



Los Altos Art Club

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NEWSLETTER

Next Membership Meeting: October 10, 2011

OCTOBER 2011

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Greetings everyone, and Happy Halloween...

Good news: The restaurant selected for our holiday dinner is Bella Vita, Los Altos (see info on page 2, and menu choices on page 5, or insert). You can sign up starting now.

The Third Annual Sea Glass & Ocean Art Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 5th & 6th, from 10:00 am-5 pm in Santa Cruz (Cocoanut Grove on the Boardwalk). There are 38 amazing sea glass and ocean artists, full bar and food, plenty of parking, and much more. Daily admission: \$3.00.

Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society members are the featured artists at the Sunnyvale Art Gallery, 251 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale during the month of October. There will be an Artists' & Awards Reception on Sunday, October 9th from 3:30-6:30 pm. All are invited--admission is free.

Always fun: 41st Annual Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival on Historic Main Street, Oct. 15 & 16, from 9am-5 pm. There will be the pumpkin weigh-off, live music, entertainment, events & contests, and lots of food and drinks.

And...we'll see you at the next meeting.

Esther Weber

DEMONSTRATOR FOR OCTOBER KAREN WONG

Artist's Statement

"To me, painting is storytelling. Human relationships are mysterious, often challenging, sometimes tedious and occasionally glorious. I want my work to declare the beauty of those glorious moments as well as the mystery of the unspoken life. I think about the miracle of birth, of green buds at winter's end, of the faithful protection of a mother for her little one. These are the gifts that stir up hope and faith and love, that provide the strength to rebuild after disaster has struck or to continue to love even in the midst of painful times.

I like color, powerful shape and expressive line, and use whatever medium will best capture the idea that is taking root. Oil is very immediate and tactile, acrylic allows for subtle gradations and layering to produce luminous color, and watercolor is spontaneous and of the moment."

Artist's profile

Karen has exhibited solo, been juried into group shows, and received numerous awards. "A very active life and many adventures (hobby farming, politics, life overseas, family tragedies) have influenced my development as a painter. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to study with Oneida Hammond, Floy Zitten, Jane Hofstetter, Ferenc Besze, Karen Frey, Jean Grastorf, Donna Zagotta, Mike Bailey, Arne Westerman, Cheng Khee Chee, Betsy Dillard Stroud and Katherine Chang Liu. All have taught me much and shown me how much room there is to grow. The journey of life continues..."

About her demo: Karen would like to show us how to "repurpose" old paintings that were not successful with acrylics. Her website is: <http://www.karenwongart.com/>



Notice of Board Meeting - Members are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m.
Home of Roberta Bell
1830 Austin Avenue, Los Altos

CLUB NEWS

Election of Officers - The final slate of candidates who have agreed to serve in 2011 if elected are listed below. Voting will take place at the general meeting in November. Only those present are eligible to vote:

President:	Roberta Bell	Vice President:	Daniela Friedmann
Secretary:	Laurel Woodard	Treasurer:	Isao Nojima

December Holiday Dinner: We received and investigated 14 (yes!) restaurants recommended by our members for the December holiday dinner. Esther, Daniela and Roberta personally spoke with a number of managers from these establishments. The Ristorante Bella Vita (Italian) was selected as the restaurant best suited for our holiday dinner. To further check out the space and the food, Roberta Bell, Esther Weber, Kathy Sartain, and Kathy's mother went there for lunch and found it to be a really nice place for our dinner. They have a lovely space, they reduced their normal banquet price for us, and we think you will like the menu. The parking lot is a bit small, but there is plenty of parking in the lots nearby or curbside.

If you were at the general meeting in September, you will remember that we announced the cost at \$35.00 per person, but a nice surprise for you is that the Board's feeling about the state of the economy being what it is, LAAC could subsidize \$5.00 per person, so the revised total cost for the dinner will be only \$30.00 per person, which includes coffee or tea, tax and gratuity.

Details and a description of the menu is described on page 5 (or insert).

ART SHOWS AND DEMOS

Member Artist Joyce Savre announces her current art show at Gallery 9, 143 Main Street, Los Altos. The exhibit "Language as Image" (mixed media on canvas and paper) shows through October 22.

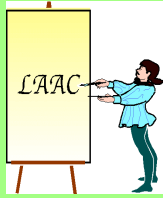
Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society invites you to attend a (free) art demonstration by watercolor artist Jan Hart on Sunday, October 16, from 1:30-4:00 pm at the Historic Hoover Theatre, 1635 Park Avenue, San Jose (across from the Rosicrucian Museum). She will also lead a workshop October 17-21 (not free). To find out more about Jan, her beautiful artwork, and her tours in Costa Rica (yes!), go to her website at: www.janhart.com. If you would like more information about the workshop itself, or to register, go to: <http://www.scvws.org>.

Kay Duffy (New Workshop): Join a popular and creative collage workshop with Kay Duffy, Saturday, October 8th at Hakone Gardens, Saratoga. Color Asian papers in bright and beautiful patterns. Glue these papers to create personal, impressionistic or abstract works of art. Cost is \$55.00. Kay's email is: K@kayduffywatercolors.com, or for more info, go to her website: www.kayduffywatercolors.com.

