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September 2026 NEWSLETTER

CLUB NEWS

Welcome to Our Newest Member

Tere Loera has joined the club! We look forward to seeing you in September.

Next Club Meeting

Monday, September 14, 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

September Meeting Agenda

- Business: Venues, etc.
- Demonstrator: Inna Zatulovsky

Inna Zatulovsky will demonstrate paper quilling, one of her many artistic ventures. Here is an interesting article with photos of her intriguing work:

[Art After Engineering: A Curious Retirement Story](#)



From left to right: 3D origami made with recyclable paper, mixed-media collage on paper, and an example of 3D paper quilling, all reflecting the materials Inna describes as part of Inna's curiosity-driven practice.

2026 Meeting Schedule

- October: Member Presentation
- November: Leila Ghasempour, Watercolor
- December: Holiday Party 2027
- January: Amy Rattner, Acrylic, gold leaf, collage
- February: Debbie Anderson Polymer clay
- March: Member sharing

We need a member presenter for October!

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

July Meeting Report

Annual Potluck

Lots of good food. And a good time was had by all!



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 September-October period at the Pancake House. This is one of our top-selling venues. In August, Elena Krasnoperova sold \$500 worth of paintings: 4 giclee prints, 2 large ones on wrapped canvas and 2 smaller ones, framed, for \$195, \$195, \$75 and \$35.

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 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.

At right are some of Aileen's acrylics hanging at State Street Market this month.



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.

Christine Oliver



Christine Oliver's solo show "Nature's Beauty" is at Aegis Gallery of Fine Art at 14531 Big Basin Way in Saratoga from September 2 to 27
The artist's reception is on Saturday, September 5, from 3 - 6 p.m. Wine and snacks will be served.

Nature's Beauty brings together watercolors from her travels across the United States along with a selection of works inspired by international destinations. Fall in Hope Valley, was painted en plein air in the Sierra Nevada mountains south of Lake Tahoe, as well as additional Sierra landscapes capturing the region's seasonal richness.

Wanda Lee

Wanda was painting en plein air with **POPS** (Peninsula Outdoor Painters) and ended up in an online article about the group:

<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/ae/arts/2026/07/30/peninsula-outdoor-painters-find-art-nature-and-community-in-the-open-air/> Click on the ... next to her picture, you can see what she was painting.

For all of September, Wanda's pastel painting will be included in the **Portola Valley Arts Fest** exhibit at the Woodside Priory.

And "Autumn Flame" is on display from September through December as part of the juried "Red Pistache" exhibition at the Los Altos Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave.

Elena Krasnoperova

In August, Elena Krasnoperova sold \$500 worth of paintings: 4 giclee prints, 2 large ones on wrapped canvas and 2 smaller ones, framed, for \$195, \$195, \$75 and \$35.

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](#).

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 just now turning color). This theme celebrates vivid color and invited the artists to dive deeply and explore the nuances of Pistache Red. Parks and Rec received 105 entries, of which 40 were selected. Read all about it in the Town Crier: [Los Altos PARC Commission selects 40 art pieces for display at Community Center | News | losaltosonline.com](https://losaltosonline.com/news/los-altos-parc-commission-selects-40-art-pieces-for-display-at-community-center). LAAC members exhibiting in the show include Lenora Valainis, Wanda Lee, Julia Kahan, Ellen Barker, and Tracy Wu.

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 – September Show

[A Journey Across Lines: Studies in Persian Miniature](#)

This collection represents a deep artistic exploration into the soul of Persian painting through a curated selection of work study paintings by Leila Ghasempour. The exhibition features traditional miniature studies that pay homage to the precision, flat perspectives, and geometric harmony of ancient masters, presented alongside fluid, modern interpretations.



Watercolor workshop for adults

Friday, September 21, 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.:

October 19

November 16

December 21

[Sunday Crafternoons](#)

Sunday, September 20, 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

November 15

February 21

May 16

December 20

March 21

June 20

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

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 Town Hall through October.

Meet the Artist:

On September 4, starting at 11 a.m., Tanya will conduct a tour of her exhibit and will answer her guests' questions about the



inspiration behind her work, art materials used, etc. The tour is free and open to the public.

