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NEWSLETTER

Next Membership Meeting: January 9, 2012

JANUARY 2012

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Happy New Year, everybody...

As we start the New Year, there are a couple of important things to note: first, don't forget that our annual dues are due. See page 2 of this newsletter.

Second, a few of our member artists have received multiple email SCAMS, and maybe you are one of them. Be sure to read the article ("SPAM") also on page 2.

Here are some details regarding LAAC's group art exhibit at the Main Street Café and Books in Los Altos: Installation will be May 1st; and take down on the 31st. Daniela will inform us as to theme and/or title. The fee for our club to exhibit there is \$100.00, which cost will be divided amongst the participant artists. The Café will take a 30% commission of any and all sales. The possibility of a reception on the premises is yet to be discussed with the owners of the coffee shop, but details are not available just now. Daniela will keep us informed through the meetings and the newsletters. Stay tuned.

There is an interesting new Call to Artists for a juried art show in the Spring. It's a little far away, in Lodi, but the show includes nine categories of art and some very nice cash awards. Check it out on page 5.

I wish you all a great year. Hope to see you at the January meeting. *Esther*

DEMONSTRATOR FOR JANUARY 2012

David Darrow, Portrait Art Painter

Topic: Painting a portrait in oil from your own digital photography

David has been a Southern California Native all of his life, and only recently moved to San Jose, CA. He discovered the joy of art as a boy, and has been drawing, sketching, painting, doodling, and rendering using oils, acrylics, pencil, charcoal, and "other stuff" ever since. David received a BFA, with honors, in Illustration, from Art Center School of Design in Pasadena, CA. Two of his mentors are Fred Filer and Morgan Whistling.

For 17 years he was a successful commercial Illustrator, a career providing a good living for him and his family. He produced illustrations for everything from movie posters, billboards, book covers and magazine illustrations, to airlines advertisements, and even architectural renderings. His clients were as varied as Movies, Toys, Military, Computers, Agriculture and Music.

David has also taught at the university level at his own alma mater, the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, San Diego State University, and Art Institute of California - San Diego.

His demonstrations are very informative, much like a mini-workshop, peppered with useful tips and instruction, and always in a humorous, easy-going style. David brings a video camera and HD monitor with him, so that "everyone gets a good view" while he demonstrates. This promises to be informative and entertaining.

www.DarrowArt.com • www.EverydayPaintings.com

Notice of Board Meeting - Members are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, January 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Home of Roberta Bell

1830 Austin Avenue, Los Altos

CLUB NEWS

Dues: It's that time again. Dues are \$25.00 individual; \$30.00 family--add \$7.50 if you want your newsletter via ground mail. No cost for e-mail. Please pay Kathleen Sartain (Membership) at the January meeting, or you can mail your check payable to Los Altos Art Club to our mailing address: Los Altos Art Club, c/o Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022.

Library: Thanks to Jane Saltman, our library has acquired some new books:

- (1) "Watercolor Artist's Guide to Exceptional Color" by Jan Hart. Catalog # H-1011-0. A very thorough guide. Goes beyond the basics of color theory.
- (2) "Down by the Sea with Brush and Pen: Draw and Paint Beautiful Coastal Scenes" by Claudia Nice. Catalog # OS-1010-9.
- (3) "Introduction to Drawing" by John Jackson. Catalog # ET- 1011-1. This is a purchase from Friends of the L.A. Library, 1998 paperback edition, covers basic principles of drawing.

Nina Bricker: Is one of the artists who painted plein air at Moffett Field for the art exhibit at the History Museum (congratulations, Nina). Details and directions to the Museum are in your December newsletter (page 5). The art will be on display until January 7th. There is an entry fee, which admits you also to the rest of the History Museum. If you haven't been there before, it's an interesting place to visit.

ART NEWS ITEMS

Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society invites you to attend a (free) art demonstration ("Building Unique Surfaces for Watermedia Painting") by watercolor artist Gerald Brommer on Sunday, January 15, from 1:30-4:00 pm at the Historic Hoover Theatre, 1635 Park Avenue, San Jose (across from the Rosicrucian Museum). He will also lead a workshop January 16-20 (not free). To find out more information about the January 2012 workshop sponsored by SCVWS, or to register for same, go to: <http://www.scvws.org>.

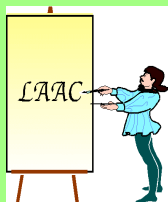
The Pitmen Painters: This is an upcoming play at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts from January 18-February 12, 2012. It is the true story of a group of six spirited 1930s coal miners who take up painting and become sensations of the British art world. "Their exhilarating journey from pit to pinnacle overflows with spirit and laughter, as rich and intriguing as the art it unveils." Previously a London/Broadway success, this play is a West Coast Premiere.

SPAM: Several of our members have multiple times received SPAM emails. The emails offer to purchase some of your products or artwork and request you to confirm that you can ship to their foreign country (and in some cases, within the United States) and accept payment via credit cards. The sender also asks you to email back to him your website. Do NOT be flattered by their offer to buy anything from you. They are not sincere...the writer may or may not know what you do or what items you have for sale. Some of them may have actually looked at your website and know the names of your paintings. A good rule of thumb is never to reply to these emails (delete them immediately)...they don't need your website, they can get it easily by just Googling your name. They probably want to see if you are gullible by answering, and if you do, they will try to engage you and suck you into the scam. Be aware, as the scams are always changing and getting more sophisticated.

