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NEWSLETTER

Next Membership Meeting: February 13, 2012

FEBRUARY 2012

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Hi everyone - I know we need rain, but how can we not like the beautiful weather we've been having? Why not use the lovely weather to visit some fine art museums?

SF MOMA's upcoming exhibit from February 18-June 17 features Artist Mark Bradford, who crafts abstract paintings from fragments of the urban environment such as permanent-wave end papers, billboard paper, posters, newsprint. More than 50 paintings, sculptures and multimedia works. Sound interesting? Google his name to view his artwork, or see the Museum's website at: <http://www.sfmoma.org>.

Also upcoming at the Legion of Honor (February 18-June 17): "The Cult of Beauty: The Victorian Avant-Garde 1860-1900 explores the unconventional creativity of the British Aesthetic Movement, tracing the evolution of this movement from a small circle of progressive artists and poets, through the achievements of innovative painters and architects, to its broad impact on fashion and the middle-class home." Check out the website: <http://www.legionofhonor.famsf.org>.

New: If you sign up to exhibit, make sure to review the policies & procedures for venues on page 2. Also note the new payment deadline for dues, on page 2.

See you at the next meeting.

Esther Weber

DEMONSTRATOR FOR FEBRUARY

Angelica Di Chiara

Artist's background:

Angelica is a professional full time artist. She was born and raised in Brindisi, a sunny, colorful seaside town among the beautiful beaches on the Adriatic Sea, and she spent a few years working and attending the University in a pretty city near Venice. She also traveled often throughout Italy visiting her extended family near Florence, Bologna, Torino, Brindisi, Lecce and many other places.

Angelica came to the US in the early 80's, and started painting in 1996. Since then she has taken several Art classes in order to master different mediums and improve her techniques. Angelica loves the Italian buildings, colors, and people of Italy. Her painting allows her to revisit the lands, colors and sights that are so familiar and such an intrinsic part of her. She truly enjoys the richness, intensity and versatility of Acrylics, her medium of choice at this time. She travels to Europe and Italy to visit family and friends and spends time there recharging her 'cultural' batteries, while brushing up on the language and collecting pictures and subjects to paint while back in the US. Painting is Angelica's way to go back to the past and a chance to dream up the future while enjoying the present.

Artist's Statement:

Painting is like music. It takes a certain amount of talent and lots of practice. It takes time to find the instrument that is just right for you, the one you really are in tune with, the instrument that helps you give your best. Painting too requires time and practice. It usually takes time and many trials and errors to find out which medium is the right medium for you or which combination of mediums allows you to soar like an eagle and expand your artistic vision. (cont'd at bottom of page 3, see "Demo Artist")



Notice of Board Meeting - Members are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m.
Home of Roberta Bell
1830 Austin Avenue, Los Altos



CLUB NEWS

Dues: Please note that the deadline for dues renewal is at the February meeting. Your dues need to be renewed by this time in order for you to continue to enjoy club benefits, such as exhibiting at our venues, monthly competitions, group art shows, library privileges, member directory, etc. My Xuan Ho and Daniela will be checking when you sign up, so please make sure your dues are in good standing by the February general meeting.

Dues are: \$25.00 individual; \$30.00 family. Add \$7.50 if you want to receive your newsletter via ground mail. No cost for e-mail. Pay Kathleen Sartain (Membership) at the February meeting, or mail your check payable to Los Altos Art Club to: Los Altos Art Club, c/o Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022.

Venues: A recent review of our venue procedures by the committee Chair (My Xuan Ho) and by the Board, revealed that explaining policies and procedures a little more clearly would benefit new members and would also be a timely refresher for members currently exhibiting or for those who may wish to display their art at any of our venues in the future. It helps to know the policies when signing up.

- Policy: For sales that occur as a result of displaying at any of our venues, 10% of the amount of any sale is the designated amount to be given to LAAC as a commission for use of the venue.
- Procedure for art sales through LAAC venues: If sales result from displaying your art at one of our venues, please: Write your check for 10% of the sale price (made out to Los Altos Art Club). The Treasurer, Isao Nojima, will accept your check at any meeting; OR you can mail it to: Los Altos Art Club, care of Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022.
- Please notify the Venues Chair, My Xuan Ho, of your sale.
- You are encouraged to share your success (and motivate other members) via our newsletter. This is not mandatory, but if you would contact Esther Weber, the newsletter editor, she would like to acknowledge and announce your good news in our newsletters.

