



Los Altos Art Club

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November 2025 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Next Club Meeting

Monday, November 10, at 7 p.m. in the
Birch Room at the Community Center.
Or join by Zoom: [Click here](#)

2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

- November – [Mansi, Ripple Maker](#)
- December – Holiday Dinner
- January – Member Presentation (contact Rona at ronasuef@gmail.com if you can present)
- February – Julia Foug

November Meeting Agenda

- Announcements
- Business
- Break and Member Art on Display
- Demonstrator Mansi (Zoom)

Come see what Mansi is up to! Some of you will remember Mansi at ArtVentures, always experimenting with new techniques.

Mansi (pronounced: Maan-see), is a writer, artist and creator of [The RIPPLE Practice™](#). She'll tell us what it's all about on November 10. For a sneak preview, [check out her podcasts](#).

Meeting Reminders

The November meeting will be in the Birch Room, which is just across the courtyard from our usual room.

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



October Meeting Report

The October meeting was cancelled due to weather and concerns about our demonstrator's long drive. We hope to reschedule Barbara Cronin's gel printing demo in 2026. Meanwhile, [click here to see some of her creations.](#)



LAAC's Library Show is Open

LAAC's latest show is now open at the main library in Los Altos and will be up through November. Huge thanks to **Julia Kahan** for arranging this fantastic opportunity and to **Eric Greenhut** for overseeing the hanging.

Sixteen club members are participating: Rona Foster, Isao Nojima, Ellen Barker, Wanda Lee, Christine Oliver, Aileen Trant, May Xu, Yukie Kikida, Olga Collart, Eric Greenhut, Karen Olsen, Lei Yuan, Charlotte Montgomery, Eimei Onaga, Tracy Wu, and Jane Yuan.



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. 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 January 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.

Support our venues!

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.

Julia Kahan

Julia will have a showing from December 11 to January 5 at Mirada Art on Main in Half Moon Bay. The artist's reception is December 13. Mirada Art is at 355 Main Street and is open Thursday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Curious about stained glass? Julia teaches stained glass for beginners. Contact her at jorthomom@yahoo.com for details.



Rona Foster

Rona has paintings up at the **Woodside Bakery** in the Sharon Park Heights shopping center in Menlo Park.

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

Mixed Media Landscapes with Acrylic

Saturday, November 8, 1:30-4:30 Pacific Art League

Techniques using Acrylic and collage

Saturday, November 15, 1:30-4:30 Redwood City Parks & Recreation, Red Morton Center

Mixed Media Landscapes with Acrylic

Saturday, Nov. 29, 1:30-4:30 University Art, Redwood City

LOCAL ART NEWS

Justice Vanguard Call for Art

Black and white paintings of any kind, any size

Justice Vanguard is a civil rights education foundation founded in Los Altos by a young black Los Altan, Kenan Moos. His mother was a black

physician and his white father was born and raised in Los Altos. He grew up being challenged by police and authorities when he walked from his Los Altos Avenue home to his grandparents' home in Los Altos Hills. He was a scholar and soccer star at Yale. He was named Los Altan of the Year in 2022 for his work in making Black Lives Matter films and documentaries about black history and for his teaching of civil rights and black history at regional schools.

His foundation is having a fundraiser on February 21, 5-8 p.m. at Los Altos Community Center. At previous Justice Vanguard events, works of Black Panthers other black artists has been featured, as wells the films the foundation has made. The February 21st community event is **a fundraiser and will feature donated black and white work of local artists and photographers.**

Please contact local artist Karen Druker at kadruker@pacbell.net or 650-941-8073 if you have any work of any size that is black and white that you would like to donate to the fund raiser. Donations are tax deductible.

Los Altos Library – Lots of Art is Happening (in addition to the LAAC show)

Ilocano Traditional Weaving (hands-on)

Wednesday, November 5, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This program introduces the socio-cultural and historical significance of Ilocano traditional weaving within the Filipino American community. The practice is rooted in the migration of Ilocanos to the U.S. in the early 1900s, following American colonization of the Philippines. As the second-largest Filipino ethnolinguistic group in the U.S., Ilocanos carry a rich weaving heritage. Participants will explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, November 14, 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, November 16, 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, December 21

For more 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 is still on display in the long hall between the senior center and the main lobby. 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.](#) Full disclosure, this website is a little hard to navigate.

