



Los Altos Art Club

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February 2021 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

**NEWS FLASH: LAAC General Meeting
February 8 at 7 p.m. by Zoom**

Time: Feb 8, 2021 07:00 PM

Click link below to join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 503 631 1028

Passcode: 7tZ1mg

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7:00 - 7:40 p.m. Business Meeting

Delay officers election till in person

Delay membership dues till in person.

Discussion of potential virtual monthly competition

Social with Zoom

7:40 - 9:00 p.m. Demonstration by **Bruce Marion**

Whether you're viewing Marion's compelling abstracted landscapes, cityscapes, figurative or contemporary wildlife, it's likely his rich colorations and dramatic use of light first catch your eye. His works have a distinctive, glowing quality, as if they're illuminated from within. He achieves this effect by applying multiple layers of paint, using palette knives, brushes, and some unconventional tools (think drywall scrapers and squirt bottles), creating complex surfaces with tremendous depth. See his gallery, artwork, and workshops at <https://www.brucemarion.com/>

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

LOCAL NEWS

Update on the Los Altos Recreation Center Rebuild

No recent updates from the city, but construction continues. This shot from January 31 shows that the roof is on, siding is up, and some windows are in. Part of the parking area has been paved, too (foreground).



An Unusual Call for Artists



The Los Altos Painted Bears, a Rotary Charitable Fundraiser

Artists are needed to paint large 3-by-8-foot fiberglass bears, which will be primed white. The artists will be paid to paint the bear by those who purchase a bear. The purchaser can keep the bear or put it up for auction at a Rotary fundraiser event. The project was inspired by a similar bear project in Cairo, New York. Go to www.caironybears.org to check out how they were painted there. You can also read the prospectus at [The Bears - Los Altos Bears](#). They will need to be painted with acrylics, as some will be placed outdoors. Four poses are available. To participate or buy a bear, call, or email Karen Druker at 650-941-8073 or kadruker@pacbell.net.

Viewpoints Gallery

<http://viewpointsgallery.com>



.Viewpoints has reopened with "**Go Green,**" a Viewpoints artists group show. Fifteen artists will share their vision of hope and promise by depicting all that is Green and Good in their lives.

Hours Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Gallery House

<http://GalleryHouse2.com>

Check gallery website for opening and current works.



Detail of "2 Dancers" Acrylic
by Bogomir, Multimedia on
Canvas - 21 x 17

Pacific Art League

<http://pacificartleague.org>

In celebration of its 100th anniversary, PAL membership is now \$100. Members receive 10% off classes and other benefits.

February 2: Free Coffee Connections Demo with Laura Spector as demonstrating her upcoming class Acrylic Toolbox: Intro to acrylics

Free Virtual February First Friday

Friday, February 5, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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



Gallery 9

Now open on weekends and continuing to exhibit the work of member artists in the gallery window.

Hours: Friday, Saturday & Sunday • 11a.m. – 2 p.m.
See website for upcoming exhibits.

de Young
museum

Virtual Wednesdays at the de Young

Up next: Wednesday, February 17 at 5 p.m. - The unveiling of “#SayHerName Women of the Black Panther Party Mural



FABMO

1240 Birchwood Drive, Sunnyvale

www.fabmo.org

- The next selection event is three days, February 11-13
- [Appointments](#) will be available starting February 4
- The [online store](#) is open 24/7 (curbside pickup only)
- On eBay, look for seller fabmosunnyvale

ArtVenturers

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.

See what ArtVenturers have been creating by clicking here:

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

Valentine Fanfold
By Carol Rivers



Inspiration and Diversions

Blick Art's Facebook Live

Check out the live demos coming up in February.

Artists Network Competitions

- Splash 23 – Watercolors: Early Bird (save \$10) Deadline: March 15
- Strokes of Genius 12 – Drawing: Early Bird (save \$10) Deadline: March 22



Los Altos History Museum

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

Recorded webinar, “Women in Tech: Then and Now.” Panelists offered insights into the benefits of working in tech, the obstacles women face in this male-dominated industry, and the progress being made toward achieving greater equality in Silicon Valley. To view a recording of this webinar on the museum’s website, scroll to the first Video Highlights on the "Rise Up!" exhibit page.

Escape via the New York Times

The World through a Lens. Photojournalists “help transport you, virtually, to some of our planet’s most beautiful and intriguing places.”

The Graphics Fairy Daily Posts

[Avocado Dye – Plus fun Project!](#)

[9 Sunflower Images – Beautiful Pictures!](#)

Creative Block?

Watch "[How to Overcome a Creative Block in Watercolor](#)" on YouTube

Bruce Marion (February Demonstrator)

See his gallery, artwork, and workshops at <https://www.brucemarion.com/>