



# Los Altos Art Club

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## NEWSLETTER

Next Membership Meeting: September 12, 2011

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Greetings, everyone,

Betty Monroe, who has been in charge of refreshments for more than 20 years, only twice missing, has opted to retire from this position. We so appreciate all of her dedication over the years, and the enjoyment we've had because of her loyalty and commitment. Thank you so much, Betty.

The good news is that Nance Wheeler (Betty's assistant) has volunteered to handle the Refreshments position (thank you, Nance), but now she needs someone to help her at meetings for set up and take down. It would be appreciated if one of you can assist. Talk with Nance at the meeting and let her know you are willing to help.

As most of you who participate in the Artventures workshops know, after many years of wonderfully managing the workshops, Kay Alexander has stepped down as Director. We can't say enough good things about how much Kay's management has meant. At the same time, the Recreation Department and the Senior Center have been undergoing changes as well. I am not sure, at this writing, how matters will impact the room/workshops down the line, but as of this writing, I have spoken with Candace at the Senior Center, and the details as given to me are on page 3, in the Artventures space. I hope everyone will participate and keep these wonderful classes going.

*Esther Weber*

### **DEMONSTRATOR FOR SEPTEMBER**

#### **KAREN WHITE (OILS)**

Artist's Statement:

Through painting, my hope is to share the exhilaration I feel when encountering each unique scene in nature. I love to infuse my plein air landscapes and florals with vivid color and subtle texture to express the feeling of a particular scene. Whether hiking in our foothills, exploring the Central Valley or watching nearby flowers bloom, the landscape is a constant source of artistic inspiration. I first complete many of my paintings as outdoor studies, en plein air, and interpret or enlarge these initial works later in my studio using photos as scenic reminders.

Biography and Art Education

Born in southern California, I moved to the Bay Area in the 1960s, when much of the region was agricultural. Nearby outdoor scenes and years of family trips to our national parks were early artistic inspirations. I began painting in oils during childhood. Little did I know at the time, those early after-school classes were to begin a life-long journey.

Recent work includes 20 years focused on oils at the Pacific Art League, California Academy of Painters and the Palo Alto Art Center. I have worked with Brigitte Curt and Jim Smyth, and continue to study with Van Waldron. I take workshops whenever I can, most recently with Brian Blood, Terry Miura, Randall Sexton, Jerrold Turner and Camille Przewodek.

You can view Karen's oil paintings at: <http://karenwhiteart.com/>

Notice of Board Meeting - Members are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Home of Roberta Bell

1830 Austin Avenue, Los Altos



## CLUB NEWS

### Elections of Officers:

In the last newsletter we asked you to think about nominating officers for the year 2012 - who you would like to represent LAAC (e.g. President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer). Be ready to make your nominations at the upcoming September meeting. Nominating slips will be provided. If you cannot attend the September meeting, please contact Kathy Sartain, Membership Chair, and let her know your nominations. A final slate of candidates who have agreed to serve if elected will be published in the October newsletter. The actual vote is scheduled for the November meeting.

**December Holiday Dinner:** We have been investigating all of the restaurant recommendations submitted by the Board and by our members. I have talked personally with managers of a number of establishments; and Daniela has as well. Our findings will be discussed at the board meeting and then at the general meeting, so if you would like to weigh in your choice as to where to have our holiday dinner (all input is welcome), come to the meeting.

**Yasuo Kishimoto** is having a painting exhibit: "Sixteen Years" -- and you are invited! Yasuo was born in Osaka, Japan in 1925. He immigrated to the United States in 1962, and began painting in 1996. Yasuo currently resides in Palo Alto. The exhibit of his lovely paintings will show on Sunday, September 25th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at 433 Kingsley Avenue, Palo Alto. Please come.

