



The Palette

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LGAA Board's Agenda

Not too early: The Art in the Council Chamber (AICC) event coincides with the Member Show every year, so again, be aware of this overlap. Important: to enter for AICC, bring in a slide of your artwork, \$5 and sign up at either the August or September General Meeting. One artwork per member; no bigger than 30" wide; 20 – 30 artworks are usually selected. P.S -Your slide will also be used for artwork consideration on the postcard advertisement.

Not too early 2: The LGAA Annual Member Juried Show 2007 this October is approaching.

See the Prospectus in the next Palette (September / October), or online sometime in mid-August.

www.lgaa.org FYI, Art Intake Day will be October 21. The Reception will be October 28.

LGAA

Open House for

New Members

Saturday, July 14,

1:00 to 4:00 pm

202 Granada Way, Los Gatos

The Los Gatos Art Association Board hosts an Annual Open House especially for LGAA's newest members. Why not come and make new friends? You can learn about activities, share a few art stories of your own and consider how you can make LGAA work for you.

Most of all, spend a relaxing afternoon in the company of other recent LGAA artist members.

Light refreshments provided.

R.S.V.P. 408.315.7573 (regrets only)

Apologies to June Demo Artist

Sarah Ricchiuti for our misspelling of her last name.



Featured Artist

Jeff Owen *Mask*, Metal Sculpture
2007 Carmel Art Festival Blue Ribbon winner for Emerging Artist - Sculpture

Q: In *Mask*, you mined that fertile juxtaposition between the primitive and the contemporary -true?

A: I didn't make the piece to make a statement, nor did I base it on a style. It just came out as a very primal image, one that brings up ancient civilizations.

Q: About that shaman energy in the piece - are you pleased that your simplification and abstraction of form resulted in such a powerful presence?

A: The power of the piece was instant, once created. I saw Easter island staring at me the moment it was done. I was a little awe struck.

Q: It's important for a Los Angeles-based juror to laud your work, isn't it?

A: The Award Juror, Peter Frank is world renown. That is the significant aspect. He's juried hundreds of shows. *Mask* was juried into the event by a world-renowned metal sculptor, Albert Paley, who spent an entire week going over entries state-wide.

Jeff says *Mask* took him 6 months of 'wondering what to do with the pieces (of found automobile steel) and, once the pieces came together in his mind, five hours to create.

See more of **Jeff Owen's** work at his website: www.JeffOwen.com



Featured New Member - Randall Sexton

Randall Sexton is one of California's, if not America's premier plein air painters. In the past year, he's won "Best in Show" and "Artists' Choice" honors at the

Maui Plein Air Invitational 2006, and the "Artists' Choice" Award at the Sedona Plein Air Festival.

Stonesifer's MG

Q: You're known as a fast painter – from the mind, to the hand, to the brush without hesitation – does the speed enable a desired freshness?

A: I think so. Painting on location, painting Plein Air is a big part of it... Since the light moves so quickly it forces you to be spontaneous and well, quick with the brush... To me, the "magic" of painting is in suggesting something about reality with an economy of means, the "less is more" principle. It engages the viewer.

Q: Be 'counterintuitive' in your brushstrokes –what do you mean by that?

A: It's just a way to vary the way you handle the brush and a means to handle edges interestingly, when the brush stroke itself varies direction. Sometimes people will try to describe an object and they get locked into following the form with the brush. They don't have to see things like that if they just instead paint by shape...

Read the entire interview in the Online Palette "Discussions with Artists" www.lgaa.org

Check out **Randall Sexton's** website at www.rcsexton.com

-- Kevin Kasik, Editor

Member News

Artists of the Month (June)

1st place – Sheila Winner

Maudie's Helper - pastel

2nd place – Genway Gao

Night At Venice - oil

3rd place – Vernon Dittenbir

Banty Rooster - oil

-- *Diana Quattlebaum*

LGAA Accolades Abound!

In addition to **Jeff Owen's** *Mask* (see **featured artist** page one)...

Tonya Carpenter's *Sheepskin Vest* was awarded "Best Portrait" in the National Exhibition hosted by Northeast Pastel Society, Old Forge NY.

Sandra Jones' pastel *Lost in Thought* received The Triton Museum Permanent Collection Purchase Award at this year's AVA Artfest.

Will Beeskow's *White Pennant* was selected for the Coos Art Museum (Coos Bay, Oregon) Expressions West 2007.

Ursula OFarrell will be showing her dynamic figurative abstraction oils at the Los Gatos Art Museum this August. "Pursuit of Beauty" opens August 9. August 12 is the public reception; Ursula says she'd love to see you there! A special walk-through and discussion with Ursula is set for Sunday 10/7.

Artist - Demonstrators needed, S T A T!

