



The Palette

The Los Gatos Art Association Newsletter

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Upcoming Events



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

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.

John Agg, from the Los Gatos Museum Art Committee, will be there to explain the mission of the Museum in the next few years and answer questions.



Mark Monsarrat – *Crystal Springs Overlook*

February 11: 1–3pm
Donna Orme, Fine Artist
Topic: Monotypes with Acrylic Paint

The technique Donna will demonstrate applies layers of acrylic paint and also incorporates the use of soft pastels, oil pastels, watercolor and other drawing materials.

Donna, a national, state and local award-winning artist, has been producing artwork since 1989, concentrating on monotype, etching, monoprint and mixed media techniques, working in both oil and acrylic media.



Donna Orme – *Woody*

Dates to Remember

January 14
General Meeting 1–3pm
Mark Monsarrat
Demo Artist

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Message from the Editor

LGAA members extend a huge thank-you to our retiring President, **Karen Bemis**, who led our organization for the past 3 years. Under her leadership the LGAA produced 3 Member Juried Shows and 2 Open Juried Shows – all highly successful.

Following the Los Gatos Museum's decision not to host our 2011 Member Juried Show, she worked with the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center to host our show there.

Many thanks also to retiring board members **Judi Snyder**, our Recording Secretary, and

Diane Merion, our Treasurer. Both have contributed immeasurably to the success of our organization.

Bonnie Rokas has stepped forward to become our new President. She was introduced at the Holiday Social and will be chairing our meetings starting in January.

Susanne Koga has volunteered to be the new Recording Secretary and was also introduced at the Holiday Social.

We still need a volunteer to serve as Treasurer. Please contact any board member if you are interested. – Jack Quattlebaum

Member News

Nina Bricker is showing her pastel abstract, *Bubblegum Slide* at the Santa Cruz Art League's Small Wonders show through January 8. She has a pastel painting at the Moffett Field museum through January 7, and will display various art pieces at The Original Pancake House in Los Altos, through February.

Brigitte Curt's *The Ramparts* won an honorable mention in the Triton Museum's 2011 Statewide Painting Competition/Exhibition.



Brigitte Curt – *The Ramparts*

Karen Druker has an exhibit of her work at Hotel California in Palo Alto, through January 25.

Sandra Smith-Dugan's show "California Bay Area Paintings" is on display at the Graniterock Cupertino Design Center through May 7.

Jane W. Ferguson has a Solo Exhibit "Outside The Line Inside The Box" at Pho 69 in San Jose through January.



Jane W. Ferguson – *Tech Nation*

Terri Ford's *Country Calm* is on exhibit at the Triton Museum's 2011 Statewide Painting Competition/Exhibition.

Xuan My Ho's mosaic piece *Playing in Snow* was accepted in the Winter Wonderland Juried Exhibition at the Institute of Mosaic Art in Oakland.

Susanne Koga's *Gingerbread House* received a second place ribbon and her *Mochitsuki* an honorable mention in the 2011 Valle Del Sur Open Juried Show.

Jim Potterton's painting "Costanoa" is included in the Triton Museum's 2011 Statewide Painting Competition/Exhibition.

Brian Haney's *Lahina Sunset* is included in the Triton Museum's 2011 Statewide Painting Competition/Exhibition.



Brian Haney – *Lahina Sunset*

Jeff Owen lectured on sculpture to 30 students at the TMCC Welding for Art class in Reno, Nevada.

Michael Rogan was awarded Artist of the Year by the Santa Clara Art Association for the 2011 general category. Michael was also advanced to the masters category for 2012.

Classes

Jolene Anderson has a Watercolor class Tuesday evenings starting January 24 at the Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation Center. She is also teaching watercolor, acrylic and visual journaling at her home studio. www.artdogstudio.net or joleneanderson@mac.com

Nina Bricker's class, "Drawing in the Evening" will begin again January 24, Tuesdays from 7–9:00 PM at the Los Gatos Adult Rec. Center. 408-354-8700

Brigitte Curt teaches landscape plein air classes. Winter sessions start January 20. bcurt@classart.org or 408-739-6037

Kay Duffy is teaching a Watercolor class 2nd and 4th Mondays in Saratoga as well as a Collage Workshop January 28. 408-867-0508 k@kduffywatercolors.com

Sandra Smith-Dugan is teaching Beginning Oil Painting Wednesday evenings starting January 11th at the Triton Museum. tritonmuseum.org

Danielle Fafchamps is teaching 3 sculpture classes this winter: "Sculpture with a Model" – Wednesdays January 11 through March 14; "Introduction to Clay Sculpture" – March 3; and "Figurative Sculpture in Clay" – March 10 & 11. www.daniellefafchamps.com

Terri Ford offers pastel workshops in locations across the country and in Europe. www.terrifordart.com

Karen La Roche is offering a Monday Drawing class. 408-531-9402

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.