**The Mosaic Artists of the South Bay** will be exhibiting at Main Street Café and Books, 134 Main Street, Los Altos, from August 30 through October 7 during business hours. Contemporary Mosaics expand on traditional mosaic techniques and encompass materials that range from found objects to the traditional Italian smalti glass used for centuries. This show includes artists using broken plates, stained glass, shattered tempered glass, smalti, all creating contemporary mosaic art. Members Kathy Sartain, Laurel Woodard, My-Xuan Ho, April Maiten and Kathy Richardson are participating. The mosaics are great...please stop by and see.

**Kathy Richardson**, mosaic artist, announced at our August general meeting that she recently sold four (yes!) pieces: two at SimplyBeSalon, one at Brian's and one (a commission from her exhibit at Bean Scene). Congratulations, Kathy!

**April Maiten**, mosaic artist, had two sculptural pieces accepted into a nation-wide juried show. The show, titled *Tesserae, the art of Mosaics*, is sponsored by the 2nd City council, and will be held in Long Beach from September 17 to October 16th. Congratulations April!

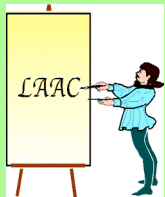
**Cathy Zander** has three paintings hanging at the History Museum. One of them, "Christ Episcopal Church-Interior", was awarded third place. Congratulations, Cathy!

## ART SHOWS AND DEMOS

**Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society** invites you to attend a (free) art demonstration by watercolor artist Lian Zhen on Sunday, September 25th, from 1:30-4:00 pm at the Historic Hoover Theatre, 1635 Park Avenue, San Jose (across from the Rosicrucian Museum). Mr. Zhen is a popular Chinese and Western Watercolor Style painting artist and teacher in the US and abroad. He will also be leading a workshop September 26-30 (not free). To find out more about Lian Zhen and his beautiful artwork, please visit his website at: <http://www.lianspainting.com/>. If you would like more information about the workshop itself, or to register, go to: <http://www.scvws.org>.

**Art Show in Gallery Saratoga:** From September 6 to October 2, Sunnyvale Art Club member Angelo Lopez and fused glass artist Loretta Nussbacher be showing in Gallery Saratoga. They invite you to attend their art reception on Sunday, September 11 from 1-5 pm.

## COMPETITION CATEGORIES



- Sept: Color with a Sense of Humor
- Oct: Mixed Media, Abstract, Experimental
- Nov: The Best of You Too (No Theme)
- Dec: - No Competition – (Holiday Dinner)

## Event Calendar 2011

**Wednesday, September 7th**  
Board Meeting -  
Home of Roberta Bell  
Time: 10:00 am

**Monday, September 12th**  
General Meeting  
Hillview, Social Hall  
Time: 7:00 pm

**Election for 2012 Officers:**  
Nominate: September Meeting  
Publish Slate: October  
Vote: November Meeting

**Monday, December 12th**  
LAAC Holiday Dinner  
(no general meeting)

## *Congratulations!* *Artists of the Month*

August Theme:  
“All Yellow Things”

### 1st Place:

Kay Alexander  
“Flower Vendor”

### 2nd Place:

Isobell Vincent  
“Sunny Side Up”

### 3rd Place (tie):

Jan Spangler  
“Fire Hydrant”

Ling Liauw  
“Banana Leaf”

## ARTVENTURES UPDATE

Hi, folks - Beginning in September, some things will stay the same, and some things will change. What will be the same is that Room 12 will still be available for the Wednesday Art Studios and Workshops. The time stays the same: from 9:30 am till noon.

What has changed is that there will now be a cost to attend. And here is how it will work: The Senior Center/Rec Department would like participants to be members. Membership for Los Altos residents is \$26.00/year; and for non-residents, \$40.00/year. You do not have to be a member to attend the workshops, but the cost will be a little higher. Participants are asked to register with the Senior Center office before going to the class, every time. All costs and fees are payable at the Senior Center.

For members, there will be a drop-in fee of \$1.00 per class (or \$14.00/session).  
For non-members, the drop-in fee will be \$3.00 per class (or \$42.00/session).  
Session price includes all classes from 9/7 – 12/14.