Los Altos History Museum



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

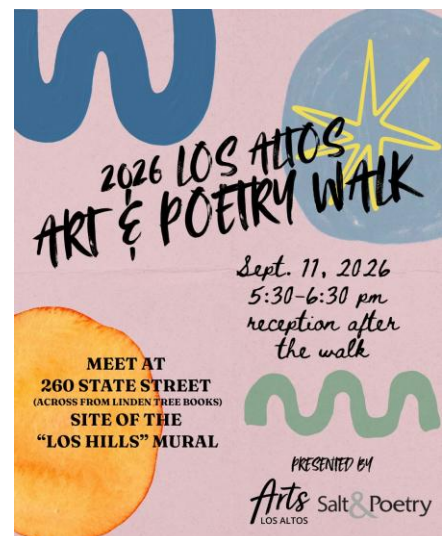
In honor of America's 250th anniversary, this exhibition invites visitors to reflect on foundational texts and their relevance today, while exploring local histories of civic engagement and community building. More info here: [The Spirit of '76 - Exhibits - Los Altos History Museum](https://www.losaltoshistorymuseum.org/exhibits/the-spirit-of-76)

Arts Los Altos



Public Art and Poetry Walking Tour, Friday, September 11.

Arts Los Altos is collaborating with Salt & Poetry for a Public Art and Poetry Walking Tour event taking place Friday, September 11. Salt & Poetry is a group of Bay Area poets working together to encourage creativity, curiosity, and connection through poetry and beyond.



The Art & Poetry Public Art Walking Tour will present various poets reciting original poems in front of selected Arts Los Altos mural installations and City sculptures downtown. This FREE community event starts at 5:30 pm in front of the “Los Hills” mural at 260 State Street. The tour will finish at “California Birds, Stewards of our Environment,” Comerica Bank, 275 Third Street with a reception in the plaza. There will be fun activities, food, and beverages. Bring your friends and families to enjoy a wonderful poetry reading and public art walking tour in downtown Los Altos. [RSVP HERE.](#)

First Friday walking tours with a real human start at 6 pm 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>

Portola Valley Arts Fest →

This year, the Arts Fest will morph into an exhibit at Kriewall-Haehl Gallery at Woodside Priory, 302 Portola Road. Work by Wanda Lee and Ellen Barker will be featured. Ellen will be at the author table during the Opening Party on September 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. Wanda's pastel painting will be on display for all of September, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

I have been selected for a special exhibition of artists from the Portola Valley Arts Fest

Please come see my work on display all September, 8 - 4, Monday - Friday at the Kriewall-Haehl Gallery at Woodside Priory 302 Portola Road

Opening Party live music Saturday Sept. 19th 4-8 FREE!

FALC Annual Art Show at Silicon Valley Fall Fest 2026
Saturday Sept. 12th, 10am - 5pm
Cupertino Senior Center, 1050 Stevens Creek Blvd., CA 95019

Artists and their works displayed include:
 Embossed Impressions: Pragna Patel
 Solitary Shadow: Jagi Shrivastava
 Threshold: Sriharsha Anantapur
 Aloha: Anandhi Pappazanthi
 The Refuge: Rumi Ghosh
 Golden Passage: Rommy Reddy
 Ancient Architecture: Rajendra Adarsh
 Fusion: Nisha Sahay
 California Poppy Trio: Dennis Howard
 Eternal Love: Medha Yadav
 Tabby: Sakshita Thattai
 Eyes of Becoming: Geethika Bansal
 Golden Canyon: Shubha Prithviang
 The Morning Patch: Smriti Kurse
 Emotive Echoes: Sakarashree Bhatnagar
 The Victorians: Wendi Dale
 The Quiet Within: Supriya Sankaranarayanan
 Soften your Heart!: Hani Agnew
 Freshly Picked: Divya Eby
 Resonance & Spring Fire: Brian Henry
 Worlds Apart: Shant Corners: Sakshi Choudhary
 Sunset Glory: Anil Sane
 Monarch: Sara Lewis
 Kathakali: Meera Bhaskaran
 Passage of Hope: Janki Choudhary

← Fine Arts League of Cupertino

FALC will have its annual art show at the Silicon Valley Fall Fest in Cupertino on September 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Demos include flower making with wire and multimedia, textured art with modeling paste and paint, watercolor for kids, henna art, and pyrography (wood burning).

