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# Los Altos Art Club

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## October 2021 NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: **TBD**

## CLUB NEWS

October Club Meeting (by Zoom)

Time: Monday, October 11, 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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### Meeting Agenda

- Business Meeting including discussion of when we might return to in-person meetings
- Show and Tell (members' artwork, see below)

### Show and Tell Details

- Theme: Recent Work (last 12 months)
- email jpg image to [lenora.valainis@gmail.com](mailto:lenora.valainis@gmail.com)
- Deadline for email is **7 p.m. Sunday, October 10**
- Lenora will display each artwork, one at a time

### No October Featured Artist

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Rona Foster: [ronasuef@gmail.com](mailto:ronasuef@gmail.com).

## CLUB NEWS

### Last Month's Demonstration

No demonstrator in September.

### Club Member News



**Rona Foster** is teaching two workshops at University Art, 2550 El Camino Real, Redwood City. Participants must have received a COVID vaccine. Cost: \$90 per class. All skill levels are welcome. To pay and register for either class, email Rona at [RonaSueF@gmail.com](mailto:RonaSueF@gmail.com) or call 650-858-0589. Or mail a check to 3858 Timlott Court, Palo Alto, 94306. State which workshop you're paying for.

### Techniques Using Acrylic and Collage

Saturday, October 23, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Most materials included. Students must bring two canvases no larger than 12" x 16" Learn a variety of collage and painting techniques using acrylic paint, texturing, colorful paper, and varnish. Students will begin with practice boards to experiment with different techniques demonstrated by Rona. The final product will be on canvas, where the student is free to create any image they want.

### Mandala Art

Saturday, November 20, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. All materials included. 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.

## LOCAL ART NEWS



**FABMO**

1240 Birchwood Drive, Sunnyvale

Be inspired to create something beautiful and uniquely you - visit FabMo's [Inspiration Gallery](#).



Check the FabMo website for more information about in-person sale days, volunteer opportunities, and on-line purchasing for curbside pickup.

**October Selection coming 10/7 - 10/9.**  
**Shop the Online Store 24/7! (for curbside pickup only)**  
**On eBay, look for seller fabmosunnyvale.**

### **Update on the Los Altos Recreation Center Rebuild**

Grand opening event is scheduled for October 2, and many programs will resume in person on October 4. The Senior Center (now called Adult 50+ Program) will also reopen October 4 both in the new building and at Grant Park. Masks are required inside.

## Los Altos Library

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



### Next Used Book Sale

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 & 12  
Featuring Adult Fiction and Nonfiction, Media  
Saturday, Sept 11, 10am - 6pm  
Sunday, Sept 12, 12 -3pm \$5 Bag sale!



## Los Altos History Museum

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

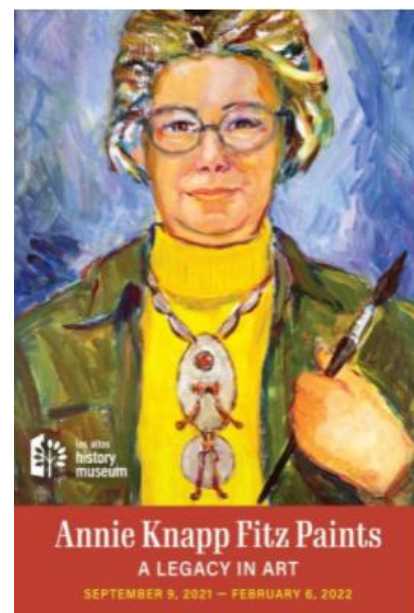
Community Orchard Art  
Los Altos ArtVenturers  
Sep 30, 2021–Feb 20, 2022  
J. Gilbert Smith House



The beauty and whimsy of Los Altos Heritage Orchard inspired ArtVenturers to create a series of works celebrating all things apricot, on display in the J. Gilbert Smith House exhibit gallery. Join in the exploration to ignite your own creativity!

### Art of Anna Knapp Fitz

In 1921, eight-year-old Anna Knapp Fitz moved with her family to an eight-acre farm in Los Altos. As an adult, when asked what life was like in those early days, “Annie,” as she was known, picked up her paintbrush to tell the story. This self-taught artist donated 212 of her paintings to Los Altos History Museum, which will draw from the collection for an exhibition titled “Annie Knapp Fitz Paints: A Legacy in Art,” on display **Sept 9, 2021 - Feb 6, 2022.**



Free programs associated with the exhibition:

- “Making Time for Art” with artists Denise Howard and LAAC member **Doreen Cohen**. Saturday, Oct 23 at 10am.
- “Arts Los Altos: Public Art and Placemaking” presented by Maddy McBirney and Karen Zucker. Thursday, Nov 4 at 7pm.

**Registration is required for these programs through the Museum’s website at [www.losaltoshistory.org/AnniePaints](http://www.losaltoshistory.org/AnniePaints).**

## ArtVenturers

ArtVenturers is a local group of artists, many of whom are LAAC members. They meet weekly, in normal times at the Los Altos Adult 50+ 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](mailto:Lenora.Valainis@gmail.com) to be included. “Beach Seascape” (at left) is a new work by Charlotte Montgomery.

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

## Local Galleries

### Viewpoints Gallery

#### **October: Maura Carta**

Working primarily in oils, Maura paints plein air cityscapes, still lifes, interiors and portraits.





## Pacific Art League

<http://pacificartleague.org>

**Reminder: PAL's 100th Anniversary Exhibition submission deadline is Tuesday, October 12th and the entry fees are between \$50-\$100 (depending on size). [Click here for details.](#)** All entry fees are regarded as tax-deductible donations for both members and non-members.

### **Sampling of [October Classes](#):**

Abstract Expressionism Series I and II, taught by Lonnie Zarem

Acrylic Painting by Caroline Mustard

Acrylic Painting by Melanie Brannan

Colored Pencil Techniques by Denise Howard

Chinese Brush Painting by May Shei

### [October Exhibit:](#)



**Gallery House**

<http://GalleryHouse2.com>

See web site for upcoming exhibitions.



## October Exhibit

MARIA  
PAZOS

Watercolor and  
Alcohol Inks

Sep 28 - Oct 31, 2021



*Please join us for the Artist's Reception: SATURDAY October 2nd — 1:30 to 3:30 pm*

*Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 - 5; Sunday, 12 - 5*

## Art Organization News

### Colored Pencil Society of America



**Explore This! 18** is now open for entries. This is an easy exhibition to enter. Everything is online, so no shipping—or framing for that matter—is needed. If your artwork is juried into the exhibition, it appears on the CPSA website indefinitely starting February 1, 2022. Plus, your work can be for sale or not for sale, and if someone buys your work, there is no commission to pay. Deadline for submissions is November 15. [Click here](#) for details. Note: Art should be predominantly colored pencil but may have other medium(s) or attributes.

## Recommended by Our Members

### 7 DRAWING HACKS

**Pro Artists Use That Actually Work**

[Click here](#) to watch the 13-minute video.



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