



# The Palette

The Los Gatos Art Association Newsletter

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March / April 2018

## Upcoming Events

**March 11, 2018**

**1-3 pm**

**Kevin Courter  
Oil Painting**

Kevin Courter is a native son of the Bay Area of California who keenly observes the magical quality of the California landscape and the effects that light plays on it at various times of day. He aptly and uniquely renders these observations in his soulful landscape oil paintings.

For these reasons Kevin has captured the hearts of his many collectors throughout the US and abroad, has won numerous prestigious awards, and is in high demand as a gallery artist and workshop presenter. We had the pleasure of having him serve as the juror for the 2017 LGAA Members Juried Show. See [kevincourter.com](http://kevincourter.com) for more info and to see examples of his work.



**April 8, 2018**

**1-3 pm**

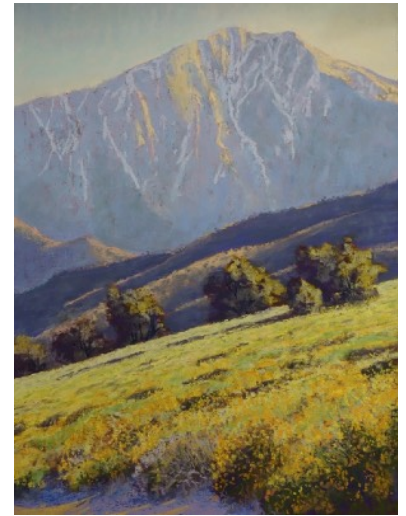
**Clark Mitchell  
Pastel**

Clark Mitchell is a nationally acclaimed landscape artist and workshop instructor based in Northern California. He travels widely to paint pastel and oil landscape, primarily on location.

Designated a Master Pastelist by the Pastel Society of America and a Distinguished Pastelist by the Pastel Society of the West Coast, Clark has received numerous awards in local as well as national competitions. In 2005, he won Best of Show at the Laguna Plein Air Invitational; and in 2011, Best of Show in the Maui Plein Air Painting Invitational. His paintings have been on the cover of *American Artist*, *Southwest Art* and the *Pastel Journal*.

You can find a step-by-step demonstration by the artist in the June 2011 issue of *The Pastel Journal*.

Please go to [cgmitchell.com](http://cgmitchell.com) for 2018 workshops and more information about Clark Mitchell.



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## Opportunities

**The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center** in

Pleasanton is hosting the 8th annual "Fresh Works" Juried Exhibit for emerging and established artists who reside or work in the greater Bay Area. The deadline for Entry is 5pm Friday, March 2, 2018. Exhibition dates are April 28 - June 2, 2018, with the artists' reception on Saturday, April 28, 1-3pm. Entry fee is \$35 for up to 3 entries. This year's juror is Beverly Rayner, instructor and lecturer at Cabrillo College. For more information, see [firehousearts.org/gallery/call-for-art](http://firehousearts.org/gallery/call-for-art).

**Darla Bostick's 11th/12th Annual Ghost Ranch Retreat Workshops** in Abiquiu, NM are

coming up in June and Sept./Oct. For more information, see [darlabostick.com](http://darlabostick.com). There is also a trip scheduled to Copenhagen, Denmark and then to Hamburg and Berlin in June/July. For more information, see [darlabostick.com/art-adventures-abroad](http://darlabostick.com/art-adventures-abroad).

**4th Annual Art Outside the Box Phase IV - 2018**

**Call to Artists** — The City of Campbell's Civic Improvement Commission and the Campbell Artists' Guild invite artists residing in Santa Clara County to participate.

Deadline to apply is March 16, 2018. An honorarium is paid that varies from \$350 to \$500. For more information and application forms go to [cityofcampbell.com/artbox](http://cityofcampbell.com/artbox).

**An Artist Getaway** plein air painting vacation is scheduled for April 15 - 20, 2018, in Occidental, the Sonoma Coast. Paint the Russian River at Casini Ranch Campground, The redwoods at Grove of the Old Trees and the coast along Hwy 1. For more information, see [www.artistgetaway.com](http://www.artistgetaway.com).

