



From the President ...

I spent most of my weeks before Christmas trying to finish a portrait for my daughter-in-law. Her father passed away a month before so I felt it was my responsibility to use what I have learned from all of you, at our meetings, and 50 paintings in the last three years, to create a portrait of him. Christmas morning, I was up at six in order to get the gold leaf on the squares before giving it to her that day. All the hard work had paid off when she opened it and, at first, she just stood there looking at. Then the tears started slowly then more profusely. To see one of your works of art bringing that kind of emotion was just, well, my eyes welled up too. I claimed later that my eyes were just sweating but everyone knew.

So keep honing your artistic skills because you never know when you will be called upon by your loved ones to use them!

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year!

*Denis P. Wik,
President*



Something to Think About

Spring Group Art Project – Members are asked to bring quality photos to the February 25 meeting. Members will vote on their favorite photo to interpret at which time two photos will be selected having the most votes. Members are reminded that when creating their interpretations not to be afraid to move the location of the subject or even to introduce related images to your art (i.e., think mixed media, abstract, a little risk taking). We look forward to viewing and discussing your creative endeavors at the June 24 meeting.

Nomination of Board Members and Officers - Are you interested in keeping your Guild alive and thriving? Volunteer to be a board member, chair a committee or be a member of a committee. Your personal involvement and fresh ideas will help keep the Guild an interesting and educational resource not only for its current members but for other local artists.



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

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



Festive Holiday Party Enjoyed by Members

With holiday music in the background, 16 of our members enjoyed a delicious array of culinary delicacies and lively conversation at our December 3 holiday party. Kudos to Serena Murray and Smruti Kurse (Hospitality Co-chairs), and President Wik for creating beautiful holiday table decorations for the tables – you wowed us all!

Autumn Group Project – The artwork was amazing as you can see by the photos to the right. Artists used a variety of media in their creations: multi-media, oil, acrylic and watercolor, and to hear of their process was educational, surprising and inspirational. Look for more group projects coming in 2017 (see Page 1 of this newsletter). We hope you will participate and enjoy the experience of creating something unique and stretch your imagination when it comes to the tools and media you use.

To those who attended, thank you for making the afternoon a fun one! I know I had a great time.

– Editor



Original photos.

Artists' Interpretations.



Party Attendees (back row, l-r):

Jim Rogers, Sharon La Bouff, Diann Klink,
Robert Kambak, Denis Wik, Laura Sternberg,
Smruti Kurse, Mary Kahn, Serena Murray.

(front row, l-r): Marlene Bird, Gwen Campbell,
Annie Olander, Barb Overholt.

Those who needed to depart early:

Karen Franzenburg, David and Liyuza Eisbach.



Calendar of Events

All meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. Submitting art for competitions begin at 12:45 unless otherwise noted. The events on this calendar are subject to change.

Please help your fellow artists by acquiring demonstrators for 2017!

As you can see, we need well-versed artists as speakers and/or demonstrators for 2017. 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.

January 28, 2017

Competitions held this month
Establishing Guild's Criteria for Judging Art
Brainstorming "purpose of club" with members
No demonstrator

February 25

Competitions resume
Nomination of Officers
Submit photos for Spring Group Project

Demonstrator: Thong Le

<http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/thong-le>

March 25

Final Artist-of-the-Month Competition for 2016
Membership Renewals Due (\$30)
Election of officers

Demonstrator: TBA

April 22

2016 Artist-of-the-Year Competition
2017 Artist-of-the-Month Competition begins
19th Annual Art Show Postcard Competition
Celebrating Our 52nd Birthday!
Members' Potluck (savory only)

May 27

Blue Ribbon Gallery competition begins

Demonstrator: TBA

June 24

Competitions held this month
Sharing Spring Group Project

Demonstrator: TBA

July 22

Competitions held this month

Demonstrator: TBA

August 26

Competitions held this month
Submit photos for Autumn Group Project
19th Annual Art Show in process

Demonstrator: TBA

September 23

Competitions held this month

Demonstrator: TBA

October 28

Competitions held this month

Demonstrator: TBA

November – No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2

Members' Potluck Holiday Party
Sharing Autumn Group Project
Artist's Trading Cards Exchanged (max. 3 pp)



April and December are potluck months where all members contribute.

If you are unable to attend the month you are scheduled to bring refreshments, contact a fellow member in a future month to switch with you. If you miss a month, please consider bringing extra for a month with the shorter list of members.

JANUARY 2017

Gudrun Baumeister • Marlene Bird
Jackie Bishop • Gwen Campbell

Questions? Contact the Hospitality Co-chairs found in your Membership Roster.