Edna Piersol Windes sends word that demonstrators, either new or repeating, are still in demand for the **Art in the Heart of the Hospital** program Thursdays at **Good Sam Hospital**. A fun, two hour lobby demonstration by you would inject a dose of Artistic Good Will to patients, doctors and staff alike.

Thursday demonstration dates in September, October and November remain untaken. Won't you help? Please call **Edna** at 408-386-5317, or **ednawindes@mac.com**

Classes & Opportunities

Competitions :

"35th Annual Exhibition" Pastel Society of America
www.pastelsocietyofamerican.org
Entry due 7/10

"Best of America" National Oil and Acrylic Society (NOPAS)
www.noaps.org Entry due 7/20

American Women Artists Fine Art Media
www.americanwomenartists.org
Entry due 8/10

"Watercolor West XXXIX"
www.watercolor-online.com
[/waterwest](http://waterwest) Entry due 9/01

Triton Museum of Art Classes

Life Drawing – Tuesdays with Kristen Lindseth-Rivera

All skill levels welcome. Series of long and short poses.

Aug. 9 - Oct. 17 6:30–9:00pm.

No class on Sept. 25

Pastel Painting - Fridays with Jeff Bramschreiber

All skill levels welcome.

Aug. 10 - Oct. 19 6:30–9:00pm.

No class on Sept. 28

Portrait & Figure Painting Thursdays with George Rivera

All painting media / All skill levels.

Aug. 9 - Oct. 18. 6:30–9:00pm.

No class Sept. 27

Contact: Triton Museum of Art Education Department.

Ester Fernandez 408-247-9340

Kay Duffy's Collage Workshop

August 10 and 11, Hakone Gardens, Saratoga

Call Kay: 408-867-0508

k@kayduffywatercolors.com

Verde Artist Guild – Paint out

July 14 – Buena Vista Park,

San Francisco –meet @ Tennis Court

www.verdeartistguild.com

Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society
info: workshops@scvws

Exhibitions

Free Demonstration by

Tom Fong, Celebrated American Watercolor Master

Tom is 'Fabulous!' says LGAA member & SCVWS Coordinator **Karen Drucker**. **Friday July 7 6:00–8:00 pm** Hoover Theater 1635 Park Ave. San Jose

San Jose Museum of Art

Camille Rose Garcia through September 23. "Tragic Kingdom" -come see the work of an underground artist who places cartoon characters in dark, disturbing settings in her paintings, drawings and installations.

Note- Special Artist-attended reception **July 12, 7:00 - 9:30 pm**

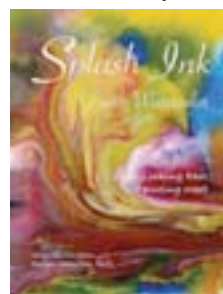
Cantor Art Ctr. Stanford Univ.

Can't get to Yosemite this Summer? See vintage Yosemite photos by Ansel Adams, Muybridge, Watkins and others as well as period maps and vintage stereoprints **July 25 – October 28**

Legion of Honor - San Francisco

Works on paper from Rembrandt to Thiebaud **June 23 – October 7**

Silicon Valley Art Center & Gallery



3777 Stevens Creek Blvd., Santa Clara
60 Paintings by LGAA's **Ming Franz** on view **July 21 to August 13** On the second floor.

Call 408-248-2698 for hours.

Splash Ink with Watercolor

– Cover by **Ming Franz** (above)

Irish artist Rebecca Carroll, from Los Gatos' sister city Listowel, will be showing at the Toll House Courtyard Patio in Los Gatos. LGAA members are welcomed to an evening reception on **August 5**, where Rebecca will be hosting and showing 15 new works.

Plein Air *LET'S KEEP COOL* Summer schedule

Mondays, 9 am to Noon

If lost, call Nick 408-313-9274 Rest facilities usually nearby

JULY 2 NO PAINTING - ENJOY THE HOLIDAY!

JULY 9 LIGHT HOUSE STATE BEACH, SANTA CRUZ

Cliff settings with view back to the Boardwalk, Light House and local people to paint. Take 17 to Santa Cruz. Take Ocean Ave. to Soquel Ave. and go right to Front Street. Go left and stay to right as it goes up the hill to Light House State Park. Meet in Light House Parking lot.

JULY 16 TWIN LAKES BEACH, SANTA CRUZ

Popular beach with nearby lagoon and boat harbor. Take 17 to highway 1 and head South. Take Soquel Ave off ramp to right, go a short distance and turn left on 7th Ave. Take 7th Ave. to beach, go left and park across from Lagoon. The Crow's Nest at the Harbor entrance is a great place for views (and a good lunch).

JULY 23 CAPITOLA BEACH

Charming coastal Village with train tressle/bridges/wharf and interesting buildings. Take 17 South to Highway 1, go South to Capitola's Bay Ave. Exit and follow on down to beach. Park on Esplande in front of beach. \$1 an hour parking applies (Bring Quarters). There are eating places all around, so why not bring a friend?

