



Los Altos Art Club

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May 2026 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Sian Yuan and Robin Bantz, both of Los Altos. Welcome! We look forward to seeing you soon

Next Club Meeting

Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m.
Apricot Room

[Click to join by Zoom](#)

May Meeting Agenda

- Business: Venues, Refreshments, etc.
- Demonstrator: **Barbara Cronin, Gel Painting**

Barbara Cronin earned a degree in photography and briefly ran a ceramics studio before life carried her in a different creative direction. She went on to complete a drafting certificate and worked as a technical illustrator for an engineering firm. After moving to California and starting a family, she studied watercolor and taught the Monart drawing method, including to autistic students. About ten years ago, she discovered the joy of gel printing and has since combined it with her newest creative pursuit: bookbinding. Barbara lives in Fremont with her husband and far too many cats. She is a member and past board member of the Fremont Art Association. She enjoys participating in the Tuesday Painters group, as well as knitting and traveling.

Meeting Reminder

- Bring one or two new works or works in progress to share during the break

2026 Meeting Schedule

- June—Julia Munger Seelos, California Plein Air Art
- July—Annual Potluck
- August—Annual Break (no meeting or newsletter)
- September—Member Presentation



A member presentation can be:

- A retrospective of your work
- Technique demonstration
- Virtual tour of your studio
- Anything you dream up!
- Email Rona at ronasuef@gmail.com to volunteer or ask questions

April Meeting Report

Member Presentation: Elena Krasnoperova

Elena showed us a variety of her work, including her latest interest, which is Oshibana art. Elena attended Inna Zatulovsky's overview of her modern interpretation of Japanese Oshibana Art at the March LAAC meeting. For the next month, Elena practiced her own version and brought the amazing results to show us.



Watch Isao's recording of Elena here:

<https://youtu.be/nDv-XGjFqQI>

Members shared recent work during the break:





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

Here is the link to sign up for all our current venues: [LAAC Venue sign up - Google Sheets](#)

Yukie Hikida is currently showing at Barre3 on First Street downtown. Here is her exhibit, at right.

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 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.

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.

Patricia and Isao Nojima

Silicon Valley Open Studios

Patricia and Isao are hosting SVOS site # 124 at 475 Knoll Drive, Los Altos. Weekend 2, May 9 and 10.

Their group will include Isao Nojima, Patricia Nojima, and Paul (for Cathy) Zander from the Art Club, plus local artists Nance Wheeler, Peter Koltai, Waverly Liu, and Kimberly Wong.

Julia Kahan

Mirada Art Gallery

Julia's art is on display from May 28 to June 22, 11 am -5 pm Thursdays-Mondays. Mirada Art is at 355 Main Street in Half Moon Bay.

SVOS – Silicon Valley Open Studio

Julia will be participating in SVOS weekends May 9-10, and May 16-17, 11am – 6pm. Her studio is at 219 Cherry Avenue in Los Altos. Check it out. There will be several other artists to see as well.

Eric Greenhut

Eric sold a painting at State Street Market! Congratulations Eric. State Street Market is working well as a point of sale for LAAC members. Check availability here. [LAAC Venue sign up - Google Sheets](#)

Eimei Onaga

Visit Eimei's studio and spend some time with art, music, and wine.

May 9–10 & 16–17 from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Site 506, Los Altos

Eimei will be presenting his recent ink and watercolor works.

Please text if you'd like the exact address. 650-714-6398

Rona Foster

Silicon Valley Open Studios

Rona Foster will be participating in and hosting for Silicon Valley Open Studios again, Saturday & Sunday, May 9, 10, 16, & 17 11:00-5:00. 3858 Timlott Court, Palo Alto. Come say "Hi" and see her paintings, mixed media collage art and pottery. There will be 12 artists in all.

Workshops

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](#).

Abstract Cityscapes

Saturday, June 6, 1:30-4:30, cost \$100

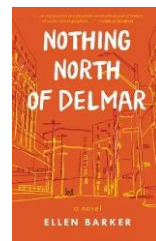
Rona's studio, 3858 Timlott Court, Palo Alto

To register: call 650-858-0589 or email ronasuef@gmail.com

Paint an abstract cityscape using a palette knife, a drywall scraper and brushes. This class offers the tools to bring your vision to life on canvas, using several layers of paint. You'll also be introduced to a glazing method. Through instructor-led demonstrations, individual exploration and experimentation by the end of the session you'll have a unique abstract cityscape that reflects your personal style.

