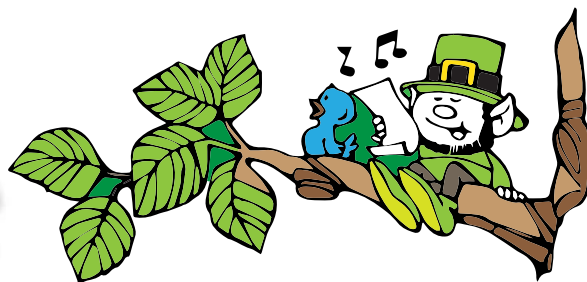




Brush & Palette



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President's Message

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

– Preamble to the United States Constitution

OK ... first the good news.

We have a venue for our Annual Art Show. It will be a one-day exhibit on October 4 (save the date!) at Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall located at 5370 Snell Avenue, San José. Our honorable Show Chair, Barb, will be providing us with the schedule and requirements (see Page 4 for details). This show will be different from our past shows requiring more participation and responsibility from exhibitors with the logistics. Details are still being worked out and Barb will be sending timely updates.

Next, I don't know if I need to apologize to any of you for my passion about the horrible things that are happening to our country. If you read the foregoing Preamble to our Constitution, you will realize that the current Trump Administration is doing the complete opposite to all those stated requirements. Perhaps you may feel that I shouldn't be addressing this issue in our Guild newsletter or with you as Guild artists. But my country comes before my Guild, and you as fellow free human beings come first, too. So, if any of you sincerely feel I should "be quiet" I will resign my position as President, but I will not be silent.

Earlier this week I sent you an email asking you to send postcards or emails to the President and your GOP Representatives. Last month in my message to all of you I discussed how we as artists are suffering from the onslaught of anxiety and distress our country is experiencing. February was difficult, but not nearly as egregious as current events find us. My suggestions last month can still help and I'll briefly repeat them here, but we cannot ignore the situation we find ourselves in.

- Limit your news consumption to one or two "reliable" sources you trust to stay informed.
- Take a social media break; accessing it no more than once a day.
- Focus on what you can control: your own health, your family and friends, as well as local communities.
- Use your power; combined with others, it becomes more powerful.
- Live your values that guide your behaviors.
- Seek support from someone you trust.
- Be kind.

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Artist-of-the-Month

Thanks to our talented members who participated in our Artist-of-the-Month and Blue Ribbon Gallery competitions in February and congratulations to the winners.



First Place
Archana Jain
Original Stove • Dry Media



Second Place
Karen Polyak
Fall Glory • Watercolor



Third Place
Natalia Daraselia
Open Range • Goache

Blue Ribbon Gallery



Jude Tolley
The Young Slowly Eclipses the Old • Oil

2025 Calendar of Events

Meeting facility opens at 12:30 p.m.

Submit art for competitions: **12:30–12:45 p.m.**

Register your art directly with Awards Chairs Elton Glover and Dave Eisbach at the speaker's podium.

March 22

- Monthly competitions continue
- **Demonstrator:** Guild Member Natalia Daraselia, *Self Learning Tips in Art*

April 26 • 60th Anniversary Meeting!

- Monthly Competitions continue
- **BEGIN** Annual Art Show Register and Pay Fee, Food Sign Up
- **Demonstrator:** Raphael DeSoto, Jr., Watercolorist

May 24

- Monthly Competitions continue
- Annual Art Show Register and Pay Fee, Food Sign Up
- **Demonstrator:** TBD



President's Message (cont.)

Our country's current state of affairs is not a "blip" that will eventually go away. We do not have the luxury of ignoring what is happening to our country and what we, as Americans, have always stood for. Nor can we despair. These unlawful actions will have long-term effects to millions of people, not just here, but throughout the world. We all feel powerless against those who spread lies with significant financial backing.

As artists, we have the gift to uplift people through our insight and art. Throughout history, artists have taken up the challenge and responsibility to use that insight to mirror the evil and pain that is being waged against our fellow citizens and humanity. Our conscience urges us to guide others on right and wrong until we fulfill our role.

As part of my support to all of you in your efforts to create meaningful and beautiful art, and stand up for everyone's right and respect, I'm offering to hold a weekly Zoom meeting called "A Safe Place" for anyone who wants to express their feelings and ask for emotional support during these times. The event would be held on an early weekday evening so that working people can attend. Any subject could be discussed – doesn't have to be political. No critiques, just support. Let me know via email if you'd like to be involved.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Without each other, we have nothing.

