



# The Palette

The Los Gatos Art Association Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events



**January 8, 1-3pm**  
**Ray Mendieta**

**Topic: Portrait Drawing Basics**  
Raymond Mendieta attended the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, where he received his undergraduate and Masters in Fine Arts.

Ray plans to draw a portrait for us from a live model. He will demonstrate how he makes decisions regarding composition, perspective, proportion, value, pattern and the use of light and shadow - key considerations for achieving a good likeness.

Today Ray's paintings are collected worldwide. He specializes in commissioned portraits and plein air landscapes, and has had numerous one-man shows. He also teaches at the Academy of Art University as well as The Pacific Art League in Palo Alto, CA.

**Remember** – Bring your unwanted art supplies to swap, sell or donate to the January meeting **Art Resource Table**.



**February 12, 1-3pm**  
**Steve Curl, Painter**

**Topic: The Art of Travel Sketching**

Steve is a fine artist working in the medium of watercolor. Most of his work consists of landscapes and seascapes that have inspired him during his hikes and travels.

“Watercolor behaves just like nature: fresh, spontaneous, and elemental in its simplicity. It is a joyfully portable medium that affords me the opportunity to record my visual impressions quickly and with a natural freshness.”

“All of my paintings seek to capture my experience, where a turn in the trail has caught my eye, and I am again witness to the rush of beauty and the life force unfolding before me.”

Steve also teaches watercolor painting classes at the Pacific Art League in downtown Palo Alto, California where he resides.

## December 11: Holiday Social

The Holiday Social was a success with a large friendly crowd (pictures at the bottom of the page). We had plenty of good food, music and conversation. It seemed many were in no hurry to leave.

Many of the Peer Review Artist of the Month Award Winners brought artwork for display around the room.

Our first year to collect “Toys for Tots” was a great success. Our collection box was overflowing with more than 50 toys.

The Artist of the Year ribbon and the 2010 Members Juried Show People’s Choice ribbon were presented to the winners:

Artist of the Year 2010

First Place: **Vernon Dittenbir**

Second Place: **Ron White**

Members Juried Show People's Choice award:

**Raja Guha Thakurta** for "Shades of White"

## President’s Message

The LGAA kept me very busy in 2010. I am looking forward to experimenting more in the New Year, applying techniques learned from our demonstration artists.

The Board of Directors and volunteers have been taking over more of the workload. Thank you for volunteering and for all the hard work in 2010.

Happy New Year,  
Karen

## Dates to Remember

### January 8

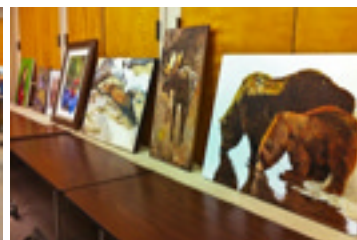
General Meeting 1-3 pm  
Ray Mendieta  
Demo Artist  
Art Resource Table

### February 12

General Meeting 1-3 pm  
Steve Curl  
Demo Artist

### March 12

General Meeting 1-3 pm  
Susanne Karlak  
Demo Artist



## Member News

**Shannon Amidon** participated in an artist residency at the Julie and David White Artist Colony in Costa Rica for the whole month of December.

**Maria Boisvert** was awarded Second Place for a piece entitled "Done for the Day", and a tie on People's Choice as well, at the "Fences" show at the Corral de Tierra Country Club in Monterey County.

**Karen Druker, Jane Ferguson, Jan Grady, Veronica Gross and Sayeko Nakamura** were accepted into the 2010 Triton Museum's statewide watermedia competition.

**Diane Fujimoto's** *Chapeau Lanroz* was juried into Gallery House in Palo Alto.



Diane Fujimoto - *Chapeau Lanroz*

**Nina Bricker's** art was included in the Santa Cruz Art League show "This Is Santa Cruz"; the Menlo College show "Images of Menlo"; and the Los Altos Art Club show "The Magic of Color".

**Karen Garnett** won First Place Award in Acrylic Painting and Second Place in Oil Painting at the Valle del Sur 2010 Open Juried Show; as well as Artists' Choice Award at the MBPAPA Monterey Tapestry Exhibit. She currently has a solo show at DVINE Jazz and Wine in Morgan Hill.

