



Brush • Palette



November 2025 • Celebrating Our 60th Year!



A humble thank you and gratitude to our members for their unique contributions in making the world more interesting through the beauty of their works.

Wishing you a relaxing and creative Thanksgiving.
-Editor

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Monthly Competitions • Artist of the Month

Thank you to all our talented artists who participated in the **October 25** competitions for Artist of the Month and Blue Ribbon Gallery. The first place ribbon recipient in Artist of the Month is now eligible to enter into the Blue Ribbon Gallery in December.



First Place • Jennifer Glover
The Sentry • Photography



Second Place • Lynn Rogers
Homeless in Santa Cruz • Mixed Media



Third Place • Raychelle Fordham
Happy Halloween • Watercolor



Third Place • Kim Smith
Veera • Acrylic

Competitions (cont.)

Blue Ribbon Gallery

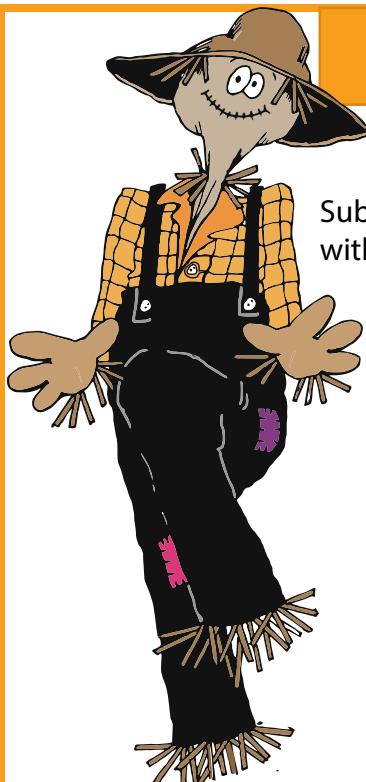
Liyuza Eisbach
Sunset • Acrylic



Congratulations to Smruti Kurse!

Her pyrography artwork, *Flames of Tradition*, was not only voted Best In Show by juror Kristin Lindseth, but it was also the People's Choice in the Guild's 27th Annual Art Show this year!





2025-2026 Calendar of Events

Meeting facility opens at 12:30 p.m.

Submit art for competitions: **12:30-12:45 p.m.** Register your original art directly with Awards Chairs Elton Glover and Dave Eisbach at the speaker's podium.

November

No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!



December 6

- **Holiday Potluck Meeting! See Page 8**
- Renew Your Membership Today! **Deadline = December 15**
- Elect Officers for 2026
- Artists Trading Cards Exchanged
- **Final** Artist of the Month Competition for 2025
- **Final** Blue Ribbon Gallery Competition for 2025
- No demonstrator this month

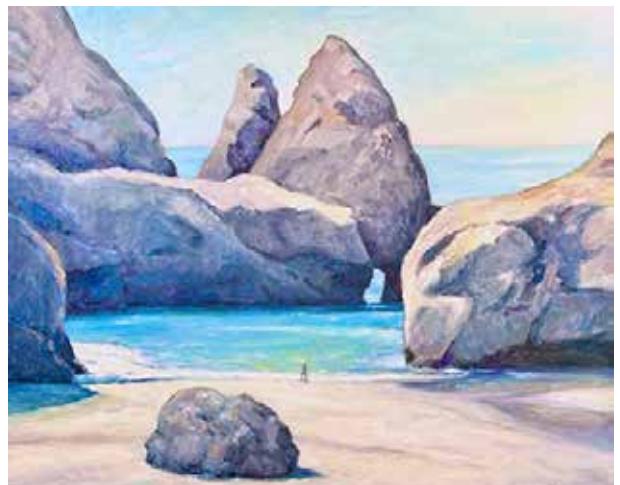
January 24, 2026 • Happy New Year!

- Membership Renewals See Page 8!
- 2025 Artist of the Year Competition
- BEGIN 2065 Artist of the Month Competition
- **Demonstrator:** Guild member Archana Jain



The Whoo-Hoo! Awards

Congratulations ...
... to Jude Tolley whose art *Oregon Coast Rock Formation* (right) won a Merit Recognition Award in Light Space Time's "Open" Online November Show.