For some good tips on what to look for and how to protect yourself from unscrupulous and unsolicited scammers, go to: <http://www.kathleenmcmahon.com/info/scammer-names.html>.

Ken Young, Art Instructor: A new figure and portrait drawing class will be starting January 12th at the Mountain View Senior Center (10 weeks, Thursdays, from 1:00-4:00 pm). This is your opportunity to gain quality instruction while drawing portraits and figures of live clothed professional artists' models. Instruction is individualized and open to all skill levels. A model's fee of \$40.00 will be payable to instructor at the first class. You can register online at: www.mvlaae.net or phone (650) 940-1333. Questions? Contact Ken directly at: krogeryoung@hotmail.com

COMPETITION CATEGORIES



2012

Jan: The Color of White
(white subjects on colored background)

Feb: Urban Scenes

March: The Color of Music
(paintings inspired by music)

April: Paint Your Vegetables!

Event Calendar

2012

Wednesday, January 4th
Board Meeting -
Home of Roberta Bell
Time: 10:00 am

Monday, January 9th
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 ARTIST OF THE YEAR!



NINA LEONE BRICKER

Second Place:

Jan Spangler

Third Place:

Kay Alexander

ARTVENTURES FOR JANUARY

Art Explorations in Media, Techniques and Art History.

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

COME JOIN US!

Rita Schena is the Leader/Host for the month of January.

Her agenda for the month is as follows:

Wednesday, January 4th: Open Studio - A morning to share art and ideas with other creative people. Bring one or several examples of your work for a gentle critique. Bring scissors for a small project involving color wheels.

Wednesday, January 11th: Working with primary colors and positive and negative shapes. Painting a small pomegranite card. Bring your favorite red, yellow and blue paints plus ultramarine and burnt sienna to make a dark color to use for negative painting.

Wednesday, January 18th: Topic - Trees. Identify trees by shape. Share techniques you have used for painting trees in the landscape. Sharing of ideas and examples of trees that you have painted.

Wednesday, January 25th: Abstract painting done with masking tape and primary colors. Bring masking tape of different widths, clean sheet of paper (any size you want to work with,) and your primary color paints.

Rita Schena

SUNNYVALE ART GALLERY...

Will be providing an open wall space for their January show for any artists who would like to show their artwork to sell!

For each painting to display on the wall: \$15.00 each.

Any paintings larger than 36" will be \$30.00 each.

Any questions, or to sign up, please contact Sue at the Gallery: (408) 737-8188.



TIME VALUE
FIRST CLASS

JANUARY 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.

Call to Artists

Lodi Community Art Center's 52nd Spring Art Annual.

This is the largest open juried art show in Northern California. More than 300 pieces of art will be on exhibit at the Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi Winery on May 12 & 13, 2012. A panel of three jurors will jury in the art using an on-line entry system. Later they will select pieces for awards, using a live viewing process. There are nine separate categories of art involved and more than \$5,000.00 cash awards for artists, including a "best of show" award of \$1,000.00.

Registration starts on January 10, 2012. For details and for the Call to Artists form, go to: <http://www.lodiartcenter.org/Spring-Show.html>. The last day for entries is March 31, 2012.

There will be a Friday Night Preview Benefit, on May 11th, to raise funds for Lodi Unified School District's 7 area high school art programs. Tickets to the event are \$50.00. The theme for the Benefit is "Vintage Hollywood". Everyone attending is encouraged to wear period attire and compete for best costume prizes. There will be gourmet food and wine served plus live music to add to the evening's fun. Door prizes, raffles and presentation of awards to artists will also add to the evening's entertainment. Call the LCAC Gallery at 209-333-3855 for tickets.

KAY DUFFY SAYS: Holidays are done. Let's Paint!

Watercolor Classes: Every 2nd and 4th Monday, from 9:30 to noon, at Hakone Gardens, 21000 Big Basin Way, in Saratoga. Drop in \$20.

Collage Workshop: Saturday January 28, from 9:30 am to 3 pm in Saratoga. \$55 includes most supplies. This is a fun class using Asian papers which are textured with watercolor, torn and collaged into interesting patterns. Class size is limited.

Call or e-mail Kay for more info on these classes K@kayduffywatercolors.com or 408 867-0508.

FROM THE SILICON VALLEY OPEN STUDIOS

Dear Los Altos Art Club,

Here is your reminder to sign up for Silicon Valley Open Studios. Early registration benefits include having your art considered for inclusion on the Artist Directory cover. Regular registration ends January 15, 2012.

Registration Information Meeting for Prospective Exhibitors is January 4, 2012, from 6:30-7:45 pm at the Redwood Shores Library, Community Room ([location and hours](#)).

As members of art clubs, you can encourage new exhibitors and create new group sites with your fellow artists. Thank you.

The SVOS Team.

