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October 2026 NEWSLETTER

CLUB NEWS

Welcome to Our Newest Member

Rani Ghosh has joined the club! We look forward to seeing you again in October.

Next Club Meeting

Monday, October 12, at 7 p.m.

Apricot Room

[Click to join by Zoom](#)

Bring one or two new works or works in progress to share during the break

October Meeting Agenda

- Business: Venues, etc.
- Demonstrator: Member presentation

Wanda Lee will be our member presenter. Her presentation will be "Dancing with pastel: a decade of lessons learned."



We need a member presenter for March 2027!

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
- Call (no text) Rona at 650-858-0589, or [sign up here](#).



Future Meeting Schedule

- November: Leila Ghasempour, Watercolor
- December: Holiday Party

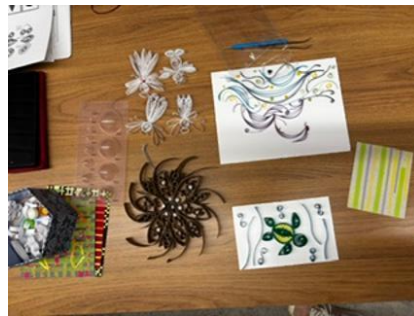
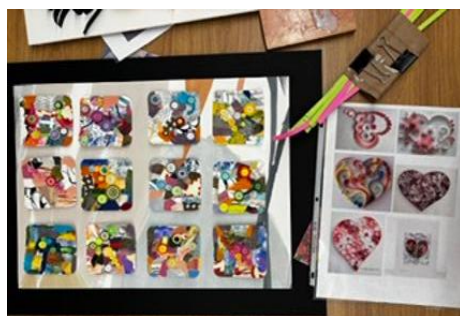
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- January: Amy Rattner, Acrylic, gold leaf, collage
- February: Debbie Anderson, Polymer clay
- March: Member sharing

Sign up for a Member Presentation in 2027
[sign up here.](#)

September Meeting Report

Inna Zatulovsky demonstrated paper quilling. Couldn't make the meeting? Here is a link to a recording: <https://youtu.be/z8i0-X3uEYg>, and here is a [link to another type of art](#) Inna creates. Plus [a little video](#) of Inna talking about art. Inna also teaches! Contact her at: inna1@sbcglobal.net. Here are stills of Inna and her presentation to us:



Dues . . . are Due

Please send your dues of \$40 for an individual membership or \$50 for a family membership. Checks should be made payable to the Los Altos Art Club and sent to this address:

LAAC
475 Knoll Dr
Los Altos, CA 94024



Past Demo Recordings

Did you miss a demo? Watch recordings of the demos from the last four years by clicking the links the Resources tab on the club website: [Artists | Los Altos Art Club | Los Altos](#)
Note: all links are on YouTube – search for **losaltosartclubdemo**.

Refreshments: Signup Link

Congratulations to all of us: Refreshment signups are full through 2026! To check which dates you've volunteered for and to see who is signed up with you, click [LAAC Refreshment Signup](#).

Questions, email Carol at carolrivers@pacbell.net



Venues

We need venue sign-ups for the January-February period at several venues, including Pompeii and the Pancake House. Here is the link to sign up for all our current venues: [LAAC Venue sign up - Google Sheets](#)

Update on Pompeii # and Sizes

Five large works:

- Space 1 (main wall): 18" wide × 15" high with frame
- Spaces 2 and 3 (main wall): approximately 21" wide × 17½" high including the frame
- Annex: two additional pieces in the smaller area of the restaurant, using artwork in the same general size range as the first three spaces.

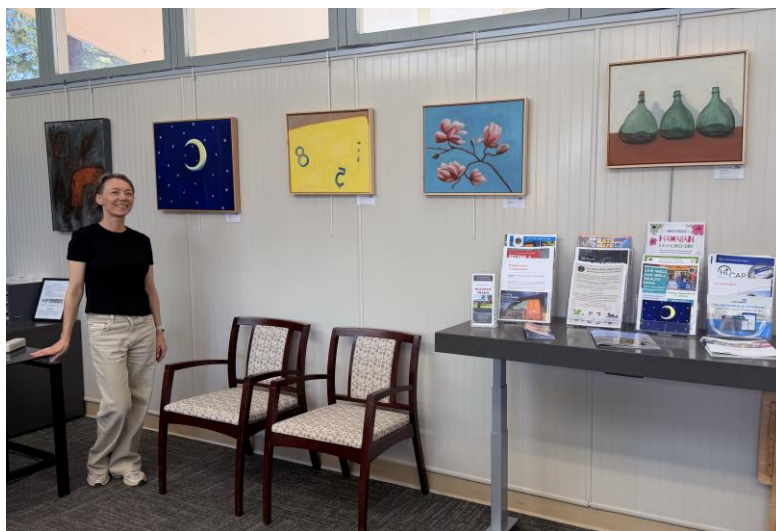
Thanks to **Robin Bantz** for this information!

Reminder: Always use labels, posted next to each artwork, using blue tape. [Click here for labels](#) or pick them up at a LAAC meeting.