My-Xuan Ho: Announces her solo exhibition from March 6th to April 27th at the Market Street Gallery, 1554 Market Street in San Francisco, CA. You are invited to her opening reception on Saturday, March 10th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

My Xuan's mosaic art piece "*Playing in Snow*" was also accepted in the recent Winter Wonderland Juried Exhibition at the Institute of Mosaic Art in Oakland. Congratulations, My Xuan!

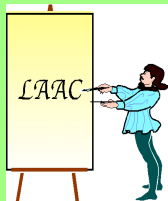
ART NEWS ITEMS

Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society: Is having a group art exhibit at the Los Altos Library February 1-29. Their interesting theme is "Red or Read". You should go check it out.

Please note that there will be no free demo or artist's workshop for the month of February. However, we can all look forward to the March free demo by artist Jaya King: "Kick Start Your Creativity with Mixed Media". Details forthcoming in the March newsletter.

Mosaics: For our mosaic artist member friends, check out the Institute of Mosaic Art in Oakland's website. Visiting mosaic artist Martin Cheek hopes to inspire you with his "Animated Mosaics" 2-day class during the weekend of February 18-19. Go to: <http://www.instituteofmosaicart.com> and click on class schedule.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES



- Feb:** Urban Scenes
- Mar:** The Color of Music
(paintings inspired by music)
- Apr:** Paint Your Vegetables!
- May:** The Best of You (no theme)
- June:** Outside Your Window

Event Calendar

2012

Wednesday, February 8th
Board Meeting -
Home of Roberta Bell
Time: 10:00 am

Monday, February 13th
General Meeting
Hillview Social Hall
Time: 7:00 pm

LAAC (group art show)
May 1st to 31st
Main Street Café and Books
in Los Altos

Congratulations!

Artists of the Month

January Theme:
"The Color of White"
(white subjects on colored
background)

1st Place:

My-Huan Ho
"White Dress"

2nd Place:

Anna Briggs
"White Beauty"

3rd Place (tie:):

Daniela Friedmann
"Almost Breakfast"

Nancy Troup
"Pigeon Point Lighthouse"

ARTVENTURES FOR FEBRUARY

Art Explorations in Media, Techniques and Art History.

We meet at Hillview Community Center, Room 12, from 9:30 am till noon.

Jan Spangler, Carol Rivers and Kay Alexander are the Leaders/Hosts for the month of February.

Their agenda for February is as follows:

Wednesday, February 1: Open Studio - Bring any work you wish for gentle critique. Get ideas, work on a current project.

Wednesday, February 8: Drawing using a plastic viewfinder, which will be provided. Learn how to "set a ground" before drawing. Transfer drawing from viewfinder onto ground and complete drawing. BRING: drawing paper (approx. 8-1/2" x 11"), #2 writing pencil, #4 drawing pencil, #4 graphite stick, an eraser, a vis a vis marker (water soluble).

Wednesday, February 15: Drawing what you see with colored pencils; discussion re: varieties of pencils available. BRING: Any and all of your colored pencils (regular, water soluble), drawing paper. Objects you want to draw: hats, scarves, kitchen utensils, flowers, etc.

Wednesday, February 22: Pen and ink drawing techniques with Kay Alexander: BRING: drawing paper suitable for pen and ink, black pens, markers.

Wednesday, February 29: Film demo and practice with water-soluble color pencils. BRING paper suitable for water-soluble colored pencils, water-soluble colored pencils, and a good leap-year story if you have one!

Jan Spangler, Carol Rivers and Kay Alexander

"Demo Artist" (cont'd from page 1): At this time of my life, acrylics are my medium of artistic expression--my instrument. I truly enjoy the richness, intensity and versatility of this medium. I paint mostly from photographs. My favorite subjects are the ones that remind me of my sunny native land, Italy. My chosen subjects fill the space between the person I have become and my roots. Painting therefore becomes both passion and therapy, a meeting of old and new, a place where experience meets imagination and reality meets color and is transformed, only to be projected outwardly, offering a piece of the inner self for the world to see. Travel to Italy with me. My work can be viewed on line at: <http://www.italianartstudio.com>.