JULY 30 HOME OF PATTI HUGHES 23107 SUMMIT RD.

Mountain Setting with Monet-like pond, old farm equipment, barn and lots of redwoods. 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.

AUGUST 6 GLENRIDGE AVE, LOS GATOS

The Old Grand Homes of Los Gatos, From Santa Cruz Ave. Go West on Nicholson up the hill to Glenridge Ave. Go left and meet on corner of Hernandez and Glenridge.

AUGUST 13 and Tuesday the 14th POINT LOBOS

9am on... (special overnight trip)

Famous South-of-Carmel coastal setting with lots of beautiful sites to paint. We will be spending the night nearby. Park fee is \$8-9. Enjoy the galleries and good food; even for the day it's worth the trip.

AUGUST 20 BERNAL-CULNAC-JOICE RANCH-SANTA TERESA PARK, SAN JOSE

Historic houses and barns with a California hills backdrop. Take 85 East to Cottle, go right on Santa Teresa and left on Camino Verde Dr. Take a right and follow through neighborhood to end. Park on street.

AUGUST 27 To be announced.

Check back the middle of August on line at www.lgaa.org

-Nick White

President's Letter

I returned from a once-in-a-lifetime art trek to Albuquerque / Santa Fe area grateful for time spent with other pastel artists from across the United States, as well as from Germany and Australia, at the IAPS convention.

Back in Los Gatos, **Sandra Jones** was on deck to substitute in my absence and did a fine job of it. **Jeff Owen** was an upbeat leader for LGAA's AVArtfest Group booth. He reports that his job was a breeze (see Jeff's report on page four.) At June's General Meeting, LGAA members reported that both their experiences and art sales with Open Studio this past May were positive ones.

We have had a number of our LGAA members out of action due to illness; a "get well" here to all of you... Thanks to **Edna Windes**, and **Annie** and **Doug Olander** who stepped in to make sure there were goodies for June's General Meeting. It underscored once more how attrition and other life changes can affect LGAA committees. LGAA continues its search for those special members who will consider filling various board positions. It prompted a direct request for volunteers at that General Meeting, and we are happy for your responses. **Genway Gao** will be designing the postcard for Fall's Member Juried Show.

Jack Quattlebaum will be making sure we have a color program for our Member Show's October 29 reception and not just a price list. Others have expressed a willingness to chat further.

Lindsay Drobilisch, Membership, has updated the roster and it shows over three dozen new members this year. They will be invited to the New Members Open House planned for Saturday, July 14th at 202 Granada Way, Los Gatos from 1-4 pm. If you joined in the past year, you are welcome. If other LGAA members wish to mix and meet our newest members, you are welcomed as well.

It is also time to consider what artwork to enter into LGAA Member Juried Show 2007. **Sandra Boren**, Show Data Management, suggested a change which the board discussed and accepted at June's board meeting. Past shows demonstrated that late changes made to an entry compromised the accuracy and slowed down the art intake process. So beginning with the upcoming Member Juried Show, **changes or modifications to Early entries will not be accepted.** We all will need to decide ahead of time about the artwork, titles, pricing and then stick with it because no changes will be allowed once the entry is received.

Plan ahead for other artwork to include in the November-to-January exhibit in the Los Gatos Council Chambers (AICC). **The two shows overlap**, so it means different artworks for each show.

But for now, it's Summer and time for more art festivals plus perhaps some painting out of doors. It is going to be a busy and fun Summer, so enjoy and create some great artwork.

--Tonya Carpenter, President

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Meeting Dates

Month	Board	General	Palettes Deadlines
July	7/12	-no meeting -	
August	8/9	8/18 note: new date!	8/15 (September/October)
September	9/6	9/8	
October	10/11	10/10	10/15 (November/December)
Time	7:00 PM	1 – 3 PM	Email info to:
Location	Neighborhood Center 208 E. Main St., Los Gatos		kkasikart@aol.com

Annual AVA Artfest: A Blast!



12 LGAA members working in Oils, Pastels, Acrylics, Photography, Clay Sculpture and Steel Sculpture showed the range of LGAA art at 2007’s AVA Artfest, and sold quite a few pieces, too. Scuttlebutt at the event was that the public was writing some pretty substantial checks this year. In addition to **Maria Povalishina, Susan Brott Lawson, Carolyn Donnell and Tonya Carpenter** (pictured above) LGAA attendees were **Kelley Bryant, Roosevelt Byrnum Jr., Beatrice Garth, Genway Gao, Latino Torelli, Nick White** and Coordinator **Jeff Owen**. Says Jeff of the variety of media “There’s nothing like having a bit of everything to add life to an art booth! If you have never been a participant in the AVA Artfest with the LGAA, you have to do it next year. We all had a blast!”



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