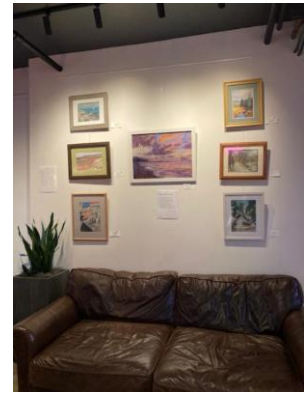
PLEASE VISIT VENUES BEFORE HANGING so that you know what to expect and can plan your exhibit accordingly. Reminders and more information about hanging at venues are included in **Appendix A** at the end of this newsletter.

[Click this link](#) to see which venues have openings through the end of the year, what size each venue wants, and more. 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.

Grant Community Center is a great starter venue if you aren't feeling confident about hanging your work. The Grant Senior Center staff and visitors really appreciate our changing exhibits. The hanging system is one of the best and is very flexible. Shown here is **Anna Feldman's** installation, showing in September and October. January-February is available.



And here are pics from Wanda Lee's show at State Street Market.



MEMBER ART NEWS

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.

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.

Elena Krasnoperova

In September, Elena Krasnoperova sold another painting, a giclee print of her colored pencil drawing, Afterglow, which was on display at the Original Pancake House. This one was priced at \$75. "It feels good to have someone completely unrelated to me, not a friend, appreciate my art. She bought it for her husband for his birthday. Congratulations, Elena!

Wanda Lee

Wanda will be showing paintings at several craft fairs between now and the end of the year. In addition to pastel and watercolor paintings, she will have many note cards of my work as well as small benches and footstools that she hand upholstered using traditional techniques.

- Fabmo's Artisan's Market at the Los Altos Community Center (97 Hillview, see more below) on October 4: note cards and small furniture pieces

- Catch Wanda in Downtown Mountain View outdoor Maker's Market on October 23, November 20, and December 18. She will be joining 50+ amazing artisans for the new Makers Market (read more about it below). Come enjoy local crafts, dinner, and drinks right on Castro Street.
- And. . . November 21 at the Mountain View Senior Center

Rona Foster

Rona Foster has an exhibit of her paintings up at the Sunnyvale library, 655 W. Olive Ave. from Oct. 14 through Dec. 9, and two paintings as part of the Silicon Valley Visual Arts exhibit "Transitions of Light; an Autumn Showcase, at Maker Nexus, 1330 Orleans Dr., Sunnyvale.

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](#).

LOCAL ART SCENE

Los Altos Community Center

New Exhibit: **Pistache Red**

The latest exhibition in the long corridor of the downtown community center explores the theme of this vibrant, saturated red, seen in the fall foliage of Los Altos' Pistache trees (the ones that line downtown streets and are now in full color). LAAC members exhibiting in the show include Lenora Valainis, Wanda Lee, Julia Kahan, Yukie Hikida, Ellen Barker, and Tracy Wu. More pics next month.



Julia: Fire and Rain



Yukie: A Path to Autumn



Ellen: Pistache Sky



Lenora: Pistache Red and Leaves

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](#). Pick up a paper copy at the main desk.

Los Altos Library

Main Library Art Wall – October Show: Rise Again

Mamatha's Oil on Canvas: **Rise Again** will be on display at the Los Altos Library for the month of October. This exhibit brings together Mamatha Induvadan's original oil paintings of landscapes, flowers, the sea, and scenes of reflection and devotion. Through vivid color, texture, and expressive forms, the works explore nature, devotion, resilience, and the freedom to begin again.



Artist's reception: October 10 at 3pm in the Orchard Room, open to the public.

Watercolor workshop for adults

Friday, October 19, 11:00am–12:30pm [View all dates](#)

All supplies will be provided. Registration is not necessary.

Seating is first-come, first-serve, and no seat saving.

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

November 16

December 21

[Sunday Crafternoons](#)

Sunday, October 18, 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:

October 18	January 17	April 18
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November 15	February 21	May 16
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December 20	March 21	June 20
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Share Your Journey with "Bookmark Stories"

Sunday, October 4, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.



Bookmark Stories is a community art project sponsored by Stanford School of Medicine that invites people to share their immigration journeys, whether their own or their family's, through a simple, powerful medium: a bookmark. By writing or drawing on a small piece of paper, participants capture moments of

transition, memory, and identity. Each contribution adds to a larger narrative of movement and belonging, reminding us that while every story is unique, the experience of transition connects us all. Your bookmark will join the community collection displayed at the Stanford Health Library, Hoover Pavilion. More information and contacts here: [Share Your Journey with "Bookmark Stories"](#)

Los Altos History Museum



The Spirit of '76
Reflecting on America's 250th
 Through November 8

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, this exhibition invites visitors to reflect on foundational texts and their relevance today, while exploring local histories of civic engagement and community building. More info here: [The Spirit of '76 - Exhibits - Los Altos History Museum](#)

Related Program: [Not Quite Created Equal?](#) Who Got Left Out of the Declaration of Independence, Oct 21, 5:30-7p.m.