# Member News

**Plein Air Group** — 16 Los Gatos Art Association members took the January Challenge to paint every day in the month and to post the paintings to a private Facebook page. The challenge was announced to the plein air painters, but there were no restrictions on what was painted or drawn.

While painting daily was difficult for some schedules, that became secondary to just painting more. The group enjoyed learning from others, sharing thoughts, tips, and their work. They also got to know each other better through daily exchanges. It was a great way to start the year and to chase away the January Blues!

**Jill Kroh's** 24 x 36 inch framed acrylic on canvas "He Created the Heavens and the Earth" is in the Santa Cruz Art League's 2018 Members Exhibition, February 9 - March 11.



Jill Kroh - He Created the Heavens and the Earth

**First Meeting at our New Location** – The attendance at the January meeting was very high. There was an outpouring of praise and enthusiasm for the facility, for our organization, and for our presenter, George Rivera.

A special thanks to Helen Scheel for booking George who was outstanding in the job he did critiquing about 40 paintings and he worked way overtime to get it all done. He is a true and dedicated master at what he does. He is very giving of his time and attention, and is sensitive and kind in how he dispenses his advice.

We were very fortunate that Congregation Shir Hadash allowed the meeting to run overtime, as in the previous location we would have had to vacate at 3pm.

~ Jane Loomis

**John Giannotti** will be speaking, April 8, at 1:30, on the successful color strategies which the works on display demonstrate at the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society 50th Anniversary Show, entitled "Color!" which hangs March 19 - May 1 at the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center of Silicon Valley in Los Gatos. For information, call JCC Events coordinator Maya Tripp at (408) 357-7492.

**Annie Haines and Elwira Maszara** will have the following paintings in the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society 50th Anniversary Show, entitled "Color!" at the Addison-Penzak JCC.



Annie Haines - Afternoon SunBathing



Elwira Maszara - Odd Couple

**Kathy Kleinsteiber** had a painting accepted into Yosemite Renaissance 33, which will be shown at the Yosemite Museum Gallery from February 23 through May 6, followed by a traveling exhibit at various venues in the Central Valley. Her entry from last year's Yosemite Renaissance 32 completed the traveling circuit and is now on display at the Mariposa Government Center.

Kathy will also have three paintings in The Art of Nature exhibit at the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History from April 7 through May 27.



## Artists of the Month

### FEBRUARY:

1st Place

**John Giannotti**

*Kitty*

(Watercolor)

2nd Place

**Vernon Dittenbir**

*Four Cows*

(Oil)

3rd Place

**Kathy Kleinsteiber**

*The Great Escape II - Roadrunner*

(Oil)

## Welcome New Members

James Camp  
 David Chisessi  
 Marylyn Cooper  
 Lonna Dexter  
 Deirdre Dunnion  
 Margo Geyer  
 Jacqueline Gittens  
 Michael Granger  
 Diann Klink  
 Jennifer Kretchmer  
 Alan Tecker  
 Rachel Tirosh  
 Tereasa Tso  
 Janice Wong  
 Tanya Yurgaitis  
 Xueling Zou

## LGAA Plein Air Schedule by Rebecca Lillis White (map links by Annie Haines)

The Los Gatos Art Association runs a weekly outdoor painting event every Monday 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/new.pleinair.html>.

