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December 2021 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: **TBD**

CLUB NEWS

December Meeting

The board has decided to skip the usual December Holiday dinner in the interest of staying safe from Covid.

January Club Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022, 07:00 PM

Apricot Room, Los Altos Community Center (**tentative, see below**) or by Zoom—**decision to be announced in early January.**

Meeting Agenda for January

- Business Meeting
- Art Show: What I did During the Pandemic
Although we will not have a contest in January, we encourage everyone to bring one or two works created during the pandemic to share.
- **Demonstrator: Steven McDonald**
Steven is one of the leading young plein air artists in California, having been named one of Southwest Art Magazine's 21 Under 31 Artists to Watch. He takes his inspiration from nature, which is reflected in the vibrant colors and strong brushwork that distinguish his paintings. He owes much of his training to master painters Brigitte Curt and Jim Smyth, as well as the Lorenzo de Medici Institute in Florence, Italy
See more on [his web site](#)

CLUB NEWS

No December Meeting

The LAAC Board determined that the club's annual holiday dinner should be canceled this year due to the pandemic.

In-Person Meetings

We have reserved the Apricot Room in the Los Altos Community Center for in-person LAAC meetings beginning in January. Please note:

- A final decision regarding the January meeting will be made the first week of January based on CDC recommendations and member feedback
- Contests will resume in FEBRUARY, assuming in-person meetings continue
- Masks will be required inside at all times
- Attendees must be vaccinated
- No refreshments so that we can remain masked at all times

Last Month's Demonstration

Joan Sparks returned to LAAC in November with photos from her adventure through Banff and Yoho National Parks in Canada. We saw photos of the Canadian Rockies, hot springs, vistas, waterfalls, lakes, canyons, and icefields. If you missed the meeting, you can enjoy older photography by Joan on [this YouTube video](#).



Club Member News



Rona Foster's Mandala Art Class

Saturday, Dec. 4, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$85 plus \$10 materials paid at workshop.

Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St. Palo Alto.

Register through [PAL](#)

Mandala means circle and represents wholeness and

symbolizes life as never ending. The mandala appears in all aspects of life: earth, sun, moon etc. Using symbols and colors that are meaningful to you, create a personal mandala using a variety of art materials on a flat surface. There will be a short relaxation exercise prior to creating the mandalas.

Rona Foster's Holiday Gift Making Workshop

For Adults and Children

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$85 \$10 materials paid at workshop

Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto

Register through [PAL](#)

This fun family workshop is dedicated to creating holiday gifts and cards. All materials are supplied, such as colorful paper, fabric, ribbons, sequins and more. You have the choice to make paper and fabric decorated cards and/ or gift boxes. Children age seven and up are welcome, as long as they attend with an adult and both sign up for the workshop.

Rona Foster's Art Show and Sale

Sunday, Dec. 5, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Rona's studio.

3858 Timlott Court, Palo Alto, 94306 650-858-0589

Paintings and mixed media, ceramics, cards and decorated gift boxes will be for sale. If you can't make it on Sunday, Rona's studio will be set up for most of the week following. For a private viewing, email Ronasuef@gmail.com or call 650-858-0589 (landline, no texts).

LOCAL ART NEWS



Los Altos History Museum

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

Making Time for Art

If you missed the "Making Time for Art" presentation by Denise Howard and Doreen Cohen in October, [here is the link](#) to watch it on YouTube. It includes a plug for LAAC!

Ongoing exhibits

- Community Orchard Art through Feb. 20 in the History House

- [Art of Anna Knapp Fitz](#) through Feb. 6 in the museum

Los Altos Hills Town Hall

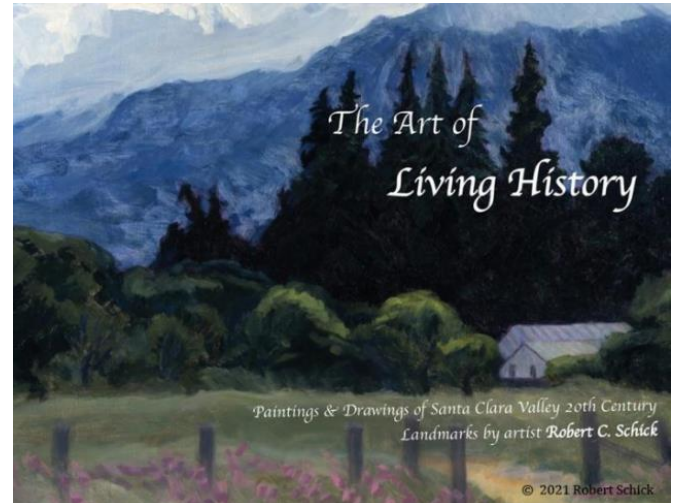
26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills

Robert Schick: The Art of Living History

Now through March 2022

The exhibition showcases 70 works that record the transformation of Santa Clara Valley as seen by the artist. [Click here](#) for photos of the exhibition.

For more information, visit robertcschick.com.



The Greater Bay Area Open

Call for Entries

GBAO is a fine-art-only juried art competition and exhibition presented by the Los Gatos Art Association in partnership with NUMU, New Museum Los Gatos.

Click to see the full the [call for entries and prospectus](#)

Show Dates: February 4 — March 12, 2022

Theme: Listen, Learn, Change

Jurors: Preston Metcalf, Julie Ericcson

Entry Deadline: January 9, 2022

Cash prizes in each category

Arts Los Altos

You are invited to an Art Opening with Artist Cameron Moberg

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 4:00pm

[Click here to RSVP](#)



Public art mural *Be the Change* was installed on November 19th at 169 State Street in Los Altos. Come meet the Artist Cameron "CAMER1"

Moberg and hear more about his work. The mural, funded and presented by Arts Los Altos, is located on two exterior walls of the Assistance League of Los Altos.

The subjects of this piece are four Monarch butterflies among California poppies. The Artist often employs themes of life, nature, positivity and spirituality in his art. As Cameron explains, "Bringing nature into a place where nature is lacking can often inspire and bring warmth to a cold, hard environment".



FABMO

1240 Birchwood Drive, Sunnyvale

NOVEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 23



Artisan Showcase

November 20 – December 23

Just in time for the holidays! Forget supply chain worries and big box stores. Shop unique, sustainable, and handmade gifts for everyone on your list and support the artisans who support FabMo and our mission of creative reuse.

Spread the word about this event and make the holidays a little greener for everyone.

Questions? contact Kathy at marketing@fabmo.org.

Los Altos Library

"Bamboo, Lotus, Orchids and Wisteria," an art exhibit at Los Altos Main Library from December 1- 31, will feature the work of noted artist and instructor Susan Chan and her students Novey Chou, Bonnie Chung, Christine Law, and Spring Zhang. The paintings symbolize nobleness, determination, modesty, purity, elegance and beauty.



[Virtual Paint Night](#) on Tuesday, December 7 at 6 p.m.

[Wreath making workshop](#). December 10. Register at the Adult Reference Desk. Find additional books to make wreaths for any season, [here](#).

Check the library [website](#) for hours and other events.

ArtVentures

ArtVentures is a local group of artists, many of whom are LAAC members.

- **In Person:** Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon in the Apricot room of the new Community Center.
- **Zoom** call on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 10:00 a.m. [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

“Bird on a Limb” (at right) is a new work by Linda Williams.



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

Local Galleries

[Viewpoints Gallery](#)

“The Good Earth” by Artist Julia Munger Seelos Celebrating California’s Picturesque Rural Landscape

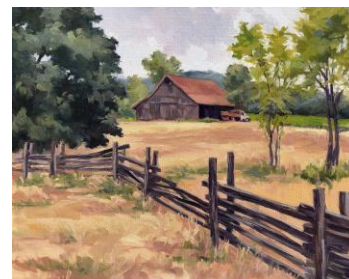
Show Dates: December 1 - January 2

Artist Reception: Friday, December 3, 5 - 8 p.m.

Meet the Artist: Saturday, December 11, 12 - 4 p.m.

Gallery hours: Wed-Sun 11a.m. – 5 p.m.

The evocative oil paintings celebrate the beauty of California’s picturesque rural countryside, taking the viewer to landscapes filled with history and quiet beauty. Julia captures the essence and personalities of working farms with their old barns and trucks. She sets them in the rolling hills amidst stately oaks and eucalyptus.



