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# Los Altos Art Club

[www.losaltosartclub.com](http://www.losaltosartclub.com)

475 Knoll Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024

## April 2024 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: April 3, 2024

## CLUB NEWS

### Welcome to the Club

Welcome to our newest members, Karen Olsen and Olga Collart! We hope to see you at our April meeting.

### April Club Meeting

Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in the Apricot room

Agenda

Business Meeting

Member Art Display

Break

Demonstrator: Ria Krishnan, oils

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.

### Zoom Information

We will continue our hybrid meeting experiment this month.

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

Join us for a demonstration by Ria Krishnan. Ria sees herself as a storyteller. She paints from what she sees and feels around herself using just three colors: ultramarine blue, cadmium lemon, and cadmium red light, plus titanium white. Ria also teaches oil painting using that palette. More on her website: [Original Oil Paintings | Ria Krishnan Fine Art](#).

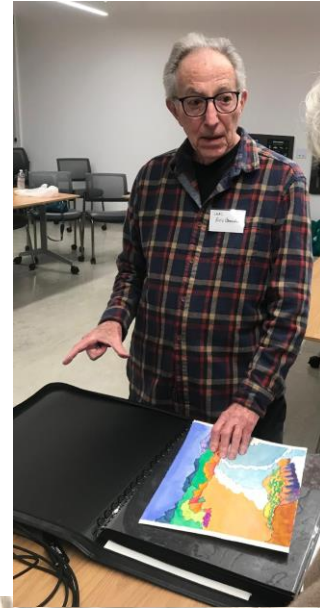


## March Meeting Report

### Member Presentations

#### Eric Greenhut, Gouache Painting with a Stained-Glass Look

Eric showed selections from his portfolio and talked about his history as an artist. He paints landscapes in plein aire, usually finishing the painting in one session. He paints wet on wet using 140-pound paper taped to waterproof foamcore (which keeps the paper flat) and likes to start with a horizon line. See his presentation on the meeting recording, and enjoy his paintings on his website: [www.ericgreenhut.com](http://www.ericgreenhut.com).



#### Julia Kahan, Stained Glass

Julia brought several medium-sized works and walked us through her technique. She starts with a photo – it has to be something she really likes to commit the forty to eighty hours it takes to get to the finished piece. See her talk on the recording, and see more of her work at [www.kahanarts.com](http://www.kahanarts.com).



## Dues

A few people still haven't paid their 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](mailto:grimmartclub@gmail.com).

## **Member Presentations and Monthly Sharing**

The purpose of the club is to support each other, and we do this through our venue program, our demonstrators, and by sharing our work at meetings. More on the two changes for 2024:

- We will have more club member presentations in place of demonstrators, the next one in June. Each presentation is 30 to 45 minutes and can cover your work, your journey as an artist, or particular techniques you like. Use this link to sign up: [LAAC Demo Schedule 2024 – Google Sheets](#)
- Instead of competitions, we are trying out a variation: Bring a recent artwork (or a work in progress) to display and (if you like) discuss with the group for a few minutes each. No voting, but more interaction and opportunities to learn and be inspired.

## **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.

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

Thank you Yukie Hikida for these ideas! Please send YOUR ideas to [ellen.barker@pacbell.net](mailto:ellen.barker@pacbell.net).

## **2024 Meeting Schedule**

- April: Demonstrator (Ria Krishnan, oils)
- May: Demonstrator (Lonnie Zarem, encaustic)
- June: Member presentations
- July: member potluck and 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.

### **3/11/2024 – LAAC Member Presentation by Eric Greenhut.**

Unfortunately the laptop lost battery power and the zoom recording was messed up but 45 minutes of Eric survived. But we missed Julia's presentation. Sorry Julia!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/RV8NSEgHsaucPQYNA>

### **01/08/2024 – Richard Becker, Landscapes with fast-drying acrylics**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YfEnmHzejy7PEUUP6>

### **10/2/2023 – Rajashree Dokras's Demo of painting on silk.**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/GUMgxuzGQd5bAs6v7>

### **09/12/2023 – Jan Prisco, Pastels**

We were unable to record at this meeting, but you can see her work at [www.janprisco.com](http://www.janprisco.com) and [www.portolaartgallery.com](http://www.portolaartgallery.com)

