



The Palette

The Los Gatos Art Association Newsletter

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Upcoming Events



March 12, 1-3pm
Susanne Karlak, Fine Art Photographer

Topic: Painterly Photographic Tour of Mexico's Colonial Heartland and Copper Canyon

Experience the colorful architecture and enjoy the friendly and charming people of Guanajuato and San Miguel

de Allende. Then, a train ride through the Copper Canyon region to Batopilas to see the colorful dress and intricate basket weavings of the indigenous Tarahumara.

Susanne is an award-winning photographer in permanent collections at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and Kaiser Hospital.

Her photographs have a painterly quality; people often assume they are paintings. The subjects are drawn from her travels and her love of the outdoors. She uses a variety of styles including close-ups, motion photography and multiple exposures.



May 14, 1-3pm
Will Maller, Fine Art Painter

Topic: How we start...Then where do we go?

This demo will reflect Will's knowledge of not only making art, but judging art competitions and teaching one-on-one artist workshops over the years.

Will says "My work has always begun with observation and a representational impulse, either drawn or constructed. Then on to the struggle of line, shape, value, and color, fused with design principles, and varying degrees of abstraction, to arrive at yet another visualization."

In February 2010, Will was awarded Signature Status with the International Plein Air Painters organization. Most recently he was awarded the First Place Grand Prize Purchase in the 2010 Paint-the-Parks 100 National competition, and has been named as one of the fifty finalists in *Southwest Art Magazine's* top 21 national artists over 31 years of age.

President's Message

Wow, the demonstrations at the general meetings have been terrific. In January, Ray Mendieta did some beautiful portrait work teaching us a few of his tricks. In February, Steve Curl did some watercolor landscape work that was inspiring.

Thank you, Carol Bower (LGAA programs chair) for finding such wonderful artists.

The search for juried show space is also going well. We have multiple options and are finding the best fit for the association. In researching the sites we judge for location, artwork security, cost, commission on sold artwork, available floor/wall space, management reliability, support service and "artists' reception".

We have a proposal out to the current best fit; it looks very promising for the fall. We also have a few possible festival-type events this spring and summer. Please continue to suggest locations for the future. We'll let everyone know when these plans become firm.

See you soon.

Karen

Dates to Remember

March 12
General Meeting 1-3 pm
Susanne Karlak
Demo Artist

April
No Meeting

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Demo Artist



Member News

Tomiko Bailey has a painting juried into Greenhouse Gallery, Salon International 2011 Show April 2-22 in San Antonio.

Nina Bricker will be showing her work at The Bean Scene Cafe on Castro St. in Mountain View in March and April.

Roosevelt Bynum's work will be on display in the Gallery at UnWined Wine Bar and Shop in San Jose through June.

Danielle Fafchamps has a sculpture juried into the 6th Biennial Indoor Sculpture Exhibit in the City Hall in Santa Clara from mid-April through September.

Terri Ford's paintings *Mystic Cliffs* and *Fishing Nets* will be published in the April issue of The Pastel Journal. They both received honorable mentions in the Annual Pastel 100 competition. Her painting *Sunset on the Seine* is one of five finalists in the International Association of Pastel Societies 2011 Convention Poster competition and will appear in the May/June issue of The Pastel Journal.

Susan Migliore has been juried into the Los Gatos Plein Air exhibition and sale June 1-4.



Susan Migliore - *Princeton Dock*

Helen Scheel's pastel *Autumn Harvest* won 1st place in the Society of Western Artists juried show, on exhibit through March 25th in Redwood City.



Helen Scheel - *Autumn Harvest*

Diane Fujimoto will have a solo show in the Fireside Gallery at The Sea Ranch Lodge April 1-30. Public reception Friday, April 1 5-7pm.

Jane Ferguson and **Terri Hill** have 29 pieces each hanging at ART @ PARC in the Palo Alto Research Center through March.

Felix Chan Lim and **Bobbi Makani** participated in the Chinese New Year Art Exhibit at Shangrila Plaza Mall.

Carolina Mueller was featured in an article in the Divya Bhaskar newspaper in Ahmedabad, India (circulation 5M).

Four paintings by **Sayeko Nakamura** have been juried into the permanent collection of the UKI-City Art Museum in Japan. Sayeko was also invited to conduct a workshop at the UKI-City Water Media Society.

Britta Ottersgard was accepted into the Saratoga Rotary Art Show.

Jack Quattlebaum's photographs will on display in the Cupertino Library throughout March and April.

Thalia Stratton was accepted into the 2010 Oil Painter of America Western Regional Juried Show in Jackson, Wyoming and was highlighted in the November 2010 American Art Collector Magazine. She is also exhibiting with other "Great American Figurative Artists" at the Waterhouse Gallery in Santa Barbara.

Raja Guha Thankurta's pencil drawing *An Artist's Vision (Satyajit Ray)* was juried into the Works on/of Paper show at the Pacific Art League in Palo Alto.

Karen White has a solo show *Land in Color* at Viewpoints Gallery in Los Altos through April 2. Artist Reception March 11 5-8pm.



