



Los Altos Art Club

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May 2021 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Next LAAC General Meeting

May 10 at 7 p.m. by Zoom

See below for a special request for this meeting only

Time: Monday, May 10, 2021 07:00 PM

Click link below to join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5036311028?pwd=SHo0VG9tWTVyWFd0S2dlV0g3c3NXZz09>

Meeting ID: 503 631 1028

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Meeting Agenda

7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Business Meeting

Show and Tell (members' artwork, see below)

7:40 - 9:00 p.m. Demonstrator: Toni Rockwell (see below)

Show and Tell Details

- Theme: Recent Work (last 12 months)
- email jpg image to lenora.valainis@gmail.com
- Deadline for email is **7 p.m. Sunday, May 9**
- Lenora will display each artwork, one at a time
- Within time constraints, we'll have a few minutes to for the artist to talk about the work (if you like)

This Month's Demonstrator

Toni Rockwell, a fused glass artist from Lake Tahoe, will be the demonstrator at our May meeting. She discovered fused glass in 2007, three years before retiring from a 38-

year school teaching career. She works with clients to create custom glass pieces See more examples on her web site: www.tonistahoetreasures.com.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- Are you familiar with fused glass? Have you done any fusing?
- Do you have any specific questions for Toni?
- If so, please email Rona Foster at ronasuef@gmail.com prior to the meeting.



CLUB NEWS

April Demonstration by [Robin Scholl](#)



Robin demonstrated her technique for painting skies by starting with watercolor and adding pastels.

See examples on her web site or at Fast Frame Gallery at 371 State Street (next to Peet's Coffee) in downtown Los Altos.

LAAC member **Gerda Cristal** has written and illustrated a children's Easter book titled [Elizabeth's Story](#). It is now available on Amazon. Congratulations, Gerda!

Please send newsletter information to ellen.barker@pacbell.net



LOCAL NEWS

Update on the Los Altos Recreation Center Rebuild

Construction continues with completion still scheduled for June 2021. The sign is now on the building! This shot taken April 29 shows the new main entrance on Hillview Avenue, with parking in the foreground.



Los Altos Art Fairs Returning in person for 2021

- Rotary Club Fine Art in the Park, usually held in April, will be Aug 14-15 in Lincoln Park
- Los Altos Arts & Wine, usually held in July, is scheduled for Sept 25-26, downtown

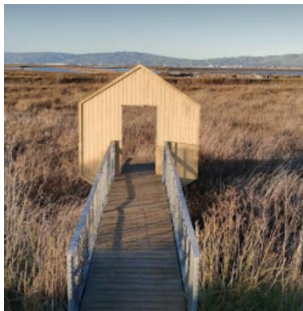
Los Altos Library

The library is (almost) fully open again – you can browse in the stacks now. The lounge areas are still closed, as is the snack bar. But an art show has been hung – the Silicon Valley Open Studios Preview Art Exhibit. The library is open Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Los Altos Farmers Market

If you've been waiting for the market to open to inspire still-life artwork, it opens on May 6, on State Street downtown. Hours are 4 to 8 p.m.

Call for Artists



The City of Alviso is looking for volunteer artists to paint murals on some of the structures that look like doors, or gates (see attached photo, as an example) that are found around **Alviso Park**. Paint will be provided. Contact **Mark Lopez, Key Volunteer** at (702) 325-6589 or mdl09151967@gmail.com.

←*Example of structure*

Call for Artists: The Bears Are Coming!

Details are in last month's issue of the club newsletter and available at the [Bears website](#). Please let Carol Dabb know if you would like to sponsor or paint a bear. Her phone number is (650) 941-1907 and her email is cdabb@cdabbart.com. **Artists receive 25% of the auction price.** The bear shown here was spotted in the Town Crier lobby.



Los Altos History Museum

<https://www.losaltoshistory.org/>

Now open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The second floor (permanent exhibit and model train) has re-opened, but the J. Gilbert Smith House remains closed for now.

Many of us have known and appreciated Nan and **Chuck Geschke**, long-time supporters of the museum. Chuck, who died last month, will be sorely missed. Read the museum's tribute to the Geschkes and the Tafts [here](#).

Silicon Valley Open Studios

Show Dates: May 1 – May 31

Visit the website at svos.org for details.



FABMO

1240 Birchwood Drive, Sunnyvale

www.fabmo.org

Whether you work in textiles, tile, leather or paper, come to nonprofit FabMo, find your treasures, and keep valuable materials out of the landfill.

Next Selection Event will be May 6-8.
Online Store is open 24/7 (for curbside pickup only).
On eBay, look for seller fabmosunnyvale.



ArtVenturers



work by Charlotte Montgomery.

ArtVenturers is a local group of artists, many of whom are LAAC members. They meet weekly, in normal times at the Los Altos Senior Center, and anyone can drop in any Wednesday morning. For now, you can join the weekly one-hour(ish) Zoom call, Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Email Lenora.Valainis@gmail.com to be included.