**Peggy Hansen** had 2 pieces juried into Yosemite Renaissance XXVI. Peggy will also have a solo show at Laser Light Printmakers in Aptos, from January 3-February 28.

**April Maiten** has one mosaic hanging at Intel and another at the Saratoga Library. Three of her mosaics were on display in Palo Alto during December.

**Carolina Mueller** will be the featured artist at Gallery Saratoga in February.

**Britta Ottersgard** participated in the SWEA (Swedish Women Education Association) Christmas Fair in St Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, December 4, and sold 4 paintings.

**Julia Munger Seelos** is one of two artists featured in the Thos. Moser San Francisco Showroom through January 10.



Julia Munger Seelos - *California Gold*

**Grace Tang's** montage paintings are installed in the Pollock Financial building in Redwood Shores through May 30th.

**Dan Tellep's** watercolor was juried into the Watercolor West 42nd Annual Exhibition, and was awarded the Cheap Joe's Merchandise Award.

**Michael Rogan** will be exhibiting recent watercolor paintings in the bimonthly exhibit at the Santa Clara City Hall in February and March.

## Classes

**Mike Bailey's** Beyond the Obvious class starts Monday, January 17 at 9 a.m. at Hoover Theater in San Jose. In his class you will paint a minimum of 20 full sheets on your chosen subject during the 10 week class. You can use any media you like. We hear a lecture on one of the "art elements" every Monday, and go home to paint. Karen Druker, 650-941-8073 or [www.scvws.org](http://www.scvws.org).

**Nina Bricker** will be instructing the "Drawing In The Evening" class on Thursday nights, beginning again on January 20, through Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation. 408-353-4028 or 408-354-8700

**Kay Duffy's** watercolor classes resume in January. Every second and fourth Monday morning at Hakone Gardens (inside), Saratoga. [K@kayduffywatercolors.com](mailto:K@kayduffywatercolors.com) or [www.kayduffywatercolors.com](http://www.kayduffywatercolors.com).

**Danielle Fafchamps** will give a workshop "Intro to Clay sculpture" on February 26 at the Pacific Art League in Palo Alto. [www.pacificartleague.org](http://www.pacificartleague.org), or [www.daniellefafchamps.com](http://www.daniellefafchamps.com).

**Marian Gault** will be teaching two Calligraphy classes, one starting on January 24, at Southside Community Center in San Jose, and the other starting on Jan. 22, at Sunnyvale Community Center. They are beginning level, teaching Copperplate using pointed pen. 408-395-8026, or [MGault@flyingquill.com](mailto:MGault@flyingquill.com).

**Linda Harris** is teaching Portrait Drawing and Painting from a Model Thursday nights in Sunnyvale. Oil and Pastel, beginning to advanced. [www.lindaharrisart.com](http://www.lindaharrisart.com).

**Randy Sexton** is hosting a series of Figure Painting Workshops during the next few months in his studio. Each student is expected to bring their own easel (plein air set-up works great) and supplies. [rscart@mindspring.com](mailto:rscart@mindspring.com).

## Opportunities

Members wishing to hang work at the **Saratoga Senior Center** (2 months at a time) plan to hang first week in January. Theme is "winter in California". All work must be ready for hanging. All sizes accepted. Gloria Watson, [gloriasgallery@att.net](mailto:gloriasgallery@att.net) or 867-4757.

**Sandra Lee Gallery**, located in the Union Square area of San Francisco will be hosting a juried exhibition this coming June titled "The Abstract", featuring juror Phil Linhares, Chief Curator of Art, the Oakland Museum of California. The exhibition is open to California artists only. Lisa Serrano, 415.291.8000, [art@sandraleegallery.com](mailto:art@sandraleegallery.com).

Join the Fremont Art Association's Digital Photo Group on a **scenic and light walking photo tour** to Point Lobos and the Big Sur area on Saturday, January 15. This adventure will be led by an award-winning photographer, Cooksey Talbott.

**Laurie Barna** will give a talk about the inspiration and execution of "Liberty Ladies" patriotic paintings on Jan 20, 10:30a.m. - 12 noon at Los Altos Hills Town Hall. Refreshments will be served. 650-941-8073.

## LGAA Plein Air Schedule by Cynthia Riordan

The Los Gatos Art Association runs a weekly outdoor painting event every Monday and the first Thursday each month.