**6/12/2023 – Portrait drawing demo by Loic Maltais with member model Melissa Wilson.** Loic was wearing a mask and the audio level was rather low, so increase volume up high to listen.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/6GcnUdd3paFDKdpb8>

### **4/10/23 X – Ukraine egg paint demo**

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### **3/13/2023 Denise Howard – Techniques with colored pencil**

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**2/13/2023 Lisa Bauermeister – Fine art gourds**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/estsRDGnKbBXo6t2A>

**1/9/2023 Karin Taber – Abstract sea and landscape**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2nm9yJTvxcP4ZdK99>

## 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](mailto:wandamlee@sbcglobal.net)

## Venues

Julia Kahan is Venue Chair and Laurel Woodard is vice chair. We are displaying at five locations, typically for two months at a time. [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.

Please note that **you can sell your art at the venues, or you can mark them “not for sale”** if you'd like to display but not sell any particular work.

### Tags

- 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
- [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.

- Printed tags can also be picked at our club meetings

#### 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. And don't miss Rona's opening event at the State Street Market on **Friday, April 19, at 6 p.m.**

## 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](mailto:isao.nojima@gmail.com).

## MEMBER ART NEWS

We are here to support each other! Send your news to [ellen.barker@pacbell.net](mailto:ellen.barker@pacbell.net)

### Rona Foster

#### Join Rona at State Street Market

Rona is hosting a reception at State Street Market in Los Altos on **Friday, April 19, at 6 p.m.** Her paintings will be displayed there from April 3 to May 13.



#### Acrylic Painting Techniques Workshop

University Art, 2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City  
Saturday, April 20, 1:30-4:30

Learn painting techniques using the wonderful, forgiving, and versatile medium of acrylic paint. There will be demonstrations using a variety of ways to apply the paint, including sgraffito, sponging, stenciling, layering, wet-in wet, and more. Students will apply these painting techniques to their canvas panel to create a sample board to take home to use in future

paintings. This is a great workshop for anyone new to acrylic or for anyone who wants to further their knowledge.

Supplies to bring: Three colors of heavy body acrylic paint; a light, medium, and dark hue, such as, yellow, orange, red or light blue, medium blue, dark blue. One inch wide synthetic stiff bristle brush with a short handle (long handle O.K.), one or two canvas panels "12"x16" (not stretched canvas), plastic stencil, paper palette, or a few paper plates or any palette you already have, water container, paper towels, pencil, eraser, ruler, black felt tip pen, palette knife if you have one, optional-apron.

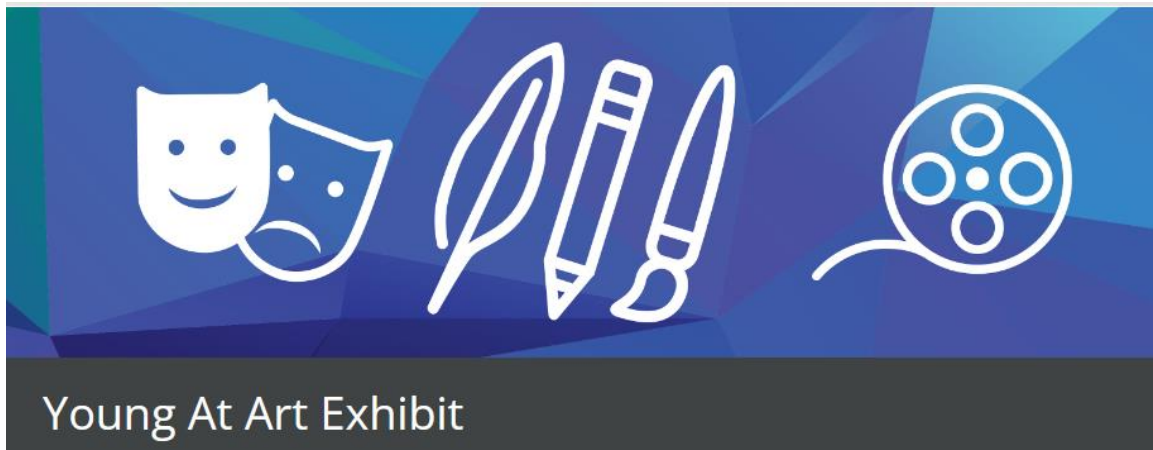
Cost: \$105 includes some supplies, Pre-register: Pay Pal under 'Send to a friend' <https://Paypal.me/createart97>

Checks are acceptable. Mail to 3858 Timlott Ct, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Contact: 650-858-0589 or [RonaSueF@gmail.com](mailto:RonaSueF@gmail.com)

## LOCAL ART NEWS

### Los Altos Library



Los Altos Rotary International will sponsor an art exhibit entitled "Young At Art" featuring prize-winning paintings by students from six local high schools: Alta Vista, Freestyle Academy, Homestead, Los Altos, Mountain View, and Saint Francis.

