

Happy Birthday to Us!

At our April 25 General meeting the Guild celebrated a milestone: 50 years of art in the community! Deliciously savory foods were served up, festive music was played in the background, lots of lively conversations, three major competitions were held, and our newly elected president, Denis P. Wik, was at the helm. A great time was had by all who attended; what a fun afternoon!



Guild members enjoying each other's company.



Lively conversations over delicious food.

From the President ...



Two phrases that are music to an artist's ears: 'I love that piece, how much is it?' 'I will buy it!' Some people do not realize the value of original art. If it speaks to them, they

should try to acquire it for the joy it will bring over time, is immeasurable!

First, the art will enhance your home because it is one of a kind and it says something personal about you. As you view this piece through good and bad times over the years, you will find it adds great value to your life and living space! Having several selected pieces in your home purchased directly from the artist (compared to hanging a Led Zeppelin poster) is priceless! Buying from an artist you know greatly enhances your knowledge and understanding of the artwork because it's an extension of the artist's mind and life experiences.

- Denis P. Wik, President



Annual Art Show Post Card Competition



Marlene Bird
"Study In Orange" • Water Media

The Annual Art Show Post Card Competition is held each year to select art to promote this event. Thank you to all our talented members who participated and congratulations to **President Denis Wik** and **Vice President Marlene Bird** whose artwork was selected. With final proof and approval by the Guild's Board members, Barb Overholt designed and published the post card which will be available for distribution starting at our May 23 General meeting.



Denis Wik's
"Wine & Rose" • Acrylic

Artist of the Year Competition

Congratulations to the Blue Ribbon Gallery artists who participated in this very special competition.



Artist of the Year
Dianne Daly's
"Rebar Man" • Acrylic



Artist of the Year - Second
Frieda Tesler's
"Black Mountain" • Watercolor



Artist of the Year - Third
Denis Wik's
"Dragon Flame 2" • Acrylic



Artist of the Month • April 25

Thankstoallourtalentedartistswhoparticipated in our April competition and congratulations to the winners. All photographs compliments of Slava Shabrov.

First Place • *Marlene Bird*
"Study In Orange" • Water Media

Second Place • *Jackie Bishop*
"Lake Como" • Watercolor





Calendar of Events

All meetings begin at 12:30 p.m.
Competitions begin at 12:15 unless otherwise noted. The events on this calendar are subject to change.

May 23

Monthly competitions held this month
Demonstrator: Shannon Amidon (encaustic)
www.shannonamidon.com

June 27

Monthly competitions held this month
Sharing of Guild's Spring Art Project
Demonstrator: Dick Zunkel (plein air painting)

July 25

Member and Friends Event - field trip to Triton
Participating artists register art for annual show

August 22

Competitions held this month
Submit photos for Guild's Fall Art Project
17th Annual Art Show in Process
Demonstrator: TBA

September 26

Competitions held this month
Demonstrator: Cuong Nguyen, www.icuong.com

October 24

Competitions held this month
Demonstrator: Khosorow Azarpour (tentative)

November

No meeting; Happy Thanksgiving!

December 5

Holiday Potluck Party
Sharing Fall Art Project
ATCs Exchanged
No demonstrator

Business Meeting Schedule



The Guild's Business meeting is open to all members. Members will be notified in advance if the meeting is cancelled. Join us for lunch!

Coco's Restaurant • 1:00 p.m.

150 E. Hamilton Avenue • Campbell

June 11 • July 9 • August 13

September 10 • October 8 • November 12

No meeting in December



A Different Kind of General Meeting on July 25

Guild members and friends are asked to meet at the Rose Shenson Gallery on the grounds of the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara for its General meeting on July 25 at 12:30 p.m. This special field trip on Triton's grounds will encompass a variety of opportunities where:

- Participating artists in our 17th Annual Art Show will register and drop off their art at 11:30 a.m. and stay for a mini workshop on "How To Be A Good Host."
- **For all members and friends:** please bring your picnic lunch and we will take advantage of the knowledge gleaned from Dick Zunkel's talk from our June 27 General meeting on plein air painting and paint en plein air on the grounds of Triton.
- No competitions this month for obvious reasons.



BUSINESS Meeting Minutes

May 14

The meeting was called to order by President Denis Wik at 1:54 p.m.

In attendance were: Vice President Marlene Bird, Treasurer Sharon La Bouff, Secretary Mary Kahn, and Membership Chair Barb Overholt.