Ellen Barker

Ellen's latest novel, [*Nothing North of Delmar*](#), is out! Join her for an author event on May 28 at 6 p.m. at Keplers in Menlo Park. [Story Is the Thing — Kepler's Literary Foundation](#)



LOCAL ART SCENE

Silicon Valley Open Studios

- **May 2 & 3 – Coastside and Northern Peninsula**
- **May 9 & 10 – Mid-Peninsula**
- **May 16 & 17 – South Bay**

Details here: [Silicon Valley Open Studios – Connecting artists to art enthusiasts](#) –including the full directory.

Locations open Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 5pm each day

Mark your calendars now for SVOS2026. SVOS features visual artists in many mediums — paintings, sculptures, woodworking, ceramics, fabric arts, jewelry, photography, mixed media, gourds, and much, more.

LAAC members participating

Rona Foster will host twelve artists on Saturday & Sunday, May 9 and 10 and May 16 and 17 from 11:00-5:00 at 3858 Timlott Court in Palo Alto.

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Julia Kahan is hosting several artists on May 9-10 and May 16-17 from 11 am to 6 pm. Her studio is at 219 Cherry Avenue in Los Altos.

Eimei Onaga's studio is open May 9–10 and May 16–17 from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Site 506 in Los Altos. Please text if you'd like the exact address. 650-714-6398

Los Altos Library

Watercolor workshop for adults

Friday, May 8, 11:00am–12:30pm [View all dates](#)

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

Future dates, all 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.:

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

Sunday Crafternoons

Sunday, May 17, 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:

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

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

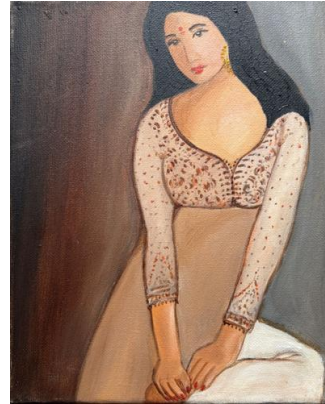
Los Altos Community Center

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.](#) Or pick up a paper copy at the main desk.

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 Los Altos Hills Town Hall from April to September. Read more about it [in the Town Crier.](#)



Los Altos History Museum



10,000 Memories

Partition, Independence, and WWII in South Asia

Jan 29, 2026–May 24, 2026

Arts Los Altos



Arts Los Altos has announced a new public art mural for downtown Los Altos. The inspiration for the mural includes the grace and movement of birds photographed by Arts Los Altos photographer Joel Bartlett at Baylands Nature Preserve and Shoreline



Park. The location of the mural will be at 140 Third Street on the side wall of Los Altos Dance Academy. Their hope is to bring observers into a space of color, harmony and movement, symbolic of dance.

Oakland based artist team, Twin Walls Mural Company, will create the design and paint the mural. Elaine Chu and Marina Perez-Wong are the talented artists of the Twin Walls team. Both artists received formal art school training before establishing Twin Walls Mural Company.

Read more about this new mural on the [Arts Los Altos website](#).

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 (for 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.

Get Started: [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.



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.

Interested in being a vendor, but don't know where to start? Sign

up for our very popular **How-to-Sell Your Handcrafts** class, which will take place on Sunday, June 28, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Click on [this link to register now](#) - seats are limited.

Join the Artisans Market Committee. We are looking for non-vendor committee members and would love to have your help. [e-mail](#) us!

Vendor applications will be accepted beginning July 1 at 8 am PT. Keep an eye out for announcements in the [FabMo Newsletter](#).

FabMo Workshops



[Sashiko Stitching for Beginners](#)

\$60.00

9 am to 12 pm Sunday, June 14

Sashiko is a versatile Japanese stitching technique that is typically used to mend, strengthen, or decorate garments and other items made from fabric. In this class, participants will hear about the historical uses of sashiko, learn the basic running stitch, and choose from different stencils to transfer the patterns to fabric. Participants will be able to complete at least two or three samples on cotton indigo fabric, one of which will be converted into a beautiful coaster ready to be used at home.

[Workshops — FabMo](#)

Make More in May!