Julia's website: www.juliaseelosgallery.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/julia.seelos.3/

Pacific Art League

<http://pacificartleague.org>

PAL's 100th Anniversary Exhibition is open through January 24. Congratulations to the LAAC members who are exhibiting:

- Rona Foster (*Abstracts in the Groove*, at right)
- Lauren Herzog Schwartz
- Diana Brady
- Rachel Tirosch
- Doreen Cohen



See the [PAL website](http://pacificartleague.org) for a wide range of indoor, outdoor, and online classes and talks.

ZOYART

Franz Kline Abstract Expressionism Workshop with Zoya Scholis

Paintings from Franz Kline's Hot Jazz series were originally based on random shadow shapes, but Kline also carefully rendered many of his most compositions from extensive studies, commonly created on telephone book pages. In this workshop, students use plastic putty knives and house-painting brushes to execute with looser and more simplified strokes after working out basic compositions. Have great fun painting freely and learning to see the possibilities in minimal strokes. Make as many as three paintings in one day! Masks and vaccinations required. Class size is limited to eight.

Sat. Dec. 4th from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[University Art](http://UniversityArt.com) at 2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City

Fee: \$150

Register by email: Zoya@ArtforPersonalGrowth.com

See [ZOYART website](http://ZOYART.com) for more workshops.



Gallery House

<http://GalleryHouse2.com>



Can't make it in person? Shop online at galleryhouse.art.

Come see our new exhibit, **SPLENDID**, featuring exceptional work from our artist members. Then kick-off the holiday season with fine art and choose from nearly 200 works on display. Shop early for holiday gift items starting November 16th.

RECEIVE A ONE TIME 20% DISCOUNT THROUGH DECEMBER 2021.

Use discount code: **HOLIDAY21.**

Listen to live music.

Saturday, Nov. 20, jazz band, Retro Notes

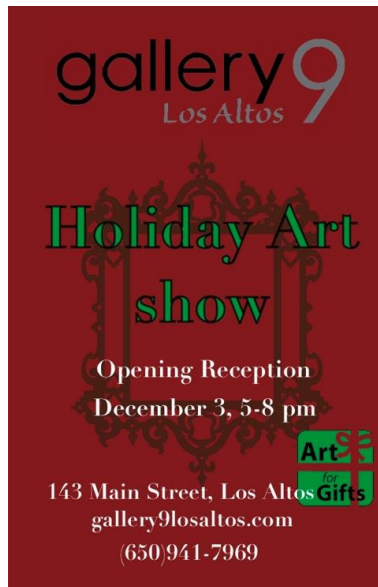
Friday, Dec. 10, Jazz Two Blues Duo

Extended holiday hours:

Tuesday – Thursday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Friday – Saturday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.



Gallery 9

December: Festive Group Exhibit

This month's exhibit highlights the work of the gallery's many artists in a variety of mediums: ceramics, painting, photography, printmaking, and jewelry.

Support local artists while choosing from unique artwork that will give lasting pleasure.

Holiday Reception December 3, 5 - 8 p.m.

Art Organization News

Santa Cruz Art League

Robert Regis Dvorak's Masterful Still Life in Watercolor
(Online)

Three Fridays: December 3, 10, & 17

2pm-3:30 pm

via Zoom through Santa Cruz Art League

To register call: 831-426-5787, or go online:

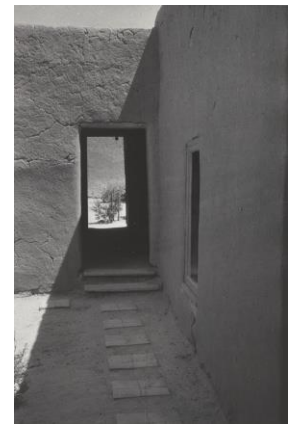
[Register with SCAL](#)



Recommended by Our Members

Georgia O'Keeffe Photography

A new show of Georgia O'Keeffe's photography is currently on exhibition at the Museum of Fine Art Houston, but you don't need to go to Texas to see at least part of it. Check out the [show's website](#), and don't miss the thirty-minute video by Lisa Volpe, associate curator of photography and organizing curator of the exhibition.



The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

[Click here for bird art classes.](#)

Make Pastels Pop on a Dark Surface

For those of us who are pastel artists or are thinking of trying pastels, here is an interesting article from *Artists Network Magazine* [about using pastels on black paper](#).

Online Juried Shows

Want more opportunities to get your artwork out there?

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

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