Karen White - *Grazing on Gold*

Opportunities

Easels in Frederick - a juried plein air event in historic downtown Frederick, MD June 21-26 will include \$9,000 in cash awards. Tim Ryan tryan@delaplaine.org or www.delaplaine.org/easels.

The Santa Cruz Art League presents the 81st Annual Statewide Exhibit: **Earth Portraits**, May 28 – June 26, 2011. Juror: Scott A. Shields, PhD, Associate Director / Chief Curator of the Crocker Museum. Open to Contemporary Landscape Painters of California. Deadline March 25. www.scal.org / cindy@scal.org / 831-426-5787

San Luis Obispo Plein Air Festival, October 2-9 at the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art. Karen Kile 805-543-8562 x 13 or kkile@sloma.org

Los Altos Hills Curator **Karen Druker** invites members to a Town of Los Altos Hills sponsored Reception April 17, 3-6 p.m. for artist Jan Meyer, who painted all the whimsical murals, doorways, walls in downtown Los Altos in the 1980's. 650-941-7222

Art on the Square in Redwood City - June 17, July 8, July 22/23, August 26 and September 23/24. www.redwoodcityevents.com

Join the Fremont Art Association's Digital Photo Group on a **5.6-mile walk at Mt. Diablo** on Saturday, March 19. This adventure will be led by an award-winning photographer, Cooksey Talbott.

Bay Frames in Fremont is offering LGAA members a 40% discount for one and 45% discount for two custom frames.

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>.

March 7th - Moss Landing Harbor



Highway One Working fishing harbor, old and new boats and interesting old buildings. 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.

March 14th & 21st - Coyote Creek Trail

off Monterey Rd. South of San Jose. This recent site is part of the Southern Coyote Creek Trail systems. It offers lake and creek settings plus views of the hills on both side of the valley. Take 85 to 101 to Bailey and left on Monterey Rd. Barnhart Ave is the road between the huge electrical towers, and as you travel South on Monterey you will need to make a u-turn back to electrical towers; turn right and follow the road around toward the Airport parking lot.

March 28th & April 4th - Scenic Spot, Route 9



This is a spot off Highway 9 that has views toward the ocean. It has a paved parking area with bathroom and picnic area. Follow Highway 9 out of Saratoga toward Skyline Blvd (Rt 35). Stay on Rt 9 and go approximately 3 miles past the intersection of Rt 35. Stay on Rt 9. The paved parking area

will be on your left. It is the beginning of the Sky to Sea Trail.

Thursday, April 7th - Hakone Gardens

Special Event for Plein Air Group - more to come.

Classes

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

Kay Duffy's twice-monthly watercolor classes are continuing every second and fourth Monday morning at Hakone Gardens (inside), Saratoga. Kay is also leading a Collage Workshop on Saturday, April 16. 408-867-0508, K@kayduffywatercolors.com or www.kayduffywatercolors.com

Terri Ford is conducting a California Coast workshop August 3-5 in Pacific Grove as well as a plein air workshop September 18-28 in Domain du Haut Baran in the South of France. 408-286-3801 or tford@terrifordart.com

Linda F. Harris is offering Portrait Painting from a Model - drawing, pastel and oil; beginning to advanced. Thursday nights in Sunnyvale. www.lindaharrisart.com

April 11th & April 18th - Presentation Pond

19480 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos. Take Bear Creek Road exit off Hwy 17 south and turn left onto Bear Creek. Center is a few miles on your left. Cynthia has obtained permission to paint at this private peaceful oasis tucked among the redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains.



April 18th - Jackson Ranch East of Morgan Hill

From 101 South go East on Dunne Rd. towards Coe State Park, cross over Anderson bridge, go 2 miles to Jackson Ranch on left on a hair-pin turn. Our SIGN will be displayed. Sam Pearson has arranged for the Ranger to open the gates at 8:30.



April 25th & May 2nd - Bernal-Culnac-Joice Ranch

Santa Teresa Park, San Jose. From highway 85 take the Cottle Road exit south past Santa Teresa Hospital. Turn left on Santa Teresa Boulevard (east) and make your first right on Camino Verde (south). Continue on Camino Verde through a residential area and you will dead end at the ranch on Manila Drive. Park on the street.



Felix Chan Lim and **Bobbi Makani** are teaching The Art of Chinese Landscape Painting April 2 - May 21 as part of the Stanford Continuing Studies Program.

Patricia Osborne is conducting a series of Watercolor Workshops in Redwood Valley on March 12-13 and at the Mendocino Art Center March 26-27 and July 25-29. 707-937-1104 or posborne@mcn.org

Claire Schroven Verbiest is presenting a 2-day weekend watercolor workshop March 19-20 at the Fremont Art Association Gallery. www.fremontartassociation.org or 510-792-0905.

Figure Drawing (uninstructed), Tuesday afternoons 2-4:30 pm at the Los Gatos Art Museum. **Nancy DeWeese** 408-395-0853 or ndw4art@yahoo.com

Free demos sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society at Hoover Theater in San Jose. Karen Druker, 650-941-8073 or www.scvws.org.

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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:
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Volunteers Needed:

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

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

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

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