



The Palette

The Los Gatos Art Association Newsletter

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Upcoming Events



November 13, 1-3pm

Kim Lordier

www.kimfancherlordier.com

Topic: Pastel Painting in the Plein Air Tradition

Inspired by the Early California Impressionists, Kim Lordier will demonstrate a pastel landscape with emphasis on how she creates a sense of glow or light on the painting surface.

She will discuss the importance of a strong value structure and design to create simplicity in an otherwise complicated genre.

Kim is an Artist Member of the California Art Club, now in it's 99th year, a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America and Laguna Plein Air Association, and a Distinguished Pastelist for the Pastel Society of the West Coast.

She teaches plein air and studio workshops for pastelists around the country, and has been featured in American Artist, The Pastel Journal, Southwest Art, Fine Art Connoisseur, and American Art Collector.

December 11, 1-3pm

Holiday Social

Festive decorations, music, hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided by the LGAA. We will announce the People's Choice Award and Artist of the Year at 2:00. Collection for "Toys for Tots" –a new unwrapped toy will be welcomed. Come and meet other members, make new friends.

January 8, 1-3pm

Ray Mendieta

www.raysart.com

Topic: Portrait Drawing Basics

Ray is a native of Northern California, and has been a professional artist and art teacher for the past 15 years.

He teaches at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and also teaches drawing and painting at The Pacific Art League in Palo Alto, California.



President's message

LGAA volunteers accomplished much this year. Together we produced the Open Juried Show and the current Members Juried Show, scheduled Demo Artists for our meetings, awarded ribbons for the monthly Peer Group Judging, maintained our Website, published our Newsletter, coordinated the Plein Air Group schedule, planned the Holiday Social and are preparing Membership Renewal notices.

Last month the curator of the Axis Gallery in downtown San Jose requested our help with a last-minute cancellation. Karen Ehlers and Karen Mumford organized 20 member artists who provided 89 artworks for a successful reception and show in just 1 week!

Starting next year the LGAA Members Juried Show will be held in the spring. It will continue to be our most important show and will become our first juried show each year.

The LGAA is going to rent retail space in downtown Los Gatos to serve as a co-op gallery and the venue for the Members Juried Show. The LGAA Gallery will showcase fifty artists that have been accepted into a past LGAA juried show. Each artist in the co-op will contribute approximately fifty dollars a month and gallery sitting, with a 2 month commitment. Sales will be handled directly by the artist with no commission paid to the LGAA.

If you want to be in the LGAA Gallery or if you would like to volunteer to be the LGAA Gallery Coordinator, please let me know.

We also need a volunteer to create a brochure to help us advertise our ability to produce a show with accomplished artists in one week, a traditional juried show in 2 months and a digital juried show in 4 months.

I hope these plans are as exciting to you as they are to me. They should bring more opportunities for our members and more exposure for the LGAA to our community.

Karen
President, LGAA

Dates to Remember

November 7
MJS2010
Reception 1-4 pm

November 13
General Meeting 1-3 pm
Election of Officers
Kim Lordier
Demo Artist

December 3
MJS2010 Closes
Pick up Artwork
4-7pm

December 11
Holiday Social 1-3 pm
Catered hors d'oeuvres

January 8
General Meeting 1-3 pm
Ray Mendieta
Demo Artist

Member News

Laurie Barna has a solo exhibition of 24 paintings of the Statue of Liberty as a still life, *The Liberty Ladies*, at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall through March 31, 2011.

Nina Bricker has a pastel in Menlo College plein air show, *Images of Menlo* through January 14.

Roosevelt Bynum received the 2nd Place Award for Photography at the Almaden Art & Wine Festival.

Gary Coleman has 10 artworks installed at Ameriprise Financial corporate offices in San Jose and 7 of his landscapes were included in the Axis Gallery show hung by the LGAA.

Mei-Ying Dell'Aquila has artwork in the National Art competition at the Hagggin Museum in Stockton, the National Figurative competition at the Santa Cruz Art League, the International Landscape show at the Richeson Gallery in Wisconsin and a solo show at the Mid-peninsula Media Center in Palo Alto.

Karen Druker has an exhibit of her goat paintings in the Community Room at Keypoint Credit Union's Corporate Headquarters in Santa Clara.

