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January 2021 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: **TBD**

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

CLUB NEWS

Meetings

All meetings are cancelled until the COVID threat passes and the Rec Center reopens.

What's New in Your Studio?

Send jpg files to Leslie at lgrimm35@earthlink.net and she will post on the club web site. Click here to see the [LAAC web site](#).

Harmony in Blue by
Rachel Tirosh



Monthly Demonstrations

TBD when meetings can resume.



Cathy Zander Tribute

See the [ALS website](#) for a tribute to Cathy Zander and links to view some of her paintings.

OTHER ART NEWS

Note from the Editor: Everything seems to be up in the air and changing day by day, so please check before going to any of the venues or galleries listed here.

Also, if you have found websites you particularly like that you think LAAC members would enjoy, please pass them on to me and I'll include them in the February newsletter.

Paint the Pandemic

The [Los Altos Public Arts Commission](#) is sponsoring a new show by local artists: **Paint the Pandemic!** Artwork will be displayed in Los Altos business districts from January 7 to January 31, 2021.

ArtVenturers

Comcast Cable TV channel 15, KMVT, is airing recordings that showcase ArtVenturers and their artwork every Wednesday from 11:00 until noon. See the [KMVT website](#) for details. To be a part of this, email Lenora.Valainis@gmail.com to get on the roster.

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 40-minute Zoom call, Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Email Lenora.Valainis@gmail.com to be included.



See what ArtVenturers have been creating by clicking here:

<http://caartventurers.blogspot.com/>

The Bird of Paradise
by LaVonne

Purple Blizzard
by Lenora Valainis





Los Altos History Museum

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

COVID-19 Update: The Museum store and indoor exhibits are currently closed.

Rise Up!

The Fight for Women's Suffrage

Aug 20, 2020–Feb 21, 2021

See the [exhibit website](#) for recordings, photos, and other information.

Related programming includes – **Women in Tech: Then and Now** on January 14th at 5 p.m. The event is free and will be hosted on Zoom. Online registration required.

Future History – COVID in Los Altos

To document the impact of COVID-19 on our community, the Los Altos history museum is still seeking stories, photos, diary entries, and other materials from residents of Santa Clara County. To tell your story, [click here](#).



FABMO

1240 Birchwood Drive, Sunnyvale

www.fabmo.org

The amazing [2020 Artisan Showcase](#) is now live online: Where chic meets sustainable! Each of more than 50 vendors in this showcase have created items with at least 30% of the materials used sourced from FabMo. These eco-friendly creations are testament to the joys of creativity and practical repurposing.

[Appointments](#) can now be made for COVID-compliant sales in January and February.

The [online store](#) is open 24/7 (curbside pickup only).

LOCAL GALLERY NEWS



Gallery House

<http://GalleryHouse2.com>



Viewpoints Gallery

<http://viewpointsgallery.com>



Viewpoints Gallery is closed until January 13, when it reopens with "**Go Green,**" a group show.

In 2021 Viewpoints Gallery will be introducing Square contactless terminals that accept Apple Pay, Google Pay, and tap-to-pay cards in addition to chipped credit cards.

Pacific Art League

<http://pacificartleague.org>

Lots of new classes and workshops, including **Wine & Watercolor**: Chase off that winter chill with this online workshop via Zoom. You'll have to provide



your own wine and snacks, as well as watercolor supplies. Taught by Stephen Curl. \$50. January 22.

Other workshops include **Valentine Greeting Cards** and a one-day workshop on **Drawing and Brain Exercises** to stimulate new neural pathways and use them as building blocks, which can help you to learn to "draw what you see, not what you know!"

Sign up here for one of these or another [upcoming class](#).



Gallery 9 Window Exhibits Continue

Gallery 9 continues highlighting the work of member artists in the Gallery window as they wait to re-open the Gallery to the public. Please stroll by to enjoy the Window Exhibits.

January 4 - 18
Bill Scull, Photographer

Bill usually captures images while traveling, but this year he has had to look locally for inspiration. Most of these images come from the Stanford Cactus Garden, a beautiful 140-year-old garden on the Stanford Campus.

January 18 - February 1
Kathy Sharpe

Kathy's paintings are done in a semi-impressionist style. She works in oil, watercolor and pastel, her favorite subjects being floral, still life and landscape. Kathy is a full time artist formerly of Los Altos now living in Carmel.



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The Museums are temporarily closed, but the Virtual Wednesday programs continue!

Join the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco online every Wednesday at 5 pm to help celebrate the Bay Area artists. Or [watch them on YouTube](#) at your leisure.

Yosemite Drawing and Watercolor Experience

May 28 – 30, 2021, in Yosemite



Join Robert Regis Dvorak this spring to sharpen your landscape drawing and painting skills while you visit powerful waterfalls, overflowing streams, fresh green meadows, and the spectacular geologic formations in Yosemite Valley. Cost is \$199 before January 1, 2021 (\$249 after that date). This is Memorial Day Weekend 2021, so you will need to make your accommodation

reservations as soon as you can, either online or by calling 888-413-8869. Consider that we will be painting near Curry Village.

Other news of interest to our members in the Covid-19 era

Helen LaFrance

Those of us who are of a certain age may find inspiration in this article about Helen LaFrance, a Folk Artist of Rural Kentucky

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/08/arts/helen-lafrance-dead.html?referringSource=articleShare>

LAAC Venues

After all these months pushing out the venue dates, we've decided to pause the venues until we can resume our regular scheduling.