Karen Olsen • Watercolor Demo

On October 25, Karen began her demonstration with an extensive history of equine art throughout the ages via a slideshow and proceeded to create a watercolor portrait of a beautiful horse. Due to the slideshow's length, Karen was unable to finish her demo, but has since sent progressive images and the final result.



Original photo.

Using a photograph from a magazine (*original photo*), Karen developed the head and neck *Figure 1*). The second layer consists of further development of the sky and ground mostly created with washes over a totally dried first layer.



Figure 1

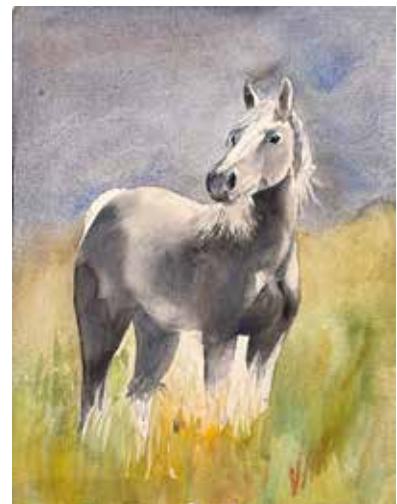


Figure 2

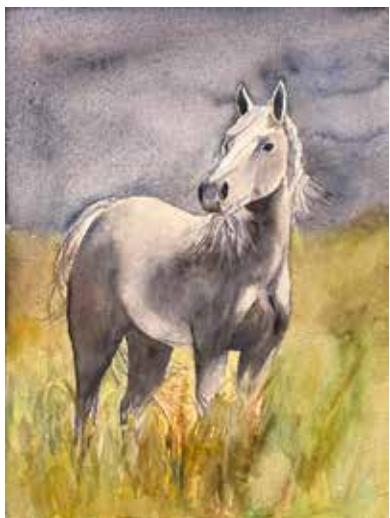


Figure 3

Ultramarine blue and burnt umber were used for the sky. Defining the face, ears and eyes, and the powerful muscles of the chest and front legs was next in *Figure 2*. Further refinement with the body and tail; "planting" the legs and feet in the grass. Adding a bit more drama, Karen added another layer on the sky and grass in the foreground (*Figure 3*).

3rd Annual Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest

The Guild's 3rd Annual Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest was held at our October 25 Membership Meeting and was once again a fabulous success! Voting for the creative entries was difficult as they were all wonderfully unique.

Prizes were presented: Halloween bags filled with fun Halloween items. Thank you, everyone, for participating in this very fun seasonal competition.

The Entries ...



3rd Annual Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest (cont.)

The Prize Recipients ...



Holiday Potluck Meeting!

Saturday • December 6 • 12:30–3:30 p.m.

The Potluck ...

- Bring a savory dish to share with serving utensil.
- Bring your plate, eating utensils, glass, and a bag to take your soiled dishes home.
- Dessert will be provided by the Guild.
- Festive holiday decorations are courtesy of our talented Hospitality Chairs.

Start now in creating your ...

Artists Trading Cards (ATCs)

Artists Trading Cards are original works of art that are created on 2.5" x 3.5" pieces of material the artist chooses (e.g., canvas, paper, board, ...) in any medium chosen. It would be great if everyone participated to help make this a fun part of the meeting's festivities.

Please create no more than two (2) ATCs and bring them to the meeting. The cards will be put on display prior to the time we start trading and then transferred to their own envelopes for trading. Those who created ATCs are eligible to exchange them until there are none left to exchange.

Examples of past ATCs:



2026 Membership Renewals Are Due December 15

Renew your membership before January 1 to participate in our monthly and special competitions starting January 2026.

Competition Restrictions Apply:

Artist of the Month (AOM) – New members must attend one meeting before being eligible to compete. During the calendar year, Active members must attend at least one of three meetings immediately prior to any competition to be eligible to compete.

Blue Ribbon Gallery (BRG) – During the calendar year, Active members who have won a first place ribbon in the AOM competition (January–December) and who have attended at least one of three meetings immediately prior to this competition are eligible to compete in the BRG for the remainder of the year. Previously awarded art from any AOM competition cannot be submitted.