Rosa Farinas will be showing her artwork in the Villa Montalvo Yuletide Market Place November 19-21.



Rosa Farinas - Lazy River

Jane Ferguson is Viewpoints Gallery's featured artist for the month of November.

Terri Ford's painting *Pont Neuf* received the People's Choice Award at the Napa Valley Art Festival in August. Her painting *Empire Dusk* appears in the October issue of *American Art Collector* in an article about the current exhibit at The Knowlton Gallery, which includes 4 of Terri's paintings.

Karen Garnett received the Artists' Choice Award for her *Garrapata Rocks and Pool* in the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Members Show. She has solo shows at Rancho de Solis Winery in Gilroy (through January 14) and D'VINE Jazz and Wine in Morgan Hills (through December 31).

Diana Leone, Susan Migliore and Kevin Kasik participated in a paint out sponsored by the East Bay Regional Parks on Sat., Oct 9th. Susan and Kevin received people's choice awards for their paintings of Garin Park.

Belinda Lima won Best of Show with her collage painting at the Fine Arts League of Cupertino 2010 Fall Fest Show.

Two of **Deborah Matlack's** portraits were selected by the Sierra Pastel Society for their 8th International Exhibition in El Dorado Hills at the Hang It Up Gallery.

Diane Merion has two paintings in the Art in the Council Chambers Fresh Paint show which closes November 4th.

Carolina Mueller's *Columbia Glacier, Alaska* received an Honorable Mention in the Cupertino Fine Arts League Annual Fall Show. Her *Floating* won Second Place at the East Valley Artists Annual Show.



Carolina Mueller - Floating

At the unveiling gala in Portland, Oregon, **C.J. Myers' 24" x 30"** oil portrait of a retired doctor from the Univeristy Hospital received a standing ovation!

Kathy McGuire has started a weekly blog where she offers a small painting for \$100 each week. Check it out at katherinemcguire.blogspot.com

Two of **Patricia Osborne's** paintings are included in volume 4 of *The Artistic Touch*, a newly published book showcasing 120 artists. Her *Blue Heron* painting is on the back cover.

Donna Orme's *Order out of Chaos* was juried into the National Collage Society's 26th Annual Juried Exhibition. Her *Silver & Black* collage was juried into the West Coast Prints Exhibition at the Pacific Art League.



Donna Orme - Order out of Chaos

Jeff Owen was commissioned to create sculptures for Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa, Ponderosa Homes in Palm Springs and Marmot Home Design in Lake Tahoe.

Jim Potterton's *Oakland Series No. 5* is included in the 2010 Bay Area Annual juried show at the Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica.

Michael Rogan will be exhibiting at Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park from November 7 through December 7.

Gina Swenson had two pieces juried into the Fremont Art Association's 45th Annual Fine Art Show. Her *The Bass Guitarist's Dream* received an Honorable Mention. She also is included in the Art in the Council Chambers show.

Grace Tang has a solo show of her contemporary paintings at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in Mountain View through November 30th.

Karen White was awarded First Place, Oils, as well as an Honorable Mention for two paintings in the Menlo Art League 2010 Annual Exhibit.

LGAA Plein Air Schedule by Cynthia Riordan

The Los Gatos Art Association runs a weekly outdoor painting event every Monday. All mediums are welcome. The location changes every week. Upon arriving at each meeting spot, members will be there to greet you and start the session. All events are mornings 9:00 – 12:00 noon unless otherwise noted. Updates and maps online at <http://www.lgaa.org/pleinair.htm>.

November 1st & 8th - Mission San Juan Bautista

406 Second Street, San Juan Bautista. Historical Mission Town. 19th century buildings, Mission and town to paint. Take 101 south, well past Gilroy to Highway 156. Go South 3 miles to the Mission San Juan Plaza Green. Meet in front of Mission.

November 15th & 22nd - Laguna Ave and Santa Teresa Blvd, Morgan Hill

Farm and Ranch land. Tree studded California hills. We will meet on the corner Laguna Road off Santa Teresa Blvd. All the neighboring roads provide good vistas to paint. Go East on 85 to 101, take exit 373 Baily Ave, turn right on Baily and left on Santa Teresa Blvd.