### March 5: Davenport, Waddell Beach



From Los Gatos, take CA-85 S to Hwy 17 S to Santa Cruz. Exit Hwy 1N towards Davenport. Go past Davenport town about 7 miles, parking lot on the left on the coast. Ocean on one side of CA-1, wet lands on the other side. Orange cone and LGAA sign at entrance of parking lot. Restrooms available. View Paintings 12:15pm. [Map](#)

### March 12: SJ, San Vicente Ave, Fortini Trailhead



From Los Gatos take CA-85 S to Almaden Exp. S., at the end, turn right on Harry Rd. then left at stop sign onto McKean Rd. Drive a ways to Fortini Rd. and turn left. Drive down to where the road goes off to the right, but turn left onto San Vicente Ave. Small parking area on the right and street parking. No restrooms. Free parking. [Map](#)

### March 19: San Martin, Harvey Bear Ranch



From Los Gatos take CA-85 S Take CA-85 S, merge onto US-101 S, go 13.9 mi. Take exit San Martin Ave. Make sharp left onto E. San Martin Ave, go 1.5 mi, turn left into parking lot. Stay and view paintings. [Map](#)

### March 26: San Juan Bautista



408 2nd St., San Juan Bautista. From Los Gatos, CA-85 S, merge on US-101 S, exit 156, to San Juan Bautista, go about 3mi, turn left on Alameda at first light signal, right on Polk St., left on 2nd St. Park in front of mission. Stay for lunch, at JJ's; eat and view paintings. [Map](#)

### April 2: Rancho Higuero Historical Park



47300 Rancho Higuero Rd., Fremont 94539. From Los Gatos. Head east on CA-85 S for 4.9 mi. Exit onto 5B for CA-87 N, for about 5 mi. Use right lane, exit 5 for I-280 S/680, merge onto I-280 S for 2.4 mi. Keep left on I-680 for 12.4 mi. Use right lane, exit 12, Mission blvd. E. and merge onto Mission blvd., go 1.1 mi turn right onto Curtner Rd. for 0.9 mi turn right on Rancho Higuera Rd. Must park on street on the Rancho Higuera Rd. side. Has a Porta Potty.

### April 9: Cupertino, Picchetti Winery



13100 Montebello Rd. From Los Gatos, follow CA-85 N to the Stevens Creek Blvd. exit. Go left on Stevens Creek Blvd.. Left onto Foothill Blvd south. It becomes Stevens Canyon Road. Drive to Montebello Road and turn right onto Montebello Road. Drive 1 mile turn left into Picchetti Winery and immediate right into the upper parking lot. Facilities available. [Map](#)

### April 16: San Jose, Alum Rock Park



15350 Penitencia Creek Rd. From Los Gatos, take CA-85 S to CA-87 N, then take exit 5 for I-280. Continue onto I-680 N. and go 2.4 mi, take McKee Rd. exit, follow signs for McKee Rd E and merge onto McKee Rd. Turn Left on Toyon Ave, go .09 mi, turn R. on Penitencia Creek Rd. Drive to Alum Rock Falls Rd. The park is on the right. [Map](#)

### April 23: Pacific Grove, Lovers Point



From Los Gatos take CA-17 S to CA-1 S, (21.5 mi). Follow CA-1 S to Del Monte Ave. in Monterey. Take exit 402B from CA-1 S, (38.7 mi). Continue on Del Monte Ave. Take Lighthouse Ave. to Ocean View Blvd., (4.1). Pass Lovers Point Park, drive past Shell Ave. Parking lot on the right. Look for LGAA Sign and Orange cone. [Map](#)

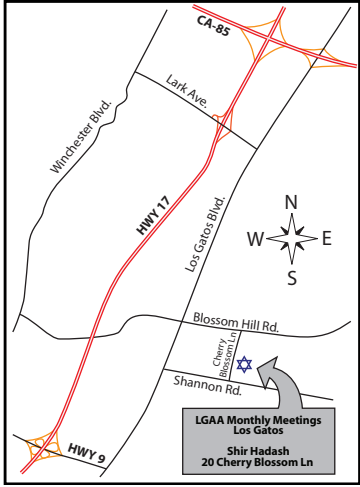
### April 30: Saratoga, Scenic Spot



This is the spot off Hwy 9 that has views toward the ocean. It has a paved parking area with bathroom and picnic area. Follow Hwy 9 out of Saratoga toward Skyline Blvd. (Rt 35). 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. [Map](#)

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