen.barker@pacbell.net



Little Free Art Gallery in Los Altos

Los Altos resident Linda White built this little library where you can take and or leave little art objects. It's on Clinton Road in the Loyola neighborhood and find the flag about halfway down the street. You can place your own art inside the gallery (the largest being about 5x7" or 6" tall) and you may find something for yourself. As Linda said on Nextdoor, "There is positivity in our neighborhoods and you can be part of it."

Los Altos Library

Watercolor workshop for adults

Friday, April 10, 11:00am–12:30pm [View all dates](#)

All supplies will be provided. Registration is not necessary. Seating will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis, and no seat saving.

Future dates, all 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.:

May 8 June 12
July 10 August 14
September 11

Japanese Paper Arts Workshop

Friday, April 17, 10:30am–12:30pm

Learn how to create the Awaji Knot with Mizuhiki (Japanese paper cords)! A 1500-year-old craft, the Mizuhiki is used in Japan to embellish cards, envelopes, and even create “sculptures” for special occasions

Sunday Crafternoons

Sunday, April 19, 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:

May 17
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20

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

Los Altos Community Center

Community Center Beginning and Intermediate Painting Classes

[Click here for details.](#) Full disclosure, this website is hard to navigate. The Activity Guide is easier to read, but without links to register: [Activity Guide | Los Altos, CA](#). Or pick up a paper copy at the main desk.

Los Altos Hills Town Hall

“Colors in Rhythm,” an art exhibit featuring a collection of paintings by local artist Tanya Momi, will be on display at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall from April to September. Read more about it [in the Town Crier](#).



Los Altos History Museum



10,000 Memories

Partition, Independence, and WWII in South Asia

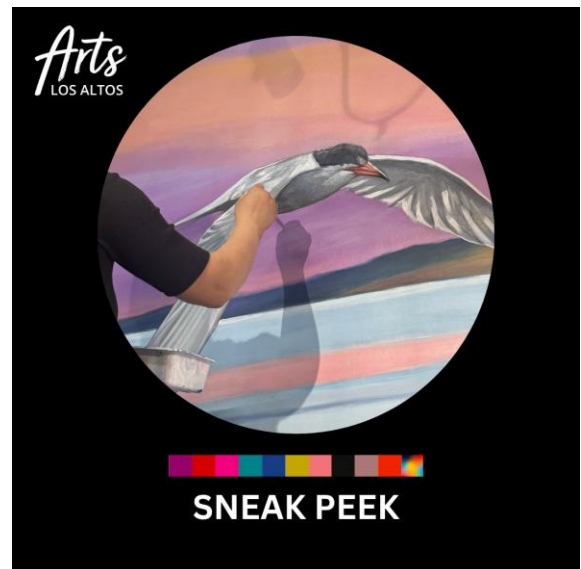
Jan 29, 2026–May 24, 2026

Arts Los Altos



Arts Los Altos' newest mural will soon be installed at 140 Third Street on the side wall of Los Altos Dance Academy. The mural celebrates the natural beauty of Baylands Nature Preserve and the many birds that nest, feed, migrate through, and live there.

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





FabMo

1240 Birchwood Drive, Suite 2
Sunnyvale

Next shopping dates: April 9-11 [Appointment registration opens April 2.](#)

Artfully [Rescue & Refashion Your Clothing With FabMo Textiles \(WK-RFN-0426\)](#)

\$75.00

10 am to 2:30 pm Sunday, April 26th



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 here: [ArtVenturers](#).

A constantly changing selection of their work is displayed in the Adult 50+ Center at Hillview. The latest collection is shown above. Stop in for coffee and take a look every Monday through Thursday.

Center for Creativity

Community Focused Arts Space in Redwood City

Make & Take Thursdays

- All experience levels.
- Creative activities with guidance provided.
- All supplies included.
- Short, 30–45 minute projects.
- Free!
- No registration, no pressure, just making.



Every Thursday, noon–2 pm

Eureka Gallery & Studio @ Center for Creativity

800 Main St. (at Broadway), Redwood City

Exhibit in the Sequoia Gallery

Making Waves Currents of Change

LAAC Member Rona Foster has two circles in this exhibit

The exhibition's title evokes both the literal presence of water—a precious resource increasingly at risk—and the metaphorical ripples created when women challenge the status quo and forge new paths forward. Through various media, the artists examine our relationship with the natural world, honor environmental activism, and envision sustainable futures.

[Click here for more about exhibits and activities at the center.](#)

Local Galleries



GALLERY HOUSE

CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

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

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



Submissions are now open for the [2026 Pacific Art League Members Exhibition](#), and we invite artists and students who are not yet members to join PAL and participate.

- **Submission Details:** First submission is free and each additional submissions is **\$25 each**
- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, April 3, 2026
- Artists of all ages and levels are welcome
- **View photos** from last year's opening [HERE](#)
- **For more details** click [HERE](#)

gallery 9 Los Altos

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

Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5, Sunday 12 – 5

Photography by Roy Harrington *Southwest Creations—Black and White Images* March 31 – April 26, 2026

Opening Reception First Friday, April 3rd, 5–8

This exhibit shows a selection of landscapes scattered over the states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. These states are part of the Colorado Plateau, uplifted many millions of years ago.



The black-and-white images emphasize incredible patterns created by a massive amount of erosion, patterns that seem to come out of nowhere.



VIEWPOINTS GALLERY

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

“Bay Area Birds—Natural Wonders
Close at Hand” by Floy Zittin
Show Dates: April 1-26



Reception: Friday, April 3rd 5-8pm
Meet the Artist Days: Sunday, April 5 and Saturday, April 11 and 25,
11am-5pm

Recommended by Our Members

University Art

After 78 years, UArt in Redwood City is closing. Everything is 40% off. www.universityart.com

Dick Blick Opens a New Store in San Jose

3430 Stevens Creek Boulevard
San Jose, CA 95117
(408) 239-4655

Dick Blick Tips and Techniques

[Which Glue Should You Use? A Guide for Artists & Creatives](#)

[Zoya Scholis Workshops](#)

Fee: \$150 each workshop, all at University Art in Redwood City.

Questions and registration: contact: Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

April 11
Knife Painting

Saturday, May 2, 10– 2:30
Marc Chagall Inspired

Opportunities to get your artwork out there

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

One Last Pic for April

Woke up and felt the urge to make a portrait out of purple cabbage.



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

APPENDIX A

Past Demo Recordings

2026

3/9/26—Issa Zatulovsky demonstrates a modern interpretation of Japanese Oshibana Art.

<https://youtu.be/7Z4rdfKZk-A>

2/9/26—Julia Foug paints in oil on panel

https://youtu.be/wZtHWGR1bsA?si=7F_pdPNo8x3dPDp9

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-RXl3A>

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=hkZBiGjqq6E>

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

<https://youtu.be/Qtir1uNdlJI>

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