The Great Glass Pumpkin Patch is at a new location: Rinconada Park, 777 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Free Admission! Exhibition only: September 27-29, 10 am-8 pm. Pumpkin Sales: Saturday and Sunday, October 1 & 2, 10 am-5 pm.

de Young Fine Arts Museum: You still have time to see the exhibition of "Picasso's Picassos: 150 paintings, sculptures, drawings and prints from the artist's personal collection and every phase of his extraordinary career." The show ends October 9th.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES



- Oct: Mixed Media, Abstract,
Experimental
- Nov: The Best of You Too
(No Theme)
- Dec: - No Competition –
(Holiday Dinner)

Event Calendar 2011

Wednesday, October 5th
Board Meeting -
Home of Roberta Bell
Time: 10:00 am

Monday, October 10th
General Meeting
Hillview, Social Hall
Time: 7:00 pm

Election for 2012 Officers:
Publish Slate: October newsletter
Vote: November Meeting

November 1st thru 30th
LAAC Group Art Show
Great American Framing Co. in
Palo Alto

Monday, December 12th
LAAC Holiday Dinner at
Bella Vita Restaurant, Los Altos
(no general meeting)

Congratulations! *Artists of the Month*

September Theme:
“Color with a Sense of
Humor”

1st Place:

Nina Bricker
“Joan – Head In”

2nd Place:

Lynn Dau
“Squirt”

3rd Place:

Jan Spangler
“The Old Fart Golfer”

ARTVENTURES FOR OCTOBER

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 Colwell is the Leader/Host for the month of October. Her agenda for October follows:

Wednesday, October 5: Critique of members’ recent art. Art Studio.

Wednesday, October 12: Critique of members’ recent art. Painting skies: bring pictures of landscapes with interesting skies.

Wednesday, October 19: Critique of members’ recent art. Art Studio.

Wednesday, October 26: Critique of members’ recent art. DVD: (“Color” by Stephen Quiller). We will then paint a small, simple still life using only two complementary colors as demonstrated in the video.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Since January, seven new members have joined our artistic community: Joan Hill, Helen Kim, Ling Liauw, Denise McGowan, Charlene Sawe, Anil Sawe, Katherine Schuyler, Vikram Modak, Connie Kleinjans, and returning member Diane Gass. If you need any help with our library, activities, venues, competitions, our holiday dinner in December, etc., all you need to do is ask, and any one of us will be glad to help. Hope to see you at the October meeting.



TIME VALUE
FIRST CLASS



OCTOBER 2011

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 Ptg.	Sept. - Oct.	Nov.-Dec.	Jan. / Feb. 2012
Bean Scene Café , 500 Castro St. (MV Center for Performing Arts)	8-9 (small/med)	Jan Spangler	Jane Saltman	Kathy Kolluri
Brian's Restaurant 680 Los Altos Rancho	13 (med/large)	Nance Wheeler	My-Xuan Ho	Rosa Farinas
Family Chiropractic Center 949 Sherwood Ave Ste 100 LosAltos	5 (small/med/large)	Rose Hagan	Catherine Gross	
Los Altos Sr. Center – Room 11	6 (med)	Nancy Troup	Cathy Zander	Daniela Friedmann
Los Altos Sr. Center – Lobby	4 (med)	Nancy Troup	Cathy Zander	Daniela Friedmann
Original Pancake House 420 S. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos	8-9 (med/large) Restaurant	April Maiten	Shirley Prausa	Anil Sawe Charlene Sawe
Original Pancake House 420 S. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos	11 (med/large) Bar	Rosa Farinas	Kathy Sartain	Nina Bricker (wants to share)
Pilgrim Haven 373 Pine Lane, Los Altos	10 (med/large)	Judi McCalla	Rosa Farinas	
SimplyBeSalon and Spa 528 University Ave. Palo Alto	14 med/large (4 artists needed for waiting list)	Catherine Gross Lei Yuan Nina Bricker Marjorie Liebert	Diana Collins Lei Yuan Ling Liauw	Cathy Zander
U.S. Bank 1570 Grant Ave, Mtn. View	16 (med/large)	Daniela Friedmann	April Maiten	Isobell Vincent

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? My-Xuan Ho. Check your member directory for contact info. If unable to connect with My-Xuan, then you may contact Daniela Friedmann.

Sign up Now for our Holiday Dinner Party!

Restaurant Bella Vista
376 First Street, Los Altos
Monday, December 12, 2011

Arrival Time: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Reserve your space for the holiday dinner party now! This is going to be a really nice social evening, and it's a new location for us, so don't delay—reservations must be received by Wednesday, December 7th because the restaurant requires a head count, but the earlier, the better. Spouses, friends and guests are most welcome to come and enjoy the evening.

The server will take your order at the restaurant from the menu specially prepared for Los Altos Art Club. You will have a choice of soup or salad, a pick of one entrée, choice of dessert, and coffee or tea.

House Salad: (Organic mixed greens, olives, red onions, tomatoes, and shaved parmigiano with balsamic vinaigrette) - OR - Zuppa Del Giorno: (Soup of the day)

Entrée: (choose one):

1. Salmon Grigliata (Grilled Atlantic salmon, lemon butter, capers)
2. Ravioli con Funghi (Wild mushroom, stuffed home made pasta, gorgonzola cheese, cream and walnuts).
3. Scallopini di Vitello (Veal scaloppini, wild mushrooms, marsala wine)
4. Saltimbocca di Pollo (Chicken breast topped with prosciutto, mozzarella cheese, Madeira wine, baked in the oven.

Dessert: (choose one):

Tiramisu - Crème Brulee - Gelato

Included: Coffee or Tea

Cost per person: \$30.00 – Checks are payable to Los Altos Art Club.

Pay Esther at the meetings (include the names of your guests), or send check to:

Los Altos Art Club, c/o Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022