



# The Palette

The Los Gatos Art Association Newsletter

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March-April 2009

## Dates to Remember

March 14, 2009  
1:00 pm—3:00 pm  
General Meeting

March 14, 2009  
5:00 pm-7:00 pm  
Reception-  
“A Tribute to Nick  
White”

March 29, 2009  
12:00 pm—3:00 pm  
Art In Take—OJS  
Art Museum of  
Los Gatos

April 5, 2009  
1:00 pm-4:00 pm  
Artists Reception  
OJS—Art Museum  
Of Los Gatos

May 9, 2009  
1:00 pm-3:00 pm  
General Meeting  
Jane Hofstetter  
Watercolor Demo.

June 13, 2009  
1:00 pm-3:00 pm  
General Meeting  
Kristin Rivera  
Sculpture Demo.

July 2009  
No General Meeting

## March 14, 2009 General Meeting

### Terri Ford Pastel Demonstration

**March 14  
2009**

“Keeping a painting fresh” is of primary importance to Terri. Her under-paintings are

designed to establish strong value patterns and composition, capturing the essentials. Terri will demonstrate her under-painting technique, illustrating how to keep a painting vibrant & fresh, and avoid the pitfalls of overworking.

*Terri Ford is a nationally recognized, award winning pastel painter and plein*

*air artist.* She is a distinguished pastel artist with the Pastel Society of the West Coast, and a Signature member of the Pastel Society of America. She is a member of the Master’s Circle of the International Association of Pastel Societies. Terri teaches workshops and provides private instruction in her studio, by appointment.

**Mentor Members for March** will be:  
Sandra Jones and Genway Gao

**March 29, 2009** Art In-Take OJS 2009

## Artist Reception—April 5, 2009 Art Museum of Los Gatos

**April 5  
2009**

**1 – 4 pm:** Please join us at the Art Museum of Los Gatos on Tait Ave for the Artist Reception. This will

be a great chance to meet the Artists and enjoy our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Juried Show. The show is open to statewide artists and the prize money totals at least \$7,500.00. The competition is very heavy. Our three

guest Jurors, Dale Laitinen, Kenny Mencher, and David Ogle have to decide which of the 544 beautiful pieces would make the best show possible for our little museum. Our guest Awards Juror Randall Sexton will be placing the ribbons and deciding who gets the prize money days before the reception. Come see the Awards presentation during the Artists Reception.

**Kevin Kasik** our recent editor has given up his LGAA volunteer position. We would like to thank him for his expertise and the time he devoted to the association.

## Los Gatos Art Association In collaboration with THE MUSEUMS of LOS GATOS Presents the 25th Annual Open Juried Show

April 2nd through May 1st, 2009

Art Museum of Los Gatos  
4 Tait Avenue, Los Gatos, CA

Reception and Awards:  
April 5th, 2009 1-4pm

Museum Hours:  
Wednesday-Sunday, Noon to 4

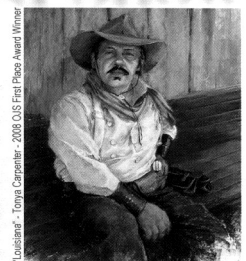




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### Mentor Member Program

A mentor is a wise and loyal advisor. The Mentor Members have achieved status as a recognized artist in the community. Some of their accomplishments might be:

A solo show in a museum, Representation by a gallery, Acceptance into a national show, consistently accepted into regional juried shows and win awards, A recognized member of a national society, A piece purchased by a museum for their permanent collection.... We are very lucky to have this quality of artist among our group. They have been an untapped resource. We should be learning from these artists. We are going to ask Two Mentor Members

a month to bring their artwork to the general meeting. During the social portion of the meeting, they will be available to exchange techniques and thoughts with the general membership on an informal basis.

Thank you to our First Mentor Members – **Maralyn Miller** and **Ed Lucey**

for exhibiting and being available during our February 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

Mentor Members for March are **Sandra Jones** and **Genway Gao**.



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## CLASSES

#### Sandra Jones—408-371-0077

- Charcoal and Pastel—All levels welcome Tuesday 6:30—9:30 pm or Wednesday 10:00am—1:00pm or Wednesday 6:30-9:30 pm

#### Kay Duffy— 408-867-0508

- Watercolor, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 9:30am -12:00, Drop-in, Hakone Gardens, \$25.00
- Collage Workshop, March 13th, 9:30am-3:30pm , Hakone Gardens, \$50.00

## Opportunity

#### Portfolio Review

George Rivera—Executive Director and Senior Curator of the Triton Museum in Santa Clara will critique your portfolio.

- First Monday of the month—by appointment only. 408-247-3754 for more information.
- E-mail 1 digital image for a mini critique. grivera@tritonmuseum.org

### New LGAA Artist Community Site:

**Eternal Health Wellness Acupuncture Center:** 1066 Saratoga Avenue, Suite 100, San Jose, CA. Their web site includes a location Map: [www.myeternalhealth.com](http://www.myeternalhealth.com)

Owner Quli Zhou selected artists **Kay Duffy, Jane Hoffstetter, Lorraine Lawson** and **Helen Scheel** to exhibit three each of their painting. This spa

provides a wonderful gallery-like setting soon to be filled with twelve beautiful, colorful, still-life and landscape paintings from exceptional artists. Artwork will change every three months, beginning February 25, 2009. LGAA would like to thank site chair, **Carol Bower**, for her efforts in procuring this site and managing the opportunity for LGAA artists.