Mountain View Senior Center Holiday Bazaar

See unique handmade creations from more than 40 vendors, including jewelry, art, knitwear, and more! Enjoy a festive day filled with live local entertainment, a DIY craft station, a raffle, and plenty of holiday cheer.

Wanda Lee will be exhibiting and selling at this event.

Rona Foster will be selling pottery, greeting cards, and miscellaneous items



Los Altos Hills Town Hall

Anything Goes! A group show through March. The exhibit features diverse artworks from the members of the **Artists Beyond the Obvious** group and will go through March 2027.

Opening reception: Sunday, October 18 from 2 to 5 pm, at Town Hall.
26379 Fremont Road in Los Altos Hills.

Club member **Nancy Troup** is exhibiting in the show.

ARTISTS BEYOND THE OBVIOUS and LOS ALTOS HILLS TOWN HALL present

Anything Goes!

Original work by

Artists Beyond The Obvious
A creative collective

*Meet the Artists at our **FREE Reception***
Sunday October 18th, 2026 from 2 to 5 pm
Show runs Monday October 5, 2026 through March, 2027
Los Altos Town Hall: 26379 W Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills CA 94022
Phone (650) 941-7222 • www.losaltoshills.ca.gov
Show hours vary; please call to check before visiting



Questions about the show?
Email rachelt400@gmail.com

Arts Los Altos



First Friday walking tours with a real human start at 6 p.m. every first Friday, meeting at the Mandahlia sculpture (169 State Street at Third) and lasting about an hour. For a private group tour,

email your preferred dates/times to tours@artslosaltos.org

Self-Guided Walking Tour Digital App (Apple devices only)

Explore the downtown Los Altos public art collection with this digital walking tour app. Find and learn about all Arts Los Altos installations through an interactive map, photos, descriptions, and turn-by-turn directions. [Download the Los Altos History Museum app](#) from the App Store for your iPhone or iPad and go! Select **'Tours' → 'Public Art Walking Tour'** to begin.

Mountain View Makers Market Downtown



Here is an opportunity for local artists and makers to showcase and sell their work in a community-centered setting on Castro Street. There's no application fee or booth fee.

<https://econdev.mountainview.gov/downtown/makers-market-2026>



FabMo

1240 Birchwood Drive, Suite 2 Sunnyvale



15th Annual Artisans Market will return to the Los Altos Community Center on Sunday, October 4, from 11 to 4 pm. If you are new to FabMo, the Artisans Market is where you can buy or sell unique, handcrafted treasures made out of repurposed, recycled, or reused materials saved from the landfill by FabMo.

LAAC member **Wanda Lee** will be selling note cards and small furniture pieces.

FabMo Workshops

[Crafting Fabric Butterflies with FabMo Textiles](#)

\$50.00

9 am to 12 pm Sunday, October 25

In this three-hour workshop, participants will create beautiful fabric butterflies using colorful textile scraps and creative folding techniques. These versatile handmade butterflies can be attached to hairpins or brooches, or used to embellish clothing, hats, bags, and other accessories. Participants are welcome to bring a mason jar or any kind of glass jar to decorate and make a unique handmade gift for a baby shower or other special occasions. **Sign up early – these workshops sell out!**



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 are self portraits, shown above. Stop in for coffee and take a look every Monday through Thursday.

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 events.



Pumpkins and Chilis by Patricia Nojima

Pacific Art League



Forest Gallery
Water: The Gift of Life by Judy Kramer
Solo Exhibition
October 2 - 27, 2026



Ramona Gallery
Postcard Exhibition
Group Exhibition
October 2 - 27, 2026

Coming in November in the Forest / Ramona Gallery
105th Anniversary Exhibition & Fundraiser
Group Exhibition
November 6 - January 12

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Los Altos

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

Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5, Sunday 12 – 5



October Show
Naomi Mindelzun, Paintings & Monotypes
September 28 – November 1

Opening Reception
Date: October 2, 5 pm - 8 pm

“Water, marsh, reed, cataract and sunset, dawn’s light and sundown, the ochre of twilight, the trace of gull-flight, the warp of currents, of ice, of cloud. The place where mist meets mountain and the shore dissolves, where the sand dunes melt, where the waves break and flatten, and lost ships slip through channels in the sea.
A tree in winter, the sky at dawn.



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

Jan Grady: Travel Memories
September 30-November 1, 2026
Reception: Friday, October 2, 5-8pm
Meet the artist dates (11am-5pm):

- Wednesday, September 30
- Thursday, October 15



- Wednesday, October 21
- Sunday, November 1

Upcoming featured artists at Viewpoints Gallery

November - Amy Rattner

December - Sylvie Levesque

Recommended by Our Members

Opportunities to get your artwork out there

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

A Last Click for October

Watch how a simple splash of watercolor transforms into a vibrant city street scene.

[\(20+\) Video | Facebook](#)



And here is a little foxy art from your newsletter editor, created by accident in her kitchen, with an apple and a paring knife.

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

APPENDIX

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