Nancy Wulff has organized a Clothed Figure Studio Class. 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.

The **Fremont Art Association** is presenting a 3-day Watercolor Collage Workshop with Lynn Slade – March 9-11. www.isladeart.com, sarcher239@aol.com or 510-676-3938.

The **Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society (SCVWS)** is hosting a series of workshops including Mike Bailey's WBO, Gerald Brommer, Robert Duvall, Jaya King, Terri Hill, Patricia Osborne, Derek Gores, Jean Pederson, Annelein Beukenkamp and Nicholas Simmons. www.scvws.org/workshops

The **Triton Museum of Art School** has announced their Winter Session 2012, with studio classes for Adults and Youth. www.tritonmuseum.org/education.php

Figure Drawing, uninstruced, 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.

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/new-pleinair.html>.

January 9 – New Almaden/Quicksilver County Park



Meet at the Hacienda entrance to Almaden Quicksilver Park. From Highway 85 take the Almaden Expressway exit south and proceed 4.5 miles to Almaden Road. Turn right and proceed through the town of New Almaden to the unpaved parking area on the right.

January 16 – Monte Bello and Los Tranco Preserve



1.5 miles east of Skyline on Page Mill Road. From Highway 280 take the Page Mill Road exit west and proceed about 7 miles. Meet at the Monte Bello parking lot on the left. Los Trancos is directly across the road. No fee; facilities.

January 23 – Home of David Stonesifer

Bring two paintings for group critique. From Santa Cruz Avenue in Los Gatos, turn west on Main Street, right on Bayview, left on Pennsylvania, right on Wissenhickon and left on Overlook. David's house is on the left.

January 30 – Davenport



Meet at the Whale City Bakery in Davenport. Take Highway 17 south to Santa Cruz then north on Highway 1 about 9.5 miles to Davenport. Whale City Bakery is on the right. From there we will decide where to paint. No fee; facilities at the bakery.

Thursday, February 2 – Elkhorn Slough



Highway 1 south to Moss Landing; at the power plant, turn east onto Dolan Road; go 3.5 miles, turn left onto Elkhorn Road; go 1.9 miles, turn left into the Reserve gate. Meet at Scenic Lookout spot past Nature Building.

February 6 – San Jose Water District

From Los Gatos take 85 east and go right on Almeden Road. Once you pass Blossom Hill Rd look for Via Monte and go left into Parking lot. Go left, once in the parking lot.

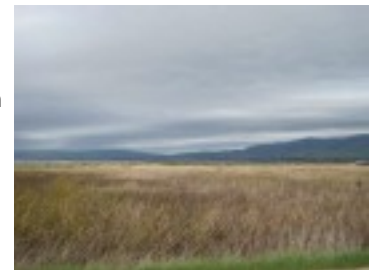
February 13 – New Brighton State Beach Capitola

Take Highway 17 south to Santa Cruz. Head south on Highway 1. Take the New Brighton/Park Avenue Exit; turn left at the first stop sign (McGregor), then right into the park. \$10 per vehicle; facilities.



February 20 – Alviso Marina

Take Hwy 237 (East from Highway 101 or West from Highway 880) to North First Street exit. Turn right on North First Street; turn right on Gold Street, left on Elizabeth Street and right on Hope Street. Maria Elena's, 1450 Gold Street, Alviso. Rest Rooms.



February 27 – Sierra Azul Open Space District

Expansive views of Almaden Valley and Mt Hamilton to the east. Take Highway 85 to Camden. Proceed on Camden about 1.6 miles. Turn left on Hicks Road and travel about 6.3 miles. Turn right on Mt Umunhum road; preserve parking lot is on the right. No fee; facilities.



March 1 – Alum Rock Park

15350 Penitencia Creek Road, San Jose. 125 year old park with creek, stone bridges with old trees and romantic history. Take Penitencia Creek Road off Capitol Expressway. Go east into park and park in farthest parking lot from entrance. Bring a lunch and enjoy the park. Fee \$6, \$2. for seniors.



Opportunities

Application deadline for the 55th Annual **Saratoga Rotary Art Show** is January 22. This is the one-day juried show at West Valley College. www.saratogarotary.org/artshow

Triton Museum's first juried **Statewide Photography Competition & Exhibition** – submissions due January 15th. pmetcalf@tritonmuseum.org or 408-247-2136

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

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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:

Treasurer: Voting Position, keeps the books and writes the few checks required each year. We must fill this position by the end of January as Diane Merion is moving out of the area.

For more details, contact Bonnie Rokas at 408-266-5619, Edna Piersol Windes at liaison@lgaa.org or any Board Member.

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