Los Altos History Museum



In the main gallery through November:

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

Arts Los Altos



November 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.! Live Painting Art Battle at the State Street Market. There will be a no-host reserved seating area to eat, drink, chat and watch six artists who will be painting on large 3x4-foot canvases for two cash prizes. Watch live and vote for your favorite. At 7 p.m. the paintings will be auctioned as a fundraiser to support Arts Los Altos. The artists:

Alis Whitman www.aliswhitman.com

Mansi: littletokensbigripples.com

Margaret Luo: margaretluoart.com

Shiva Kintali: @shiva.kintali

Laurus Myth: artbylaurus.com

Lila Gemello: gemellosmurals.com



More about Arts Los Altos at: <https://www.artslosaltos.org/>



FabMo

1240 Birchwood Drive, Suite 2 Sunnyvale

Next shopping dates: November 6-7-8 and 20-21-22



Wreath Making with FabMo

Join us for the last workshop of the year on November 9th! Learn to make an easy, no-sew fabric wreath using colorful fabric scraps, which we have in abundant supply at FabMo. All materials (including a wreath frame) will be provided.

Open to anyone ages 12 and up. Seats are limited, so be sure to sign up!

Register
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. The latest collection is *Warp and Weft, Woven Images*. Stop in for coffee and take a look.



**ART on the Square's 10th
Anniversary Holiday Show
Saturday Nov. 22, 10:00 to 4:00**

25+ Artists
Music by Kid & Lisa Anderson

San Mateo County History Museum
2200 Broadway on Courthouse Square
Downtown Redwood City
Free Admission!
www.artonthesquarerwc.com

Local Galleries



GALLERY HOUSE
CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

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

[Hut with Brown-Eyed Susans](#)
Watermedia by Patricia Nojima



Check the [gallery website](#) for more works and for the November featured artist.



104th Anniversary Vernissage: The art party of the year.

Thursday, Nov 13 | 6–9 PM | Tickets on sale now.

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

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Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5. Sunday 12 – 5

Revery

Collage by **Joyce Savre**

November 4 – 30

Opening Reception: Friday, November 7th, 5-8 pm

“Revery” refers to the experience of painting as allowing one to “be lost in one’s thoughts, meditate, fancifully musing.”



VIEWpoints
GALLERY

315 State St., Los Altos

(650) 941-5789

Gallery hours: Wed-Sun 11am-5pm

“Gems” Glass Works by Ronen Vainish

November 5 – 30

Artist Reception: First Friday, November 7, 5 p.m.

Meet the Artist Days: Saturday, November 22, 11am-2pm, and Sunday, November 23, 11am-5pm



Recommended by Our Members

Zoya Scholis Workshops

Marc Chagall, Painting Dream & Memory

Saturday, November 8, from 10-2:30 PM

Fee: \$150

[More info and materials list here.](#)

To register contact Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com



"Fix It"

Saturday, Dec 6, from 10:00-2:30

Fee: \$100

University Art in Redwood City

Bring the paintings you are struggling to finish and have experienced eyes evaluate your work. You will need to bring your painting supplies and two or three unfinished paintings of any size.

Questions and registration: contact

Zoya: Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

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, such as [The Colored Pencil Exercise that Changed My Life - University Art](#)



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

Artist Spotlight: Bev Jozwiak

"Conventional wisdom is not my forte. I tend to buck trends and traditions. I have my own sense of aesthetics, and I do what seems right to me. My main subject may be somewhat realistic, while the background may border on abstraction. I start out with an idea, but my vision usually changes once I begin. What's important is that I can have fun and paint with abandon. The day painting becomes a chore is the day I hang up my apron and put away my brushes." Sound familiar? [Keep reading . . .](#)



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

Opportunities to get your artwork out there

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

Two Last Clicks for November

It's gift-making season. Here are [ideas from Journey Art Stuff](#) for things to give artists.

And here is more from the **Artists Network** on [Mighty Minis: 4 Creative Exercises for Making Bite-Sized Art | Artists Network](#). Use these for cards or tiny masterpieces that anyone can find space for. Or just for fun when you can't quite face a big blank canvas.



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/gukC-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