#### Other places to see LGAA Artist:

- **Tonya Carpenter, Kay Duffy, Jane Ferguson, Mary Ann Henderson, Terri Hill, Deborah Matlack, Jen Norton and Donna Orme**— part of Pacific Grove Art Center, “Wet’ n Wild” Exhibit 568 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove February 20th—April 2nd.
- **Lou Bermingham**—part of Triton Museums, Diverse Impressions: Bay Area Abstraction, March 6—May 17
- **Karen Drucker**— part of Santa Cruz Art League’s National Altogether: Collage & Assemblage, March 6 –April 4
- A variety of Plein Air Painters at Forbes Mill History Museum, Ongoing
- A variety of Artists at the Los Gatos Gallery 24 Main St. , Ongoing

## LGAA PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE by Andy Ballantyne

### Mondays, MARCH 2009

#### **March 2nd: 9am – 12pm** **Corner of Quito Road and Pollard Road**

New location: fields, a barn and nice grove of trees. Going west on Los Gatos Saratoga Road, take right on Quito Road to Pollard Road. Going east on Saratoga Los Gatos Road, take a left on Austin Rd. Austin road turns into Quito Road.

#### **March 9th & March 16th: 9am – 12pm** **Los Gatos Downtown**

Meet at Park on the corner of Main and Santa Cruz Ave.

#### **March 23rd & March 30th: 9am – 12pm** **Campbell Park and Ponds**

Entrance to Campbell Park and Ponds is on Dell Ave. in Campbell. Going north on S.

Winchester, take a right on Hacienda and then a left on Dell. You'll see the entrance on the right. There may be a fee to park.

### Mondays, APRIL 2009

#### **April 6th & April 13th: 9am – 12pm** **Historical Park, Kelly Park, San Jose**

Fine old historical buildings that take you back to the early days of San Jose.

Take Capital Expressway to Senter Road, left to Kelly Park. Park between the Tea Garden and the Historical Park.

#### **April 20th & April 27th: 9am – 12pm** **Town of Los Gatos**

We'll meet at the corner of Main and Santa Cruz Ave. Then we'll spread out and look for good locations for the upcoming Plein Air event.



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### In Memory of **NICK WHITE** by Andy Ballantyne

It was an honor to have had a chance to get to know Nick White. What a terrible tragedy to lose someone with such a desire to learn, and with such a love of painting.

He was more than the leader of our LGAA Plein Air painting group; he was the driving force. The course of my life has been forever altered for the better because Nick chose to call me his friend and for a few short years to share his time and thoughts with me. He was diagnosed with lymphoma twelve years ago. He told me that when he got his diagnosis it was a terrible blow, as we all can imagine. He fought terrible depression and fear for a time. But as I got to know him I realized that he had chosen joy over depression and hope over fear. What a brave choice, and what a courageous personality with such a great outlook and attitude about living. When you

come close to that kind of person, the course and direction of your life will be positively affected. He lived the adage that, "One should learn as if one will live forever, and live like today is one's last." He was always the first one at the painting location, in fog, in rain, hot or cold, and always the last to leave

One of the lessons I learned while painting with Nick was that he felt that the best way to celebrate the incredible beauty of nature was to try to capture it in paint. That's the best reason I ever heard as to why one would paint landscapes. I know that I speak for the entire group when I say, "Thank you Nick for all your effort, wisdom, friendship and your incredible, positive attitude".

Donation can be made in Nick White's name to his favorite charity:

**Madonna Learning Center**  
7007 Poplar Ave.  
Germantown, TN 38138 (901) 725-5767

### **An Exhibit by 14 Plein Air Artists: "A Tribute to Nick White"**

March 1 to March 31, 2009 - Monday-Saturday, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm.  
Main Street Cafe and Books, 134 Main Street, Los Altos, CA 94022 Phone 650-948-8040

#### **Open Reception: March 14th 5pm to 7pm.**

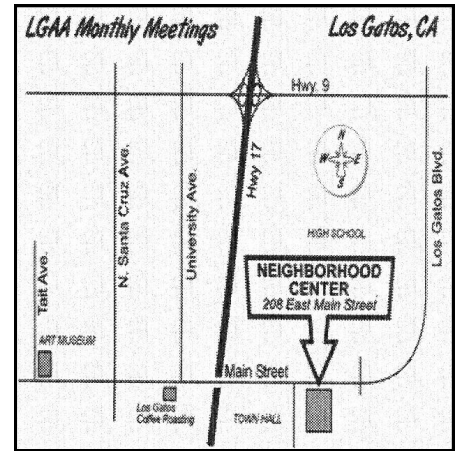
Nick White coordinated this group of painters who meet every Monday to paint "plein air." The artists are coming together in a show to honor Nick White.

**Officers**

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Thanks to—  
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 “Mayo”  
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**LGAA Members** are offered a **20%** Discount on Custom Framing  
 Frame Image & Gallery  
 Thomas Hoang  
 2523 Winchester Blvd  
 #G  
 Campbell, CA 95009  
 (408)866-7303

All General Meetings are held at the Community Center:  
 208 E. Main St. Los Gatos.  
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 44Karen@comcast.net by the 15th of the month.

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