



The Palette

The Los Gatos Art Association Newsletter

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Upcoming Events



November 12: 1-3pm
David Darrow, Fine Art Painter
Topic: Painting a portrait in oil from a digital photograph

David received a BFA, with honors, in Illustration, from Art Center School of Design in Pasadena, CA.

Today David is busy with his online oil painting workshops, painting commissions, and selling fine art reproductions of his artwork.

David has been a Southern California Native all of his life, and only recently moved to San Jose, CA.



David Darrow - Curls

January 14: 1-3pm
Mark Monsarrat, Plein Air & Studio Painter
Topic: Painting the Atmospheric Landscape

As a recent MFA graduate from the Academy of Art University (with his earlier BFA from the California College of the Arts), Mark's portfolio captures the mystery, mood, and atmosphere of trees, skies, mountains, water.

Mark will share with us some secrets for creating his wonderful atmospheric landscape paintings..



Mark Monsarrat - Crystal Springs Overlook

President's Message

I've been leading the group for just over 3 years now. It has been fun and challenging. Some good changes have been made; changes that strengthen the organization.

The Members Show at the Jewish Community Center should work out well. It seemed the obvious choice and keeps us in Los Gatos. I want to thank the many volunteers, you have all been great.

It is time for me to resign. In January we need a new leader to take over. Someone who believes they know what is best for the LGAA and wants to help make it happen.

Is that someone you? - Karen Bemis

Dates to Remember

November 6
LGAA MJS Reception

November 12
General Meeting 1-3pm
David Darrow
Demo Artist

December 10
Holiday Party 1-3pm

LGAA Annual MJS at the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center

November 3 - December 4

Our Guest Juror this year is Kim Lordier.

Kim is a graduate of the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and a Signature member of the Laguna Plein Air Painters, the Pastel Society of America, a Distinguished Pastelist in the Pastel Society of the West Coast and Artist Member of the California Art Club.

Member News

Laurie Barna's watercolor and collage painting, "Angel # 21: Recycled," was accepted into the Santa Cruz Art League's "Works on Paper" show, October 22 to November 20 in Santa Cruz.



Laurie Barna - Angel # 21: Recycled

Karen Druker's "Sprout Popping Out" received an Honorable Mention in the SVOS juried exhibit "The Environment" at Los Altos Hills Town Hall, and her mixed media collage "High on Life" was accepted in the SCAL exhibit "Works on Paper".

Rosa Farinas is the featured artist in Gallery Saratoga in December. The reception "Abstract and Collage" is December 10 from 1-5.

Lance Glasser's sculpture, "Bacchanalian Swing," won Best in Show (3D) at Renovation, the 69th World Science Fiction Convention, August 2011.

Susan Migliore has been asked to become an Associate Member of Women Artists of the West - a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the profession of women's fine art.

Jane Ferguson's "Pink Vase" won first place in the mixed media section of the Annual FALC Fall Festival. This same painting also won a Sponsor Award in the SCVWS Annual Members Show. Two of her abstract paintings were used as the cover art on the Journal of the California Dental Hygienists Association.



Jane Ferguson - Pink Vase

Deborah Matlack has had two pastel figure/portraits accepted by Northwest Pastel Society's Annual International Open in Tacoma, WA in November, and two accepted by the Degas Pastel Society for their Member Show in New Orleans in October.

Jeff Owen has been commissioned to create a sculpture for a stately home in Whistler, BC, Canada.

Carolina Mueller's "Parrot Talk" received second place in the EVA Annual Show 2011. Her "Sankeien Gardens, Yokohama" received an honorable mention at the FALC Annual Show 2011.

Julia Seelos is a recent winner of "Best of Show" at the LPAPA Best of Exhibition 2011 and has been invited to the Sedona Plein Air Festival.

Michael Rogan's "Group Therapy" won a first place in the Santa Clara Art Association member show in July - and second place in the 2011 SCVWS member show. In August he won a first in the watercolor division at the University Art Open. The SCVWS is using a new piece of his reproduced on posters and cards to promote the annual member show.



Michael Rogan - Group Therapy

Zoya Scholis received the O'Neil Family Award for her painting, "Rainy Day" which was included in the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society's 11th annual juried exhibition in Buffalo, NY last month.



Zoya Scholis - Rainy Day

Raja Guha Thakurta's "An Unfinished Story" received an honorable mention in the Fine Arts League of Cupertino 2011 Fall Fest and six of his pieces were included in the Campbell Artists' Guild Annual Show.

Opportunities

Nancy J. Wulff is having a clothed figure studio class with live models and no instruction at the Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino. Wednesdays 9/14 - 10/12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. www.reg4rec.org.

