



Los Altos Art Club

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May 2024 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: May 8, 2024

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CLUB NEWS

Welcome to the Club

Welcome to our newest member, Jane Yuan. We hope to see you at our May meeting!

Next Club Meeting

Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Apricot room

Agenda

Business Meeting
Member Art Display
Break
Demonstrator

Bring a recent work (or WIP) to display in lieu of competition. Each member will have a few minutes to explain the work and ask or answer questions. **The theme for May is *light*.**

Can't join us in person?

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the Zoom.

May Demonstrator

Lonnie Zarem lives and works in Los Altos Hills. Following art school and several years of oil painting, she started to paint with encaustic wax, a medium consisting of beeswax, resin, and pigment. This means creating an image by painting with blocks of pigmented wax on a hot flat plate, and then placing rice paper on it to absorb the melted wax image, and then pulling it off for a one time print. See more at [Bio |](#)

[Lonnie Zarem Artwork](#)



April Meeting Report

Ria Krishnan demonstrated her technique of painting landscapes in oil using just three colors: ultramarine blue, cadmium lemon, and cadmium red light, plus titanium white.

If you missed the meeting or want to revisit her presentation, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkZBiGjqq6E>.

More on Ria's work website: [Original Oil Paintings](#) | [Ria Krishnan Fine Art](#).



*Above, Ria during the demo.
Below, the finished work.*

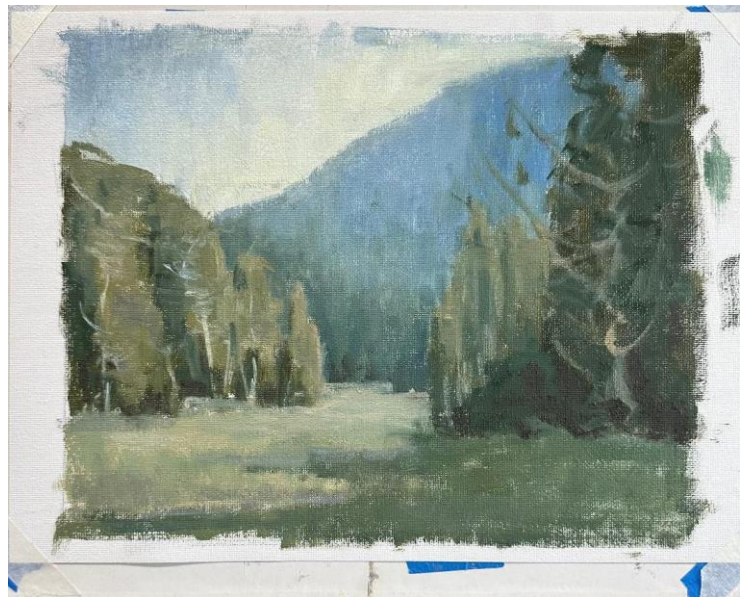
Dues

A few members still owe dues. For 2024, dues are \$40/individual or \$50/family. Please bring a check to the next meeting or mail it (payable to Los Altos Art Club) to:

LAAC
475 Knoll Dr
Los Altos, CA 94024

Club Website

Leslie Grimm has been managing our club website forever and does a wonderful job! She's been working on a major update over the last month. Take a look here: [Artists | Los Altos Art Club | Los Altos](#). Every member gets their own page in the Gallery section. To add yourself to the gallery (or update if you're already there), just send Leslie an email at grimmartclub@gmail.com.



May Member Sharing

The theme is "Light" – bring one or two artworks to show and share during the refreshment break.

2024 Monthly Sharing Themes

Bring a recent work or work in progress to display and discuss during the break – without the voting. Themes are suggestive, not required.

- May: Light
- June: Sky
- July: Treasure

Thank you to Yukie Hikida for these ideas! Please send YOUR ideas to ellen.barker@pacbell.net.

2024 Meeting Schedule

- May: Demonstrator (Lonnie Zarem, encaustic)
- June: Member presentations (Lauren Schwartz, Charlotte Montgomery, Ellen Barker)
- July: member potluck and member art display
- August: Summer break (no meeting)
- September: Member presentations
- October: Demonstrator
- 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 on the second Monday
- December: Holiday Dinner

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

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

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/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>

Refreshments: Signup Link

Wanda Lee and Lauren Schwartz, our refreshments team, have created a link where you can sign up to provide refreshments, check which dates you've volunteered for, and see who is signed up with you: [LAAC Refreshment Signup](#). Once you've updated the table, there is no need to save. Just close the window and it will save itself. You can also sign up on paper at the meetings.

