



CAMPBELL Brush & Palette ARTISTS' GUILD

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Celebrating Our 51st Year! • Happy Spring! 2016



From the President ...

A couple of weeks ago I entered six paintings into Triton's 2016 Statewide 2D Competition. \$70 later, I learned that none of my work was chosen. Triton had 1,450 entries and could only choose 120. It was then that I realized the value of the Guild's annual art show. First of all, everyone who enters gets to show their work. The entry fee is only \$35 and your work is judged by a professional artist. So I hope everybody realizes this great advantage of being a full member of the Campbell Artists' Guild and I hope to see everyone participating in the Guild's 18th Annual Art Show!

Denis P. Wik, President



Membership Renewals Due!

Membership renewals were due in March so if you haven't already renewed, now's a good time to drop your check in the mail by **Friday, April 22** to the Membership Chair.

Members are required to renew their memberships by our April 23 General meeting in order to participate in the competitions being held in April. Membership renewals on April 23 must be received by Guild Treasurer Sharon La Bouff before artwork can be submitted for the competitions.



Business Meeting Schedule

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

Coco's Restaurant at 1:00 p.m.
150 E. Hamilton Avenue • Campbell

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May 12 • June 9 • July 14 • August 11
September 8 • October 13 • November 10
No meeting in December.

Annual Post Card Competition

Check out our **Calendar of Events** on page 3 and you will notice the annual art show post card competition will be held this month. Submit your absolute best work for the competition and, if chosen, your art will be seen by over 2,000 people in addition to advertising on our website, Facebook, a variety of venues around town. The post card will be our way of advertising our 18th Annual Art Show which will be held at the Triton Museum of Art's Community Gallery this August.

Artist of the Month Thanks to our talented artists who participated in our March competitions and congratulations to the ribbon recipients.

Blue Ribbon Gallery



First Place • Al Giraudo
"Sea Rocks" • Watercolor



**Artist of the Month
First Place** • Denis Wik
"House of the Pharoahs" • Acrylic



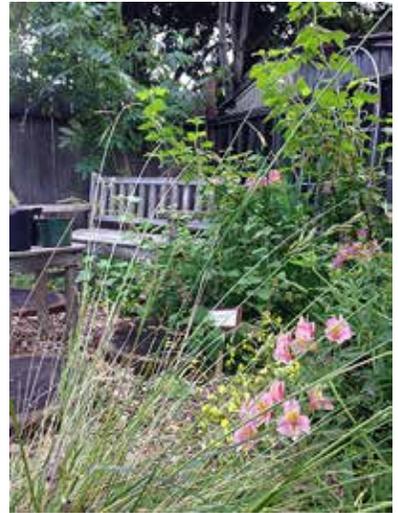
**Artist of the Month
Third Place** • Pat Smith
"Sicily" • Watercolor



**Artist of the Month
Second Place**
Sharon La Bouff
"The Bridge" • Watercolor

Art beyond the canvas ...

Art comes in many forms and Guild Treasurer Sharon La Bouff expressed her love of nature and concern for our environment by redesigning her gardens and going native this past Fall. Sharon participated in this year's *Going Native Garden Tour* on Sunday, April 10 at which time her landscapers were on hand to discuss native plants and water storage to the public. Sharon took the Board on a personal tour after its meeting on Thursday. As you can see, her gardens are very inviting indeed; meandering paths with beauty at every turn!



(above) A quiet retreat.
(left) A meadow of "No Mow" Red Fescue in the backyard.



The front garden.

You can never have enough garden angels!



Well-loved watering cans adorn the potting area.

Calendar of Events

*All meetings begin at 1:00 p.m.
Submit art for competitions at 12:45 unless otherwise noted.
Calendar of Events subject to change.*

As you can see, we need well-versed artists as speakers and/or demonstrators for August, September and October. All Guild members are requested to do their part in searching for and obtaining local artists for our monthly meetings that will not only be educational but inspiring! Please contact Programs Chair Cathy Down to confirm calendar openings and speaker compensations.

April 23

Three competitions this month:

- Artist of the Month 2016-2017 begins
 - Artist of the Year 2015
 - Post Card for 18th Annual Art Show
- Celebrating our 51st Birthday!
Members' Potluck (savory dishes only)
Sign ups continue for Annual Art Show
No demonstrator

May 28

Artist of the Month competition only
Art Show Post Cards distributed
Sign Up for Art Show
Demonstrator: Guild member Barb Overholt

June 25

Artist of the Month competition continues
Blue Ribbon Gallery competition begins
Art Show Post Cards distributed
Sign Up for Art Show (**last chance**)
Spring Group Project Presented
Demonstrator: Ken Schwab

July 23

Competitions held this month
Demonstrator: Pastel artist Teresa Ruzzo
www.teresaruzzo.com

August 27

Competitions held this month
Submit photos for Autumn Group Project
18th Annual Art Show in process
Demonstrator: TBA

September 24

Competitions held this month
Demonstrator: TBA

October 22

Competitions held this month
Demonstrator: TBA

November

No meeting; Happy Thanksgiving!

