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February 2020 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: March 4, 4:00 at Boulangerie

CLUB NEWS

February Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2020

7 p.m.

Grant Center Room 3

1575 Holt Avenue, Los Altos

Join us for a drawing demonstration by Jim Smyth and enter the monthly contest!

Monthly Contest

January Winners

Theme: Beginnings

First Place: Ellen Barker, "First Cup"

Second Place: Lenora Valainis, "Day Break"

February Contest

Theme: Big Sky

Show us what you've got: Storms, sunsets, night skies, fireworks, whatever says "sky" to you. Abstracts, mixed media, mosaic, whatever – all are welcome!

Future Contest Themes

March: Rocks and Trees

April: Three of a Kind

May: The Blues

June: Paths, Roads, Trails

July: Potluck, no contest
August: No meeting in August
September: Monochrome
October: Light and Shadow
November: Fall Colors
December: Dinner, no contest

Contest entries need to relate to the theme, but the theme can be interpreted by the artist. Abstracts are always welcome, as are all media including mixed.

LAAC Web Site

If you would like to post your work on the club web site, send pdf files to Leslie at lgrimm35@earthlink.net.

Monthly Demonstrations

January 2020

Thank you to Martha Castillo for her very interesting demonstration of Clayprinting at the last meeting. See the "Other Art News" section below for her new workshop.

February 2020

Jim Smyth is an adjunct professor of drawing and painting at the College of San Mateo and at Cogswell Polytechnical College and previously at Foothill College. He also teaches drawing, painting, life drawing and quick figure sketching at the Palo Alto Art Center. He was master printer and director at Appletree Press in San Mateo for many years and was instructor in drawing and painting at the Pacific Art League from 1969 to 1994.

Jim was employed by Control Data, European Center for Nuclear Research, (CERN), Geneva, Switzerland working on CD6600 and peripheral equipment in the 1960s, and in the 1970s he worked on F-111 RHAW systems and the Apollo 17 antenna system.

Winter Art Workshops taught by Rona Foster

www.RonaFoster.com, 650-858-0589

Mandala Art

Mandala means circle and represents wholeness and life as never ending. The mandala appears in all aspects of life; earth, sun, moon, etc. Mandala art refers to symbols that are drawn in a circular frame. Using symbols and colors that are meaningful to you, you'll create a personal mandala using a variety of art materials on a flat surface. Rona will guide you through a short relaxation exercise prior to making your mandala. All skill levels are welcome.

University Art, 2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City, 94061

Saturday, Feb. 15, 1:30-4:30pm

Cost: \$80, Includes all materials

To register: Mail a check to 3858 Timlott Ct, Palo Alto, 94306 or paypal.me/createart97(and send Rona your email address and phone #)

The Foster Gallery, 4907 940 Commercial St., Palo Alto, 94303

Saturday, Feb. 22, 1:30-4:30pm

Cost: \$75, Plus \$10 materials fee paid at workshop

To register: www.PacificArtLeague.org or 650-321-3891

Landscapes Using Acrylic and Collage

Learn a variety of collage and painting techniques to create an inspiring landscape using acrylic paint, colorful paper, texturing and varnish. Begin on practice boards to experiment with different techniques demonstrated by the teacher. The final product will be on canvas where the student is free to create an abstract or realistic landscape. All skill levels are welcome.

Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto, 94301.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 1:30-4:30pm

Cost: \$75, Plus \$10 materials fee paid at workshop

Students need to bring two canvases no larger than 12"x16"