TIME VALUE
FIRST CLASS



FEBRUARY 2012

Hillview Community Center
Hillview (Social) Hall
97 Hillview Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94022

Meetings held 2nd Monday
of the month at 7:00 PM

Los Altos Art Club Exhibit Venues: 2011 and 2012

<i>LOCATION</i>	No. of Ptgs.	Nov.-Dec.	Jan. / Feb.	March / April
Bean Scene Café , 500 Castro St. (MV Center for Performing Arts)	8-9 (small/med)	Jane Saltman Mary Hyodo	Kathy Kolluri	Diana Collins Nance Wheeler
Brian's Restaurant 680 Los Altos Rancho	13 (med/large)	My-Xuan Ho	Rosa Farinas Daniela Friedmann	Jean Ohls one more needed
Family Chiropractic Center 949 Sherwood Ave Ste 100 LosAltos	5 (small/med/large)	Catherine Gross	Nancy Troup	
Los Altos Sr. Center – Room 11	6 (med)	Cathy Zander	Daniela Friedmann	Kay Alexander
Los Altos Sr. Center – Lobby	4 (med)	Cathy Zander	Daniela Friedmann	Kay Alexander
Original Pancake House 420 S. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos	8-9 (med/large) Restaurant	Shirley Prausa	Anil Sawe Charlene Sawe	Laurel Woodard
Original Pancake House 420 S. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos	11 (med/large) Bar	Daniela Friedmann	Nina Bricker (4) Cathy Zander (7)	Rose Hagan
Pilgrim Haven 373 Pine Lane, Los Altos	10 (med/large)	Rosa Farinas	Laurel Woodard	
SimplyBeSalon and Spa 528 University Ave. Palo Alto	14 med/large (4 artists needed for waiting list)	Diana Collins Lei Yuan Ling Liauw	Cathy Zander Rona Foster Connie Kleinjans	Rosa Farinas Angela Sanders one more needed
U.S. Bank 1570 Grant Ave, Mtn. View	16 (med/large)	April Maiten Laurel Woodard	Isobell Vincent	Cathy Zander

Exhibiting Artists: About 10 days prior to your date, you will receive by mail info about your venue, including people to contact to exchange paintings. Questions? Ask My-Xuan Ho. Check your member directory for contact info. If unable to connect with My-Xuan, then you may contact Daniela Friedmann.

Beginning Watercolor Workshop

This workshop is designed to introduce the total beginner to some watercolor basics, and each of the four classes is taught by a local artist. These volunteers are some of the area's best art teachers, so this is great time to decide if one of them is right for you. SCVWS will provide brushes, paper, and paints for the first two classes. Workshops will be held from 9:30 to 12:30 on four Fridays beginning March 16. KeyPoint Credit Union has generously donated use of their community room at 2805 Bowers Avenue, Santa Clara.

The agenda is:

March 16	Beginning materials and techniques	Richard Becker
March 23	Color: paint selection, mixing, etc.	Sharon Hogan
March 30	Values: What they are/how to use them	Kay Duffy
April 7	Composition	Grace Rankin

Cost for the series is \$40. Members or non-members are welcome. To register, go to <http://www.scvws.org>. A supply list will be provided following registration. If you have questions, contact Sue Newberry, 408-737-2521.

Mail your check for \$40, payable to SCVWS to: Susan Newberry, 126 Debussy Terrace, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

NEW CLASS STARTING IN MARCH Beginning Watercolor with Karen Bieber

If you have interest in learning watercolor, or have tried watercolor before and would like to take a refresher course, try this class. Learn how to choose materials for best results, brush-handling techniques, and find out how to mix and use glowing fresh colors. You will also learn simple composition techniques to make your watercolor experience fun and easy, and how exciting this spontaneous medium can be.

Classes start March 26th, Monday mornings (eight weeks), from 9 am till noon.

Information & On-Line Registration: <http://www.losaltosrecreation.org>.

Photography Exhibit

The Community School of Music & Arts (<http://www.arts4all.org>) will be featuring the photographic art of Tony Grant in the Mohr Gallery February 10 - April 1.

The School is hosting an opening reception scheduled for Friday, February 17th from 6-8 pm. All are invited to attend.