Questions, contact Wanda at wandamlee@sbcglobal.net

Venues

[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 the venue sign up:

- 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! Stop in for a meal or a browse, and to admire each other's artwork.

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

Rona Foster

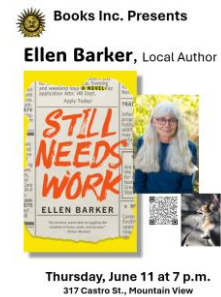
Rona offers custom, one-on-one and small group classes at her studio. Contact her to discuss. Call (no text) her at Call 650-858-0589 or use the contact form on her website:

[Contact — Rona Foster](#)



Ellen Barker

Mark your calendar for 7 p.m. June 11, 2024. Ellen is reading from her new novel, *Still Needs Work*. At Books Inc., 317 Castro Street, Mountain View.



LOCAL ART NEWS

Los Altos Library

Upcoming Art Workshops for Adults

Note: these fill up early. Register as soon as possible!

Paint Party with Paul Loughridge (two choices)

Thursday, May 09, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

or

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to create a masterpiece with local artist Paul Loughridge! Program is recommended for adults and teens. Registration: [Paint Party With Paul Loughridge | Events | Santa Clara County Library \(bibliocommons.com\)](#)

[Watercolor Workshop for Adults](#) (two choices)

Friday, June 28, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **or** 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, and content will be the same for both sessions. Please sign up for only one session per month. **Registration opens May 31** [Events | Santa Clara County Library | BiblioCommons](#)

Los Altos Hills Town Hall



The solo fine art exhibit “Through My Eyes: A Retrospective” by local artist Nicole Frelier Andrews runs through September 2024 at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall. The exhibit represents a retrospective of Andrews’ works spanning decades.

Andrews is an award-winning painter and installation artist with many years of museum and gallery work, public outreach and community leadership.

Arts Los Altos



**May Walking Tour
First Friday, May 3**

Arts Los Altos Walking Tours

It’s free! 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

FabMo



1240 Birchwood Drive, Suite 2 Sunnyvale

The next In-Person-Shopping days will be May 9-11. Appointments available beginning May 2.

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: **Collage!** Here's a sneak preview of just one of the works on display (this one by Diane Brauch).



- **Join Us in Person:** Every Wednesday, drop in 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 you don't need to go every week.
- See what ArtVenturers have been creating by clicking [here](#).

Local Galleries



[Gallery House](#)

Gallery House closed in Palo Alto at the end of March. Check the website for news on the move to a new location.

Meanwhile, you can shop or just view portfolios of member artists on the Gallery House online store. [Here, for example, is LAAC member Patricia Nojima's art.](#) Above, Patricia's *Blossoms*.



Pacific Art League

Workshops

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

May-June Exhibition



April 29 – June 2

Golden Horizons – Paintings by Ragini Prasad

An exploration of the diverse and breathtaking natural beauty of California. From the sun-drenched beaches of the Pacific Coast to the majestic peaks of Yosemite National Park, this captivating show immerses viewers in the awe-inspiring landscapes that define the Golden State.

Opening Reception: First Friday, May 3, 5-8 pm

More about the Artist: [Ragini Prasad](http://RaginiPrasad.com) | [Artist \(raginiart.com\)](http://Artist(raginiart.com))





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

May Featured Artist: Maura Carta

Maura paints plein air cityscapes, still lifes, interiors and portraits, working primarily in oils.



Recommended by Our Members

Workshops with Zoya Scholis

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

May 11: Cezanne Landscape Painting

June 8: Palette Knife Techniques

Classes fill up fast, so register early.



University Art

[Deadline for entries is July 20.](#)

[Click for more information.](#)



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

Using and Assembling Floating Frames for Your Artwork



What are floating picture frames, and how are you supposed to use them? We'll teach you everything you need to know about these floater frames, including basic uses and how to take advantage of the optical illusion they can create. [Click Here for the full story.](#)

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

A fun little demonstration

[Sabine Dreher \(@sabine464_watercolor_artist\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

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