Discussion and Docket Items:

- **City of Campbell Utility Art Box Project:** The Campbell Civic Improvement Commission (CCIC) will meet the evening of Thursday, May 15. There will be a presentation announcing the ten artists whose work was selected for the utility boxes throughout the City of Campbell. Treasurer Sharon La Bouff reported that there were a total of 49 submissions with some artists submitting up to six pieces of art. The Utility Box Committee selected an additional ten works as a “back up” in case participating artist should withdraw. It was also noted that much of the art depicted the farming and agricultural history of Campbell as well as a few abstract pieces. The Civic Improvement Commission received funding for a total of nine boxes for phase one of the project, and as a part of that funding, the Guild contributed \$400. Of that sum of money from the Guild, Alan Zisser, the President of the CCIC, matched \$200 of our donation. Once again, given the extraordinary amount of time and dedication required for this project, a heartfelt thank you is in order to the following Guild members who assisted in this endeavor: Sharon La Bouff, Barbara Weiss, Amy-Elyse Neer, and Armi Costello.
- **Photographer:** Barb Overholt has volunteered to be photographer for May’s General meeting but that role needs to be filled permanently after this time. Two to three more people will be needed to split the work load of that position. Those who offer to participate, need to be fully committed and mindful that the job of photographer is central to the historical aspect of the Guild.

- **Guild’s General Meeting Time Adjusted:** The First Congregational Church of San José has adjusted the Guild’s meeting hours to 12:30-3:30 p.m. ***Guild members please note this time change!*** The Church has informed us that at the conclusion of our last General meeting, we failed to put things back in order causing the custodial crew to reconfigure the furniture for an event that was to follow in their Fellowship Hall. Our oversight prompted the Church to charge an additional \$100 room use fee. In order to be respectful of the guidelines set forth, we will now keep our General meetings confined to the one meeting room. This will require some resourcefulness and creativity on our part, but it can be done.
- **Corinthian House Exhibit:** The exhibit at the Corinthian House will run from May 11–August 10; no reception is planned. There are seven Guild members participating. Barb Overholt shared that members showing in the Corinthian House cannot remove their art prior to August 10 close date. Participants will need to submit different works for the Annual Art Show at the Triton Museum of Art.
- **Bylaws – “Member in good standing”:** This term lends itself to be unclear and confusing to the membership and needs to be replaced with wording that is more specific. Moreover, the information pertaining to “Guidelines for Exhibiting Artwork (Revised March 22, 2014),” on page 10 of the Guild’s Constitution and Bylaws, needs review and clarification. It has been determined that membership needs a clearer understanding of what those guidelines are for, and that these two topics need to be revisited and discussed with the Guild membership.
- **New Members:** Four new members have joined since April 25, 2015 with Al Giraudo as our most recent member.

Business Meeting (cont.)

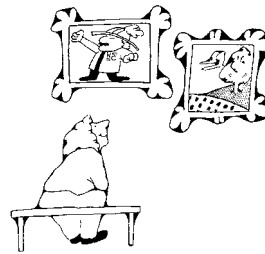
- **Sign Ups for Chair Positions:** There are a total of 11 Chair positions. Ten minutes will be set aside at our May 23 General meeting for members to look over the positions and add their names to the sign up sheets provided. We are striving to lighten the workload for those in Chair positions as well as cultivate a sense of community for the Guild.
- **Art Show Post Cards:** The post cards were delivered Thursday, May 15. They will be ready for distribution at the May 23 General meeting and available through June's meeting.
- **Membership Table:** Our July 25 General Meeting will be held at the Triton Museum. Membership Chair Barb Overholt will be unable to attend that meeting and Secretary Mary Kahn has graciously offered to step in to execute the duties as the Membership Chair.
- **Advertising:** 129 advertising flyers remain and need to be revised. 104 Constitution and Bylaws booklets also remain in stock.
- **Miscellaneous Docket Items:** Treasurer Sharon La Bouff will not be present for the June meeting; someone is needed to act on her behalf. Barb Overholt will not be present for the Annual Art Show, and will need to handoff the show's materials and supplies; Vice President Marlene Bird who will act as Chair for this event. Treasurer Sharon La Bouff will not be able to attend the Art Show reception in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kahn • Secretary*



Exhibit Opportunities



The Guild sponsors exhibits at a variety of business locations throughout San José and Campbell. While the available exhibit spaces are limited, this opportunity is open to any Active member who has attended three meetings or more. Please familiarize yourself with "Guidelines for Exhibiting Artwork" in the Guild's Constitution and Bylaws.

If you are interested in displaying your art or if any member knows of a location, (e.g., company office, lobby, bank, medical office) where art could be displayed, please contact the Exhibits Chair, Pat Powell.

Bay Area Exhibits

SALT WORKS – abstract aerial photos by Bill Scull Gallery 9

143 Main Street, Los Altos
www.gallery9losaltos.com

Dates: August 30–September 9
Reception: Friday, Sept. 9, 5:30–8:00P
Hours: Tues–Sat, 11–5:00P
Sundays, noon–4:00P



Synopsis: The oldest art gallery in Los Altos, Gallery 9 is a cooperative gallery of local artists who work in various media, including painting, printmaking, photography, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture and weaving. Originally a group of nine artists, the membership now stands at almost thirty. Artists are juried into membership, ensuring that the quality of the work exhibited is high. Each month a new show is hung in the front part of the Gallery, featuring the work of one or two of the members. Receptions for the artist are held in conjunction with each new exhibit. Work of other members is exhibited in the other half of the Gallery, and changes monthly.