



Los Altos Art Club

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475 Knoll Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024

September 2025 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Welcome!

Welcome to our newest members, **Tracy Wu** and **Kara Eberle**. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Next Club Meeting

Monday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in the **Birch Room** at the Community Center.
Or join by Zoom: [Click here](#)

2025 Meeting Schedule

- September – Member Demo
- October – Barbara Cronin, Gel plate printing
- November – TBD
- December – Holiday Dinner

September Meeting Agenda

- Announcements
- Business
- Break and Member Art on Display
- Member Presentation

July Meeting Report

Annual Potluck

PLEASE READ!

CAN ANYONE do the member presentation in September?

It can be a demonstration, a retrospective, or a WIP show – anything you like. Contact Rona at ronasuef@gmail.com

Please contact Carol carolrivers@pacbell.net if you can provide refreshments for the September meeting.

Meeting Reminders

September, October, and November meetings will be in the Birch Room, which is just across the courtyard from our usual room.

Bring a new work or works-in-progress to share during the break

Library Show Coming Soon

LAAC will have a show at the library in November. Ten people have committed, and Isao will send a google spread sheet soon for people to sign up. This is a great opportunity for us!

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 and see who is signed up with you, click [LAAC Refreshment Signup](#).

Questions, email Carol at carolrivers@pacbell.net

Venues

PLEASE VISIT THE VENUE BEFORE HANGING so that you know what to expect and can plan your exhibit accordingly.

Stop in at the State Street Market and see **Christine Oliver's** work. November is still available – first come, first served.

[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.

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.

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 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.

MEMBER ART NEWS

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

Julia Kahan

Stop by Julia's booth at the [Portola Valley Art Fest](#). Say hello and admire her wonderful stained-glass art.

10:00 - 5:00 ○ September 13 ○ 3300 Alpine Rd. Portola Valley



Julia has started teaching stained glass for beginners. Contact her at jorthomom@yahoo.com for more information.

Ellen Barker

Ellen will also be at the [Portola Valley Art Fest](#) in the Book Booth. And she'll be speaking at the Local Authors event between 3 and 4 p.m.

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Eimei Onaga



Eimei has a gallery debut at Ocean Blue Vault in Half Moon Bay. Stop in to see her work at 643 Main Street through September 30.

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](#).

Upcoming workshops

Create Colorful Painted Collage Papers

Saturday, Oct. 4, 1:30-4:30 Redwood City Parks & Recreation, Red Morton Center, 1120 Roosevelt Ave. \

Acrylic painting techniques

Saturday, Oct. 25, 1:30-4:30 University Art, 2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City

Exhibitions

See Rona's solo exhibition at Community Gallery at the San Bruno library, 701 Angus Ave. through Oct. 31

Rona's painting "Red Umbrellas" (right) was accepted into the Peninsula Jewish Community Center, Community Art Show, 800 Foster City Blvd., Foster City. Through Sept. 16. AND IT SOLD!

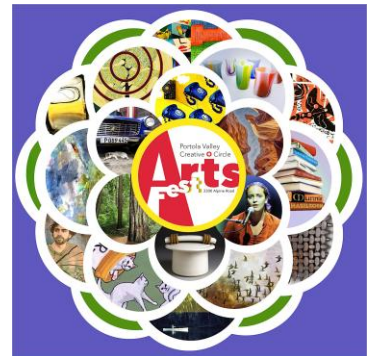


LOCAL ART NEWS

Portola Valley Arts Fest 2025

Saturday, September 13

This is a small art and wine event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. among the redwoods at 3300 Alpine Road. Julia Kahan and Ellen Barker will both be there all day.



Los Altos Library

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, September 12, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

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Sunday Crafternoons

Sunday, September 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:

Sunday, October 19

Sunday, November 16

Sunday, December 21

For 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

My Illustrated Poem Exhibit

This art-plus-poetry exhibit will be on display in the long hall between the senior center and the main lobby through October. 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.](#)



Los Altos History Museum



In the main gallery through November.