The Portola Art Gallery is hosting **Paint Allied Arts 2011**, a juried plein air paint-out and exhibit at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park, on November 5. www.portolaartgallery.com. Mary Stahl, art@marystahl.com or 650-814-4390.

SCVWS is offering the following free demos at the Historic Hoover Theatre, 1635 Park Ave, San Jose at 1:30 to 4pm: Nov 7, Frank Francese, *Landscape*. www.scvws.org or 650-941-8073.

The Ordovery Gallery at the San Diego Natural History Museum is hosting the **Best of Nature Photography Show** January 9 - March 17. www.sdnhm.org/exhibits/ordover/bestofnature_entry.php

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>.

November 7 - McLellan Ranch Park



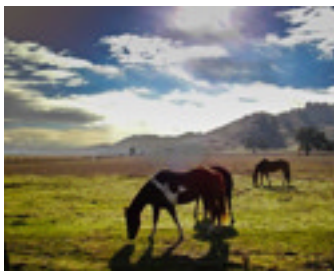
This 18-acre natural preserve park was a horse ranch in the 1930's and 40's. The site houses a nature museum and community garden. From CA 85 North take exit 18 for Stevens Creek Blvd, Turn left onto Stevens Creek Blvd, Turn left onto Bubb Rd, Take 2nd right onto McClellan Rd.

Thursday, December 1 - 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.



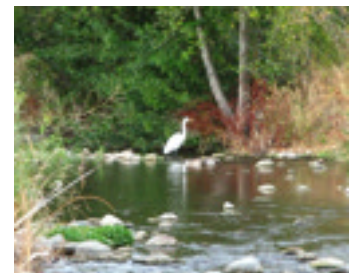
November 14 & 21 - Laguna Ave and Santa Teresa



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

December 12 & 19 - Los Alamitos Creek, Almaden Valley

Another location on this creek with open view of mountains and tree lined creek and fall colors. Go south on Almaden Expressway past the Sonoma Chicken Coop (5925 Almaden Expressway). Just before road ends you will see parking on left, right before bridge.



November 28 & December 3 - Guadalupe Oak Grove Park



Sterling Oaks and Thontree, San Jose. Paint between rocks and a hard place; old limestone quarry, large oak grove, meadows, hiking trails and hilltop views! Take Almaden Expressway south to Coleman, go right on Coleman, then left on Porto Alegre, right on Thorntree and right on

December 26 - Arastradero Preserve, Palo Alto

California Hills and a small, wooded lake setting nearby. Take 280 north to Page Mill Road. Go left on Page Mill Road, and right on Arastradero. Go about a half a mile to the preserve parking lot on right.



Sterling Oak Dr. to Park entrance.

Classes

Edna Piersol Windes is teaching her Wednesday afternoon watercolor class at the First Congregational Church in San Jose. www.ednawagnerpiersol.com or 408-386-5317.

Nina Bricker will be teaching Drawing in the Evening classes again this fall at Los Gatos-Saratoga Adult Recreation Center on Tuesday nights, beginning September 13 through November 1 from 7-9. 408-354-8700 or www.lgsrecreation.org.

Patricia Martin Osborne is teaching her Visions, Dreams, Possibilities workshops at Hakone Estates & Gardens. November 12 & 13 by the Koi pond. posborne@mcn.org or 707-937-1104.

Marian Gault is teaching a Calligraphy class on Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30, for Los Gatos/Saratoga Recreation, which ends December 7. 354-8700, or MGault@flyingquill.com.

Patricia Osborne is teaching "Watercolor without Boundaries" in Palo Alto Nov. 5 & 6 as well as a Koi Watercolor workshop at Hakone Gardens Nov. 12 & 13. 707-937-1104, www.patriciaosborne.com or posborne@mcn.org.

Danielle Fafchamps has a sculpture workshop with a live model. Suitable for beginning & experienced figurative sculptors Nov. 5 & 6 in Mountain View www.pacificartleague.org.

Nancy Wulff has organized a Clothed Figure Studio Class. Expand your artistic experience by painting the live model. Class will do one, two, five, and 20 minute drawings. Wednesdays, Jan 18 - Feb 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino. No instruction. 408-255-0752.

Figure Drawing, un instructed, at the Los Gatos Art Museum on Tuesday afternoons, 2 to 4:30 has been temporarily relocated to the Los Gatos Museums Gallery. **Nancy deWeese** 408-395-0853.

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All General Meetings are held at the Los Gatos Adult Recreation Center: 208 E. Main St., Los Gatos.

If you have information that is newsletter-worthy please email to: Jack Quattlebaum - newsletter@lgaa.org by the 15th of the month before publication.



Volunteers Needed:

President: Someone who believes they know what is best for the LGAA and wants to help make it happen.

Recording Secretary: Voting Position, records the minutes of the board meeting for the permanent record.

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