December 3

Artist of the Month and Blue Ribbon Gallery competitions held this month
Holiday Potluck Party
Presenting Autumn Group Project
No demonstrator

Sharing New Discoveries!



At our March 26 General meeting, Vice President Marlene Bird shared a new medium she discovered some time back: Golden QoR® (pronounced "core") Watercolors. QoR is a relatively new watercolor brand that was released in 2014. They currently have a range of 83 colors including three iridescent colors. In addition, the use of QoR mediums and grounds can increase gloss, improve flow or wetting and provide different textured surfaces to expand the creative opportunities in watercolor painting. These high-intensity, brilliant and luminous colors is what peaked Marlene's interest and she shared her beautiful work that was created using QoR watercolors.

Members Talk About Their Art

Our March meeting gave all artists in both competitions the perfect opportunity to discuss their art; history behind the work, challenges in the medium they chose, new discoveries, and questions from the audience were answered.



Patty Dick took a workshop with Kay Duffy and shared her experience.



Pat Smith shared some of the challenges in creating this scene in Sicily.



Liyza Eisbach showed us that taking artistic license has its rewards.



Marlene Bird shared the challenges and delights in working with a new medium.



Sharon La Bouff provided insight on the challenges in creating "The Bridge."



Denis Wik explains the various components that make up one of his paintings.



Barb Overholt shared her love in creating animal portraits.



Al Giraud shared the various elements that make up his watercolor.



Frieda Tesler shared her watercolor: "Garden Shop."



Cathy Down with her seascape and why she chose this scene.



Business Meeting Minutes

April 14

The meeting was called to order by President Denis Wik at 2:10 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:

Membership: To date, there is a total of fifteen people that have paid their annual dues. Those who have not renewed their membership are not eligible to participate in competing in the monthly competitions for the new fiscal year.

Artist of the Year: After carefully reviewing the running record for first place winners for the 2015 fiscal year, a total of four individuals are eligible to compete in this category. It is important for participating members to remember that if you have received a blue ribbon in the Artist of the Month competition, you are eligible to compete in the Blue Ribbon Gallery only. If you are in doubt about your standing, and before entering your art in either category, inquire with Awards Chairs Frieda Tesler and Norm Jung for guidance and clarification.

Participation Needed: In order to widen the pool of Artist of the Year competitors, we need more participation in the monthly competitions. Your art does not need to be framed. All you need is for your work to be properly matted (if needed). Certainly dry mediums such as charcoal or pastels will need to be presented and handled differently. All art must be dry and ready to handle.

ATC Participation: Since the participation was low and limited to three participants at the last General Meeting, a portion of April's meeting will be dedicated to deciding whether membership wishes to continue with the ATC activity. President Denis Wik will facilitate the voting process.

Olive Hyde Art Guild: The Olive Hyde Art Guild of Fremont has extended an invitation to the Campbell Artists' Guild to participate in their Annual Holiday Show and Sale this December. This lovely invitation was prompted by an inquiry into their guild, and it was discovered that their newsletter has a section which is dedicated to their members who are in various business capacities. The phone numbers to these members are not published in the newsletter but still provide a nice means in which members can actively network with

each other. This is an element worth revisiting with our own membership. Also, the idea of having generic business cards created and printed for the Guild was discussed. It was agreed that having a calling card with the Guild's web address was adequate contact information and may prove to be a nice way for future networking in the community at large.

City of Campbell Art Box Project: Phase Two of the Art Box Project for the City of Campbell is well underway. Treasurer Sharon La Bouff reported that so far there are a total of nine artists chosen to paint utility boxes in various locations throughout the city. It should also be noted that two alternates have been selected.

April Potluck: The Guild's annual potluck is a day to celebrate the Guild's tenure and to give a nod of appreciation to our members. Hospitality Chair Barbara Cervini will not be present but co-chair Serena Murray has graciously offered to take over the hospitality reins. Please remember to bring a savory dish to contribute to our potluck meal and don't forget to bring your personal plate and eating utensils. Be sure to leave room for our delicious birthday cake. Our April meeting should prove to be action-packed and a fun afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kahn, Secretary

Need to contact a Guild officer?

Your Guild officers are here to answer any question you may have. Guild Board members and Officers are listed on the last page of every monthly newsletter.