To register: www.PacificArtLeague.org or 650-321-3891

Venues

Los Altos Art Club Venue	2020					
	Jan - Feb	Mar - Apr	May - June	July - Aug	Sep - Oct	Nov - Dec
Original Pancake House (Restaurant)	Joyce Savre	Catherine Gross	Wanda Lee	Rachel Tirosh		
7 (Large), 2 (Medium), 3 (Small)	Beauty Tingalay	Cathy Zander				
Original Pancake House (Bar)	Cathy Zander		Janelle Madison			
13 (Large or Medium)	Wanda Lee		Carol Fenwick			
420 S. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos (650) 559-9197	Charlotte Montgomery	Diana Collins	Ellen Barker		Diana Collins	
Grant Park Senior Center	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 (Large), Open Mon, Wed 10AM-2PM						
1575 Holt Ave. Los Altos (650) 947-2894 Cheri Anderson						
Urfa Bistro	Rachel Tirosh	Linda Williams	Charlotte Montgomery			
1 (Large), 6 (Medium), 2 (Small)	Rona Foster	Wanda Lee				
hang after 2 PM						
233 State St, Los Altos (650) 397-5614						
Pompeii Ristorante	Aileen Trant	Rona Foster	Rachel Tirosh	Wanda Lee	Charlotte Montgomery	
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100 State Street, Los Altos, CA						
3-5 PM Tu-F						
LAAC Exhibit Guidelines (Summary)						
LAAC and venue cannot be responsible for the loss and/or damage of any art.						
All art must be suitably framed with hanging wire or Gallery wrapped canvases						
Large (24" to 36") Medium (12" to 24") Small (10" to 12")						
Ideally, exchange should be made around the same hour of the same day.						
The venue must not be left with empty walls for more than a few hours						
Some venues request a phone call to arrange an installation time						
Only use existing hangers on the display walls						
Completed art identification tags & tape to hang the tags						
10% sales commission to be forwarded to the LAAC						

OTHER ART NEWS

Martha Castillo Clayprint Studios Workshop

Start the new decade with a new workshop: Clayprint with Martha Castillo in her Palo Alto studio. Cost is \$240 for each 2-day workshop. All materials are included, and no experience is necessary. Dates:
April 25 & 26, June 27 & 28, August 8 & 9, or October 10 & 11.

ART VENTURES

Drop-in Art Studio

Every Wednesday, 9:30- noon
Grant Center Room 3
1575 Holt Avenue, Los Altos

Meets Wednesdays to practice and share art. We occasionally take turns showing the group new things we've learned or have a specific theme, but artists are always welcome to work on their own projects. Drop in any time on Wednesday morning, no sign-up required. Free for members of the Los Altos Senior Program, others \$3/week.

Local Gallery News

Viewpoints Gallery

315 State Street, Los Altos

650-941-5789

<http://viewpointsgallery.com>

New Works by Teresa Ruzzo, Feb. 2nd to 29th, 2020

Artist reception: Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 – 5 pm

Teresa Ruzzo is a master at capturing big skies, ocean views and peaceful country scenes, all in her signature soft pastels. This new exhibit highlights the exquisite harmony of her color palette and we are drawn into the depth and beauty of local landscapes.

Gallery 9

143 Main Street, Los Altos

650-941-7969

<http://gallery9losaltos.com>

Gallery 9 of Los Altos turns 50, and we're marking the occasion with an exhibition of fine art. Skip the Super Bowl and join us for an opening celebration with art activities, music, and treats.

Opening Reception: Sun, Feb 2, 2-5pm

Exhibition runs Jan 30 - March 8.

Gallery House

320 S. California Ave, Palo Alto

Enter through Printer's Cafe

<http://GalleryHouse2.com>

650-326-1668

New extended hours:

Thur-Sat 10 AM - 6 PM

Sun-Wed 11 AM - 3 PM

Upcoming Exhibition

Show: "Interior"

Artists: Charlotte Coqui and Mitun

Exhibition: February 2 - 29

Reception: Saturday, February 8 / 4-6 pm

Pacific Art League

668 Ramona Street, Palo Alto

(650) 321-3891

<http://pacificartleague.org>

February Exhibits

All exhibits February 7 – 26. Opening reception Feb. 7, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Creating Change through Art

Exhibition featuring art works by PAL's Community Youth Art Program students from Bill Wilson Center, DREAMS and Mid-Peninsula Boys and Girls Club.

Punch Magazine Exhibition

Check www.pacificartleague.org for details.

Hope is Back

Photographs of murals produced by young refugees at the Arbat Camp in Iraq. The non-profit, Arbat Brighter Future, provided supplies and guidance to young artists as they created colorful murals that led to the unbelievable transformation of a very gray and dismal refugee camp into a beacon of hope and opportunity.

Fundraising Event is Sunday, February 9 from 5:30-7:30pm

Note: Please send information for the March newsletter to ellen.barker@pacbell.net.