Building El Sueño: Isabel Merriman, Sarah Winchester, and the California Dream

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Art & Poetry Walk—First Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, 5pm

Meet at the Mandahlia sculpture
State and Third Streets
Downtown Los Altos

This is a walking event: wear
comfortable shoes and clothing!

For more information or to sign up
visit [ArtsLosAltos.org](https://www.artslosaltos.org/)

Registration preferred but not required.



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



FabMo

1240 Birchwood Drive, Suite 2 Sunnyvale

Next shopping dates: September 11-12-13 and 25-26-27



Crochet Earring Making Workshop

Interested in learning how to crochet stylish earrings out of yarn? Join us on September 14th and learn the stitches needed to create your own lightweight pair of wearable earrings. Great for all skill levels. All participants will receive extra earring hooks and a crochet hook to continue creating at home. Be sure to sign up now and reserve your seat!

Sign up
here



Mark your
calendars! The
FabMo

Artisans Market will return to the Los Altos Community Center on **Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 11 to 4 pm.**

Volunteer for fun and a sneak preview for fabulous new Fabmo 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.

- **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: at right is the current display, **“Postcards Home.” This is a work in progress – postcard-sized paintings will be added all summer.**

Stop in for coffee and take a look.

Local Galleries



GALLERY HOUSE

CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

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



[Greek Bougainvillea](#)

Watercolor by
Patricia Nojima

gallery9 Los Altos

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

Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5, Sunday 12 – 5

Daniel Meehan

Half Dome and Elsewhere

September 2 – 28

Solo exhibit of mixed media paintings

Opening Reception: Friday, Sept 5, 5-8. p.m.



and talks. Also summer camps!

See the PAL website for a wide range of indoor, outdoor, and online classes



Forest Gallery

California Dreaming

Group Exhibition

September 5 - 22, 2025

Submissions open June 6th



Ramona Gallery

Far and Away

Group Exhibition

September 5 - 22, 2025

Submissions open June 6th

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



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

“City Lights” oil paintings by Maura Carta

Show Dates: September 3 – 28

Reception: Friday, September 5, 5-8pm

Meet the Artist: Friday, September 12, noon to 6 p.m.



Recommended by Our Members

Zoya Scholis Workshops

Marc Chagall, Painting Dream & Memory

Get out of your head and into your hearts for inspiration and whimsy, led by Master Chagall's example.

Saturday, September 14, from 10:00 - 2:30

Fee: \$150, Contact Zoya

at Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com



Mark Rothko, Colorfield Painting

Make as many as 3 paintings in one day using acrylic inks, rags, rollers, and brushes. \$150.

Contact Zoya at Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10:30 - 2:30

To register contact Zoya Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

Denise Howard Classes

Denise recently did a colored pencil demonstration for LAAC. Here are two upcoming classes at the Pacific Art League in Palo Alto. All supplies will be provided. Here are the links to learn more and register.

[Introduction to Colored Pencil](#)

Thursdays 3 - 5 p.m., September 4 - October 16
(no class Sept. 18)

[Colored Pencil: Building on the Basics](#)

Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m., September 4 - October 16



University Art



Tricks of the Trade is a section on the UArt website. Everything from the wacky to formal drawing techniques. Click on the icon to have a look. Then take a look at the [Classes and Workshops](#)

Cornell Lab Bird Academy

[Seven Techniques for Painting Birds – online course](#)

These techniques are featured in the self-paced online course:
How to Paint Birds with Jane Kim



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

[Check out years and years of advice and inspiration at Cheap Joe's.](#)

Artist Spotlight: Vlad Yelisseyev



Opportunities to get your artwork out there

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

One Last Click for September (20+) Facebook

A little watercolor tutorial



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

APPENDIX A

Past Demo Recordings

2025

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/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/K819PzWVal8>

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>