There will be a reception open to the public on April 7, 5-7 pm.

## April and May Watercolor Workshops for Adults

Wednesday, April 3, 3:00–4:30 p.m.

Los Altos Library

Watercolor workshop for adults A Work of Heart Studio. All supplies will be provided. [Register Here](#)

Wednesday, May 01

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. **or** 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

For Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, join us for a watercolor workshop for adults with a Work of Heart Studio. 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 April 3 at 12:00 a.m. – click here.](#)

## Los Altos Hills Town Hall



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

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

An artist’s reception is scheduled 2-5 p.m. April 21 at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, and will feature live music, refreshments and wine. The event is free and open to all.. [Read about it in the Town Crier.](#)

## Arts Los Altos



**April Walking Tour  
First Friday, April 5  
5 to 6 p.m.**

### 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](http://www.ArtsLosAltos.org)

### [FabMo](#)



1240 Birchwood Drive, Suite 2 Sunnyvale

**The next In-Person-Shopping days will be April 11-13. Appointments open April 4.**

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 to be displayed (this one by LAAC member Charlotte).

- **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, rumored to be in Menlo Park.

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 *Manzanita Tree*



More questions about the gallery and its move: 650 326-1668



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

### **Call for Art: Members Exhibition 2024**

Submission deadline: April 12, 2024

Show dates: May 10 - June 25

Located in the Forest & Ramona Gallery

The call: Calling all talented artists! We are thrilled to invite our esteemed members to participate in our upcoming exhibition, a celebration of the diverse and vibrant artistic community within our organization. This is an opportunity for you to showcase your creativity and unique perspective. Whether you specialize in painting, sculpture, photography, or any other medium, we welcome your contribution to make this exhibition a reflection of our collective artistic spirit. Join us in transforming our gallery space into a dynamic tapestry of imagination and expression.

[Click Here](#) for more information and to submit.



Gallery 9 Los Altos • 143 Main Street, Los Altos • [gallery9losaltos.com](http://gallery9losaltos.com)  
Tuesday - Saturday 11- 5, Sunday 12 - 5

**April 2 – 28**

**Photography by Roy Harrington** [L] [SEP]

**Black and White Imagery: The Old World**

Opening Reception: First Friday, April 5th, 5-8 pm



More about the Artist: [www.harrington.com](http://www.harrington.com) c



315 State St.,  
Los Altos  
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5789



**April Featured Artist: Amy Rattner**

**Wild connections: wildlife & their habitats  
reimagined**

Opening Reception: Friday, April 5th 5-8pm  
Meet the Artist: Saturday, April 6th 11am-5pm

This collection encompasses both figurative and abstract elements working together to highlight the interdependence between animals and their habitats. It was inspired by the countless species of animals who are affected by climate change.

## **Recommended by Our Members**

### **Workshops with Zoya Scholis**

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

April 13: Matisse Interiors in Mixed Media  
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](#)**

#### **What You Need to Know About Alcohol Markers**

Have you ever looked at a display of hundreds of colorful markers and thought how fun they would be to use, but you weren't sure where to begin? Cheap Joe has a few alcohol marker tips and tricks for you, whether you want to begin creating marker art or just need some basic tips for adding markers to your artistic practice.



[Click Here for the full story.](#)

### **Online Juried Shows**

Want more opportunities to get your artwork out there?

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

## One Last Pic

Caught in the ART!

On March 8, an artist adds a new artwork in downtown Los Altos. It faces the alley (Plaza Central) at Second Street, on the side of the building that houses the Village Pantry.



## One Last Click

Send me something to include here!

Please send newsletter comments, complaints, and contributions to [ellen.barker@pacbell.net](mailto:ellen.barker@pacbell.net)