[About FALC | Cupertino city](#)



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.

Join the Artisans Market Committee. [e-mail](#) with questions or to join the committee. Watch for announcements in the [FabMo Newsletter](#).

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.

September 25 details here:

[Fourth Fridays: Monthly Music in Menlo | Downtown Menlo Park](#)



September Show: Memory Lane

Opening Reception: Friday, September 4th (5:30pm - 8pm)



Memory Lane explores the intimate connection between memory and art, inviting viewers to reflect on the

moments that shape who we are. In this showcase, artists were encouraged to submit works that capture the essence of a significant memory—whether joyful, bittersweet, transformative, or fleeting—paired with a short written story that illuminates its personal significance.



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

Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5, Sunday 12 – 5

Judi Keyani
Changing the Subject
Works on Paper

September 1 – 27

Gallery 9 presents paintings and drawings by Judi Keyani, including both current and earlier work done on paper supports.

Paper is one of the oldest materials used for doing art. In its modern use, it takes various forms, from watercolor paper to sandpaper and other types in between.

Opening Reception: First Friday, September 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meet the artist, enjoy refreshments and experience how the choice of paper influences the creation of art.



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

“Endless Summer” by Kaaren Marquez

Show Dates: September 2-27

Reception: Friday, September 4, 5-9pm

Meet the Artist Days: Sunday, September 6; Thursday, September 10; Sunday, September 20, 12-6pm



A new collection of vibrant oil paintings by local Mountain View artist Kaaren Marquez. Inspired by visits to beaches throughout California and around the

world, Kaaren captures the warmth, sounds, and energy of some of her favorite coastal memories. “The beach has always been my happy place,” says Kaaren, “Whether it is a quiet empty spread of sand, or a bustling group of sunbathers, the beach always makes my body relax and my heart smile.”

Upcoming featured artists at Viewpoints Gallery

October - Jane Grady

November - Amy Rattner

December - Sylvie Levesque

Recommended by Our Members

Mina Kwok works in porcelain

At one of our recent meetings, Tracy Wu shared the porcelain-painted sea turtle plate she had made, and some members suggested that she share the artist's information with the club.

The artist is **Mina Kwok**, a local porcelain artist who was a guest artist with the Los Altos Art Docent Program. Mina was happy to share her information with our club.

Here she is with Tracy (at right), and more of her work is included at the end of this newsletter.

She can be contacted through email: mkwokusart@gmail.com



Illustrating Owls with Liz Clayton Fuller

Discover owls from an artist's perspective. With Liz's friendly guidance and inspiration, you'll learn everything you need to draw owls with confidence and get tips to make your owl illustration come to life:

- Learn how owls pose a unique sketching challenge
- Start sketching owls with comfort and confidence
- Paint your owl sketches and add details to make them pop
- Create your own “owl study page” that will help you depict owls accurately



Date: Sunday, September 13, 2026
Time: 3:00 p.m. EDT, 12:00 p.m. PDT
Location: Hosted Live on Zoom: [REGISTER HERE](#)
Cost: \$12 until September 7, then \$15

Opportunities to get your artwork out there

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

Art Bias

Art Bias's mission is to be an inclusive community where diverse artists have access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive and create positive community impact. We provide 51 artist studios, professional development resources and events, classes, exhibition opportunities, teaching opportunities, and a thriving community of artists amplifying art's positive impact on society. More at <http://www.artbias.org>.

Art Bias is open to the public on the first Sunday of each month from noon to 4 p.m. at 1700 Industrial Road, San Carlos.



A Few Last Clicks for September

It's a bit like Zen doodling, but with paint and a brush →

[\(5\) Video | Facebook](#)



← Okay, maybe not EVERYTHING that's ingenious is simple, but this looks simpler than expected

[\(19\) Facebook](#)



(and for something completely different, click this link: [Canary](#))

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

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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

----- KEEP SCROLLING! ---

More work by Mina Kwok