Scheduling is also undergoing changes: Kay Alexander will no longer be directing the workshops, and as of this writing, it has come to my attention that for each month there will be a different leader. Mike Collins has volunteered to be the Leader for September. The schedule for September is:

**Wednesday, September 7th:** Art Studio: A morning to share art and ideas with other creative people. Bring one or several examples of your work for a gentle critique.

**Wednesday, September 14th:** Mike will demo for 30 minutes in the style of artist Ron Ranson. The rest of your time is for watercolor landscapes, al fresco. Take your materials outdoors and paint what you see, or try to paint in the style of Mike’s demo.

**Wednesday, September 21st:** Mike will demo for half an hour in the style of artist Charles Reid (painting the figure). The rest of the time is for posing a model, studying it, sketching it, & painting it.

**Wednesday, September 28th:** Mike’s 30-minute demo will be in the style of artist Jan Kunz: “A Watercolor Portrait...How to Paint a Representational Portrait.” The rest of the time is yours to read, create, or try to paint in the style of Mike’s demo.



TIME VALUE  
FIRST CLASS

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

## **New Art Installation: "Environment & Conservation"**

This (juried) exhibit will run from September 2011 thru February 2012.

A very special public reception event, sponsored by the Town of Los Altos Hills will take place at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills.

The "happening" is a Benefit for Environmental Volunteers & Silicon Valley Open Studios -- there will be a silent auction, raffles, wine tasting and more. Mark your calendars for this event, you are all invited!

The date is Sunday, September 25th, from 2 to 5 pm.

And...some of our LAAC member artists who have been juried in to exhibit in this show are: April Maiten, Nance Wheeler, Kathy Richardson, Kathy Sartain and Cathy Zander.

Congratulations all!

## **WATERCOLOR CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS – NEW SERIES**

Karen Druker, Leader of the Workshops Committee for the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society, was a visitor at our general meeting in August, and among other things (some of which are elsewhere in this newsletter) Karen announced that members of SCVWS had asked for watercolor classes for beginners.

The result, Karen says, is that a series of classes will be held on five Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm beginning September 16th (see schedule below). The Key Point Credit Union has generously donated use of their community room at 2805 Bowers Avenue, Santa Clara. The series is an opportunity to sample different teachers and to build basic skills.

<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Instructor</u></b>	<b><u>Date:</u></b>
Washes & beginning techniques	Nancy Wulff	September 16th
Value	Kay Duffy	September 23rd
Color	Carolyn Larsen	September 30th
Composition	Valarie Tomasetti	October 7th
Collage	Karen Druker	October 14th

Cost for the series is \$50.00. Members or nonmembers are welcomed. To download a printable registration form, go to [www.SCVWS.org](http://www.SCVWS.org). A supply list will be provided following registration. To register, please send the registration form together with a check for \$50 made out to SCVWS. Mail these to Sue Newberry, 126 Debussy Terrace, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Questions? Call Sue at 408-737-2521.

Also: If you know of any watercolorists just starting out, who can help SCVWS try out this new concept for beginner workshops, please contact Sue Newberry. For a minimal investment of \$50.00, beginning artists will get a great learning experience while helping SCVWS fine tune a potential new program.

## **How will YOU remember this, the 10-year anniversary of 9/11?**

Artist Laurie Barna just announced her solo exhibition: "125 Years of Liberty: A Tribute," to be on display September 1- October 25 at the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center, 14855 Oka Road (near Hwy. 17 and Lark Ave.) in Los Gatos. For directions, call 408-358-3636 (or go to [www.SiliconValleyJCC.org](http://www.SiliconValleyJCC.org)).

There will be a Patriot Day and Artist Reception on Sunday, September 11 from 1- 4pm. Bring a patriotic memento for the Public Art Project, trace your family's journey to the U.S. on the Interactive Immigration Map, and enjoy Refreshments. This is a public event. Children and families welcome. Laurie encourages us all to remember and celebrate Lady Liberty!