Business Meeting Minutes JANUARY 12

The meeting was called to order by President Denis Wik at 2:00 p.m. In attendance were: Vice President Marlene Bird, Treasurer Sharon La Bouff, Membership Chair Barb Overholt, and Secretary Mary Kahn.

Discussion/Docket Items

- **City of Campbell Art Box Project.** Sharon La Bouff reported that Phase Three of the *Art Outside the Box Project* sponsored by the City of Campbell is about to begin. Sharon went on to share that the website start date would be announced at the City's January 12, 2017 meeting. The deadline for artists to submit their applications is March 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Postcards for Phase Three are ready for circulation.
- **January 28 General Meeting** will have a structure that will integrate a New Year's Social with a "brainstorming" session with members for outlining the criteria in judging art in our monthly competitions. The collection of information from the membership, will be facilitated by Sharon La Bouff and will consist of an interactive format using Post-It® notes. This should be a beneficial session as Sharon has a working knowledge base for evaluating art from the Art Box Project. The goal is to strengthen our personal abilities in judging our monthly competitions with fairness and objectivity in mind. The added bonus to having this knowledge will enhance one's ability to have an internal dialogue while creating a piece of art. As an addendum to this process, membership will also be given the opportunity to express their desires as to what they are seeking as artists by being members of the Guild. No demonstrator is scheduled. Competitions will resume.

2017 Calendar of Events

- The 2017 *Calendar of Events* is completely open for membership in securing a demonstrator. If you know of a qualified artist, check with Programs Chair Cathy Down about scheduling a demonstration. It is every member's responsibility to acquire demonstrators for the Guild.
- **Nomination of Officers.** In the weeks ahead, start thinking about individuals you would like to nominate as an officer of the Guild Board (maybe you

would like to nominate yourself). In doing so, keep in mind individuals you think will bring fresh ideas and will represent the membership well. Remember that you have a voice in the direction and purpose of the Guild.

- **February 25 General Meeting.** The nomination of officers will be held. Don't forget to bring your photos for the Spring Group Project. Photos should be of high quality, interesting subject matter, and of good composition. Demonstrator: Thong Le.
- **March 25 General Meeting.** March is the month to renew your membership. Membership renewal fee is \$30. Also, we will elect officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- We are quite hopeful with the prospect of scheduling Ken Schwab to talk with us about what comprises a good piece of art. Keep your fingers crossed that the stars align and Ken is able to join us at the March meeting.
- First place winners in the *Artist of the Month* competition (March and April) will maintain eligibility to compete in the *Blue Ribbon Gallery* competition for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Blue Ribbon Gallery competition begins in May.
- We are extending invitations to our 2016 demonstrators to join us in celebrating the Guild's 52nd birthday in April. This will be a wonderful opportunity to chat with the artists and learn more about their processes.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kahn, Secretary



Your Board at Work (l-r):

*Treasurer Sharon La Bouff, President Denis Wik,
Vice President Marlene Bird, Secretary Mary Kahn.*

Each month your elected Board meets over lunch and discusses ways it can better serve membership.



Fun with Artist Trading Cards (ATCs)

ATCs were abundant at December's Potluck and what a fabulous array of creations there were! Member Rob Kambak decided he wasn't all that jazzed about an acrylic painting he had created and cut it up into 3.5" x 2.5" pieces making the final products an unusual visual delight. Artists also traded ATCs created in watercolors, oil, photography, and collage.

Thank you to everyone who participated in making this a fun exchange!



Classes • Workshops

For specific details on these classes and workshops, please contact the artists directly.

Mixed Media and Acrylic

Jaya King
<http://jayasart.com/>

Watercolors with Kay Duffy

Hakone Gardens, Saratoga
kayduffywatercolors.com, 408.867.0508

Weekly Classes with Linda F. Harris

Drawing and Painting from Life
University Art in San Jose
408.774.1559
lindaharrisart@sbcglobal.net

Life Drawing Open Studio

Short, Medium, Long Poses
Finn Center, Mountain View
650.917.6800, www.arts4all.org

Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara

Education for Children, Teens, Adults
Sign up for eNewsletter at:
www.tritonmuseum.org

Portrait Drawing/Painting, Figure Drawing

John Robert Peck • www.johnpeck.com
johnrobertpeck@gmail.com

Painting

Khorsrow (Paul) Azarpour • AZ Art Gallery
www.azartgalleryus.com • 408-622-6447

www.MyArtResources.com

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