The location changes every week. All mediums are welcome.

Upon arriving at each location, members will be there to greet you and start the session.

All events are mornings 9:00 – 12:00 noon unless otherwise noted. Updates online at <http://www.lgaa.org/pleinair.html>.

### January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - Maison du Lac



The Mountain Retreat of Bill and Patti Hughs. Quiet Pond and lots of color: gardens, out buildings and farm equipment. This is an excellent site to bring a picnic lunch and paint well into the afternoon. Take 17 South to Summit Road. Go East on Summit Rd. and go left on Trail Ridge Road (about 1 mile

from 17 - look for rack of mailboxes on left). Take Trail Ridge about 1/4 of a mile and look for parking lot in redwood grove on right. Red cone will mark the parking area.

### Thursday, January 6 - Alum Rock Park (10am)



115350 Penitencia Creek Road, San Jose. Many mineral springs; was once a turn of the century resort. 125 year old park with creek, stone bridges with old trees and romantic history. Take Penitencia Creek Road off Capitol Expressway. Go east into park and park in farthest parking lot from entrance. Bring a lunch and

enjoy the park. Fee \$6, \$2 for seniors.

### January 17 & 24 - Villa Montalvo, Saratoga

Once grand estate of Senator Phalen, Villa Montalvo offers a lovely Mansion surrounded by formal gardens. Hidden water features make it a quiet and peaceful place. Take Montalvo Road off Saratoga Los Gatos Road and follow it around to the end. Meet in parking lot #3 to left of Mansion.

### January 31 & Thursday, February 7 - Davenport



9.5 miles N. of Santa Cruz Some us didn't get enough of this site which offers industrial (cement Plant) Coastal cliffs/ Ocean and Monterey pines, small but historical and weathered downtown and coffee house and restaurants for after a fun day of painting.

*\*New meeting location. Take Hwy*

1 north from Santa Cruz to Davenport. Go past cement plant and make a left onto Davenport Landing Rd. (first left after cement plant ) park in parking lot on left near ocean. Cliff views, picnic tables and facilities.

### Thursday, February 3 - Seymour Marine Discovery Center-Santa Cruz (9:30)

Many fabulous vista from bluffs of ocean. Take Highway 17 South from San Jose. Take Highway One (Mission Street) North toward Half Moon Bay. Continue north through town several miles. Turn left on Swift Street. Turn right on Delaware Avenue. Follow Delaware to the UC Santa Cruz Marine Science Campus entrance at the end of the road. The Seymour Marine Discovery Center is the final building located on the ocean bluff, next to the giant blue whale skeleton.



### February 14 - Lexington Reservoir

East side of 17 Take Bear Creek Rd, and go over highway 17 follow signs to reservoir. Park in first parking area. It is located approximately just past the dam off Alma Bridge Road.

### February 21 - Lexington Reservoir (location 2)

East side of 17, Take Bear Creek Rd, and go over highway 17, follow signs to reservoir.

Park in The Miller Point day use area, located approximately 1.3 miles from the dam off Alma Bridge Road.



### February 28 - Moss Landing Harbor

Highway One Working fishing harbor, old and new boats and interesting old buildings. Good eating places so bring a friend and make a day of it. Take 17 south to Watsonville exit. Go South past Watsonville and turn right at power plant onto Moss Landing Rd. Take the next right on Sandholdt Rd. Before bridge turn right into Moss Landing Harbor Parking lot. Great place to get up-close and personal with fishing boats and Elkhorn Slough.



### Plein Aire Painters Holiday Lunch

On Dec. 13 Diana and Ed Leone hosted a lunch for the Plein Aire Painters. It was a lively event with great food. Diana outdid herself in providing much of the food and a great party atmosphere. The highlight of the event was a painting exchange.



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All General Meetings are held at the Community Center: 208 E. Main St., Los Gatos.

If you have something that is newsletter-worthy please email to:  
Jack Quattlebaum - jackq@mindspring.com by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before publication.



**Volunteers Needed:**

**Historian:** Voting Position, Keeps a record of LGAA activities.

**Vice President:** Voting Position. Stands in for the President, attends board meetings.

**Publicity Chair:** Sends out news releases and helps coordinate publicity.

**Transportation:** Brings the mirror and sound system to the meeting from storage.

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