Save the Dates

IN-PERSON SHOPPING

In Sunnyvale, *reservations required*
before noon Thursday & Friday

May 7~9

May 21~23

June 11~13

June 25~27

July 9-11

July 23-25

KNITTING MEET-UP

May 3 ~ June 7 ~ July 5

CROCHETERS' MEET-UP

May 17 ~ June 21 ~ July 19

WORKSHOPS

May 17 ~ Introduction to EPP

June 14 ~ Sashiko Stitching

June 28 ~ How to Sell Your Handcrafts

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 is shown at right. Stop in for coffee and take a look every Monday through Thursday.

Center for Creativity

Community Focused Arts Space in Redwood City

Make & Take Thursdays

- All experience levels.
- Creative guidance provided.
- All supplies included.
- Short, 30–45 minute projects.
- Free! NO registration, no pressure, just making.



Every Thursday, noon–2 pm
Eureka Gallery & Studio @ Center for Creativity
800 Main St. (at Broadway), Redwood City

[Click here for more about exhibits and activities at the center.](#)

Local Galleries



GALLERY HOUSE

CONTEMPORARY FINE ART

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

May featured Artists

CONVERGENCE: Movement & Memory

Kyung Eun Lee

Sandra Cochran



Reception (Free to the public) Sat., May 9, 2026 5-7pm

Music with Jazz Duo - Inamation

Show runs from May 6, 2026 to May 31, 2026

Check the [gallery website](#) for new works.

Pacific Art League

Members Exhibition 2026

May 8 - June 23, 2026

Opening Reception: Friday, May 8 (5:30 - 8pm)

Located in the Forest & Ramona Gallery

PAL's annual showcase highlights a wide range of mediums and styles—from painting, drawing, and printmaking to sculpture, photography, and mixed media.

<https://www.pacificartleague.org/members-exhibition-2026>



gallery9 Los Altos

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

Tuesday - Saturday 11 – 5, Sunday 12 – 5

<https://www.pacificartleague.org/members-exhibition-2026>

May Exhibition

Language I Don't Speak, a solo exhibition of new abstract paintings in acrylic by **Roni Gerson**

First Friday reception May 1, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Gerson's paintings are built in layers: color fields, gestural marks, and symbols. The work doesn't illustrate ideas so much as searches for



them, using paint as a way of thinking out loud. Light is her constant — the quality she chases and the thing that holds it all together. "Color and light are my first language. Everything else is translation", Roni says.

VIEWpoints GALLERY

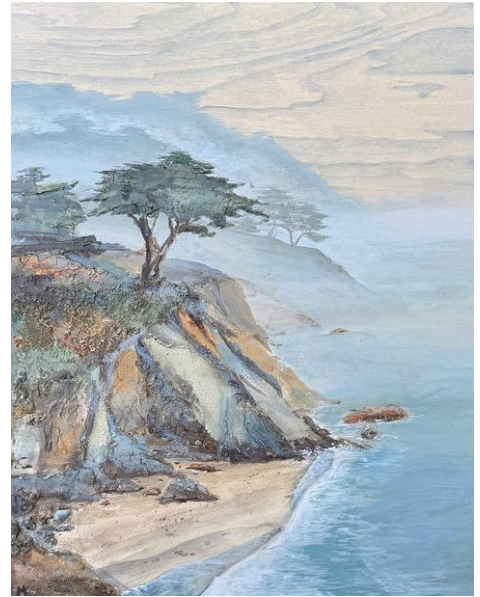
315 State St., Los Altos
(650) 941-5789
Gallery
hours: Wed-
Sun 11am-
5pm

May show: **“The Ethereal Coast: A Study in Mist and Light”** by **Caroline McClintic**

Show Dates: April 29th -May 31st, 2026

Reception: Friday, May 1st 5-8pm

Meet the Artist Days: Sunday, May 3rd and
Sunday, May 10th 11am-5pm



Recommended by Our Members

University Art

After 78 years, UArt in Redwood City is closing. Everything is now **50% off**. www.universityart.com

Dick Blick Opens a New Store in San Jose

3430 Stevens Creek Boulevard
San Jose, CA 95117
(408) 239-4655

Dick Blick Tips and Techniques

[Art Supply Guides & How-To's | BLICK Art Materials](#)

- How to shop for paint
- How to read a paint label
- Pigment overview
- And more

Zoya Scholis Workshops

Fee: \$150 each workshop, all at University Art in Redwood City.

Questions and registration: contact: Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

Saturday, May 2, 10– 2:30
Marc Chagall Inspired

Opportunities to get your artwork out there

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

One Last Pic for May



Pennies and Q-tips?
Watch the video here:
[\(20+\) Facebook](#)

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

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