November 29th & December 6th - Light House State Beach, Santa Cruz

701 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Cliff settings with view back at the Boardwalk, Light House and local People to paint. Also known as Point Santa Cruz, this area forms the northern boundary of Monterey Bay. It is one of the last open headlands in any California urban area. Take 17 to Santa Cruz. From Santa Cruz, follow Hwy 1 until it becomes Mission Street. Turn left on Bay Street, stay on Bay until it dead-ends on West Cliff Drive. Turn right on West Cliff Drive; beach is approximately .5 mile on your left.

December 13th & 20th - Water District Headquarters, San Jose

These Percolation Ponds offer mountain views, beautiful lake setting and plenty of shade. If you take a few minutes to hike around the lake you will find lots to paint. From Los Gatos take 85 east and go right on Almaden Road. Once you pass Blossom Hill Rd look for Via Monte and go left into Parking lot. Go left, once in the parking lot.

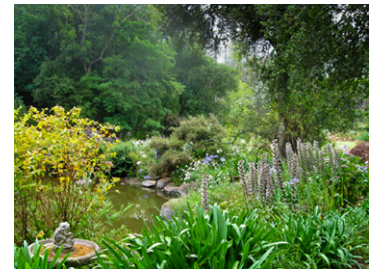
December 27th - Top of Vasona Reservoir

Stand on the top of the dam and look down onto Vasona Lake and Mountains. From Winchester Blvd going toward Campbell make a right turn onto Lark Ave. Make a right turn onto Garden Hill Drive (near hwy 17). Follow Garden Hill Drive until you see trail head to Vasona. Park on street (nearest x street is Kingston Hill Way).



January 3rd & 10th - 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.



Opportunities

The **Portola Art Gallery**, a co-op gallery in Menlo Park, has openings for artists in all media. They offer substantial exhibit space for each artist and host exhibits with a featured artist on a regular basis. 650-321-0220 or www.portolaartgallery.com

The Fremont Art Association's **4th quarter showcase of Bay Area plein air artists** is on display through November 21st. Reception on Sunday, November 7, 1:30-4pm at the Fremont Art Association Gallery.

Valle del Sur Art Guild **Open Juried Show** at the Morgan Hill Community Cultural Center, November 12 - December 15, Kim Lordier, juror. www.valledelsur.org/vds_events.htm

The Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society is offering **free demos** 1:30-4 pm at the Hoover Theater in San Jose:
January 10, Ted Nuttal, Watercolor Portraits;
January 23, John Salminin, Urban Landscapes in Watercolor;
February 13, Ted Nuttal, Watercolor Portraits;
March 13, Dick Cole, Representational watercolors;
April 10, Ursula O'Farrell, Abstract Figures in Acrylic.

Classes

Grace Rankin is conducting Painting with Pigment, Paper, and Paste from Abstraction to Realism, a two-day workshop on collage, Saturday & Sunday, November 13 & 14 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at The Fremont Art Association Gallery. Bring basic supplies and lunch. A variety of papers will be provided. 510-792-0905 or www.fremontartassociation.org

Karen La Roche is teaching a Life Drawing class Wednesdays beginning January 5th at The Villages in San Jose. 531-9402 or www.villagesartsandcrafts.org

Kay Duffy's watercolor classes at Hakone Gardens, Saratoga resume in January every 2nd and 4th Monday morning, 9:30-noon, \$20. Each session explores a different subject and technique, with a demo, hands on assistance and critique. 408-867-0508 or K@kayduffywatercolors.com

Linda Harris is offering a Thursday night portrait drawing and painting with a live model. www.lindaharisart.com

Nina Bricker teaches Drawing in the Evening through the Los Gatos Recreation Department on Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00. 408-353-4028 or 408-354-8700

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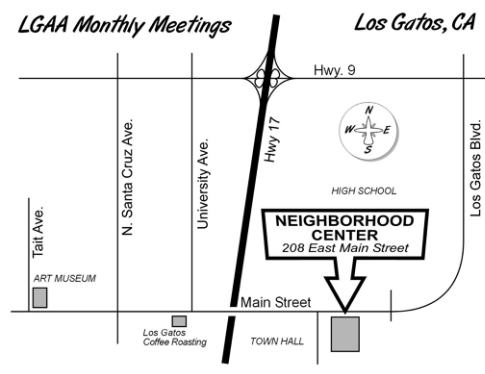
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If you have something that is newsletter-worthy please email to:
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Volunteers Needed:

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

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

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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