Jeweled Leaf (at left) is a new

See what other ArtVenturers have been creating by clicking [here](#).

Local Galleries

[Viewpoints Gallery](#)

May's featured artist is Deborah Shea, whose pastels celebrate the beauty and vivid colors of flowers and nature.

Gallery hours:

Wednesday-Sunday 11:00-5:00



Pacific Art League

<http://pacificartleague.org>

PAL has a new registration system & customer portal.

- First Time Users: [Setup & Access Your Account](#)
- Returning Users: [Forgot Your Password? Reset It Here.](#)

Check out these classes coming in early May:



**31 Days of Art -
Landscape**



**Alcohol Inks
and Cold Wax
Workshop**



**East Asian Ink
Wash Painting**

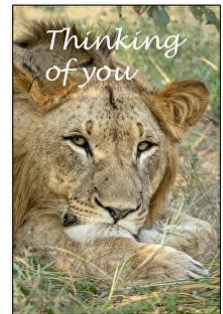
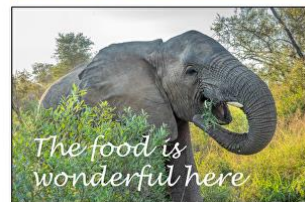
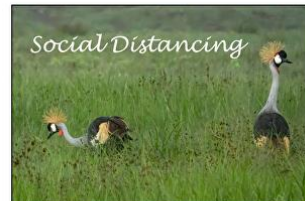


Gallery House

<http://GalleryHouse2.com>

Postcards from Africa

May's spotlight is on a collection of "faux" postcards from South Africa and Tanzania, part of the new Gallery House exhibit, *Going Places*.



Gallery 9

Gallery 9 is welcoming spring by re-opening with weekend hours: Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Window exhibits continue 24/7. Check the website for May exhibits.

Legion of Honor reopens May 7

You can [book tickets](#) now for two new exhibitions. See new, powerful sculptures—seemingly risen from the nearby Pacific Ocean—in **Wangechi Mutu: I Am Speaking, Are You Listening?**, and don't miss **Last Supper in Pompeii: From the Table to the Grave**, the first exhibition to focus on the love of food and drink in the ancient city of Pompeii.

Inspiration and Diversions

The links below are recommended by LAAC club members. Take a look – and send your own recommendations to ellen.barker@pacbell.net.

[Oscar Ukono](#) will make you reevaluate the basic Bic ballpoint pen. See the amazing art he creates. It's worth a click!

[“Collapsing Distance” Through Art](#) During winter quarter, Stanford students enrolled in a class called “Mail Art” created small works of art, remotely, during workshops led by master artists, and mailed them to classmates across the country.

[Using Pastel with Watercolor Tutorial](#)

A 35-minute video demonstrating how well these two mediums work together and how beginning a pastel painting with watercolor can influence and produce a more painterly style.



The wildest art center in the West?



Windblown and weird, Montana's Tippet Rise Art Center features sculptures by Alexander Calder, Francis Kéré, and Stephen Talasnik amid passing elk and deer on 12,000 acres. “The remote installations each get their own canyon, hill, glade, or natural amphitheater as a frame,” Nat Geo's Eve Conant wrote in 2019. [This documentary](#) seeks to capture the otherworldliness of the working farm/music venue/museum. Land & Sky—The Inspiration of Tippet Rise premieres on May 20, but you can catch a trailer [here now](#). (Pictured, the sculpture “Inverted Portal,” by Ensemble Studio, in Tippet Rise.)

[A different story about Van Gogh](#)

Neglected by art history for decades, Jo van Gogh-Bonger, the painter's sister-in-law, is finally being recognized as the force who



opened the world's eyes to his genius. This story is a long read from the *New York Times Magazine*.



[Detati Art](#)

Online art classes for adults: watercolor and acrylic painting, drawing, and photography. "Release your inner artist." Private instruction also available.

[The Drawing Mind](#)

Check out this Facebook group for cool techniques, plus artwork posted by members who tried the techniques.

NeoColor II water solvable crayons (wax oil pastels)

Looking for something new to try? This media provides exceptional coverage, smoothness and extreme lightfastness. They can be used for drawings on dry or wet materials, monotypes, impregnation, wet drawing, glazing or rainbow gradation. Available in 84 colors from most major art suppliers.

Robert Burridge Studio

Artists in Action: The Art of Pricing and Sales Part 2

Thursday, May 27, 11:00-12:00 PM

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3flzk5n>

Supporting artists is essential for the health, growth, and innovation of our community. If you are an artist looking to take your art to the next level professionally and make your art your livelihood, come learn the essential skills in this Artists in Action webinars series, designed to give you the skills needed to turn passion into profit.