Artist of the Year Competition (AOY) – This competition is held at the January Membership Meeting. During the calendar year, Active members who have won a first place ribbon in the BRG, must attend at least one of three meetings immediately prior to this competition to be eligible to compete. First place ribbon recipients in the Blue Ribbon Gallery may enter a new or a previously awarded piece of art for this competition. First, second and third place ribbons for AOY are awarded at the January Membership Meeting.

Make your check payable
in the amount of \$50 (Active) or
\$25 (Associate noncompeting) to
"Campbell Artists' Guild"
(MEMO: 2026 dues)

Hand your check to or mail it to:

Guild Treasurer
1109 S Daniel Way
San José, CA 95128



2026 Spring Group Art Project

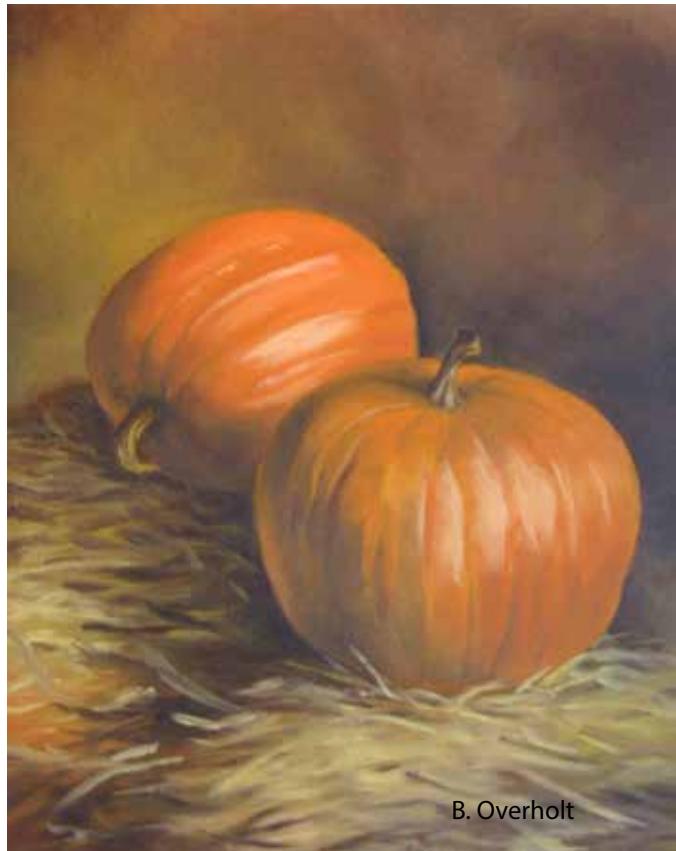
Three themes will be randomly selected on February 28, 2026 for our **2026 Spring Group Project**. Participating artists will have three months to create one or more of the selected themes to present at the May 23 Membership Meeting.

1. People and Figures
2. Still Life
3. ~~Wildlife~~
4. Landscapes
5. Waterscapes
6. ~~Florals and Gardens~~
7. Domestic Animals
8. Abstract
9. Cosmic
10. Fantasy
11. ~~Skyscapes~~
12. Self Portraits
13. Expressing Joy
14. Expressing Love

15. Expressing Power
16. Light and Dark (palette or feeling?)
17. Insects
18. Climate Change
19. Seasons/Weather
20. Impressionism
21. Pop Art
22. Cubism
23. Surrealism
24. Graphics
25. Collage

How to Participate

- Participation is not mandatory.
- Artists may use any medium to interpret the selected theme on any substrate.
- Art will not be judged but if it's entered into a monthly competition, will adhere to the competition rules.
- No ribbons or awards will be presented.
- No framing is necessary but your art must be dry to handle by the specified deadline.
- If creations are made using dry media or water media on paper, the art should be under a matt for protection and, if available, a plastic sleeve.
- Artwork is presented to membership three (3) months from the date announced.
- Artists will share their finished art to membership; how they approached the project, medium used, etc.
- The use of copyrighted photos from any source is prohibited.
- Art created in workshops or online courses is prohibited.



Join the Paint Share Group!

Come join our lively and fun group on Zoom where we share our art almost every Saturday afternoon; glean advice and support from each other. Whether you draw or paint, is always of interest. Contact **Diann Klink**, diannklink@gmail.com, to be added to her Zoom invitation.

Paint Share Group on Zoom • Saturday, October 11