Chin up and keep on painting!

Diann Klink, President



Get Ready!

The 27th Annual Art Show

A One-Day 2D Art Exhibition

Here is our show outline for those Active members interested in exhibiting. Check your emails for updates.

WHERE

Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
5370 Snell Avenue • San José
408-629-5906 (church office)

DATE and SCHEDULE

October 4, 2025 • 9–3:30 PM

9 AM	Art Registration • Sign Waivers
10 AM	Set Up Food Tables & Display Panels
11 AM	Artists Hang Art/Gallery IDs
12 PM	Gallery Opens to the Public
3:30 PM	Show Closes

ALL EXHIBITORS HELP ...

Clean Up • Disassemble Display Panels
Tables and Chairs

There will be no proxies this year!

April 26 Membership Meeting

Register to Exhibit
\$50 Non-refundable Exhibit Fee
Food Sign Up

June 28 Membership Meeting

Art Competition for Flyer Advertising Event
(must be registered exhibitor to participate)
Registration & Food Sign Up

Saturdays • May 24, June 28, July 26

Registration & Food Sign Up

August 23 Membership Meeting

Deadline to Register & Food Sign Up

Check Your Email for Instructions:

Midnight, September 15

September 16–22

Midnight, September 22

September 16–23

October 1–2

Deadline to Submit Art Online

Exhibitors Submit Art Info to Show Chair

Deadline • Exhibitors Submit Art Info to Show Chair

Juror judges art online; provides comments

Show Chair Creates Award Ribbons



Invitation to the Member Gallery on Guild's Website

Who Can Participate:

Active Members Only

Acceptable Artwork:

Created in the last five years

Submission Deadline:

Midnight, April 01, 2025

Submit images and files to the News Editor

Instructions:

1. You may submit up to 8 JPEG images of your best art. **Do not** provide images in a document file.
2. JPEGs must be identified with your name and art title (e.g., BOverholt-Morning Mist.jpg).
3. Include a brief biography in Word (.docx) or a PDF file (.pdf). Biographies may be edited for brevity and content at the discretion of the News Editor.
4. If you already have a biography on file and wish to use it (Annual Art Show), advise the Newsletter Editor.

Provisos:

1. JPEG images must be a replica of the original art. **No** visible mat, glass or frame.
2. Submit only art created within the last five (5) years.
3. Art should be photographed straight on (no flash) and cropped to remove any extraneous background.
4. Ensure your images meet the above requirements or they will be rejected.

Artists Currently Exhibiting on Website

1. You may elect to remove current artwork and update with new art.
2. Specify which art piece is to be removed.
3. Follow all the **Instructions** and **Provisos**.

The Art of Gratitude for Artists

Practicing the art of gratitude is an extremely powerful tool. Reprinted from the March 2022 edition of *Brush & Palette* because, well, I think we all need to be kind to ourselves in this unsettling time and be reminded of all that we have to be grateful for.



There is an amazing power in gratitude that helps with your mental well-being and emotional health. Gratitude for a situation, an event or a person in your life sets the stage and opens the door for more good to come to you. It is very easy in difficult and trying times to concentrate on the negative, rather than

taking stock of the good and positive things in your life.

However, the practice of gratitude can be learned. Below are six affirmations that artists can use every day to reinforce their gratitude for all the wonderful things they have in their life and art career:

1. *I am grateful for being able to be an artist, even with all of the ups and downs that the profession provides.*
2. *I am grateful for the ability to express myself through my art as there are many jobs or professions that do not allow you to be creative.*
3. *I am grateful for today's technology which has brought our world much closer together and has expanded all artists' ability to create, refine and share their art.*
4. *I am grateful for my friends and family who support my work.*
5. *I am grateful for my art as it is ever changing and there is always something more that I can learn that will help me improve my art.*
6. *I am grateful for my followers, fans, collectors, and buyers as their support encourages me to continue creating my art.*

In these unsettling times, it is extremely easy to get swept up in the media's constant negative bombardment to our senses. When this happens to you:

- turn off your TV or computer,
- turn off your phone,
- go outside and take several deep breaths to clear your head; listen to the birds, feel the breeze, the warmth of the sun or the coolness of the rain.

Make a mental list of all the wonderful people in your life that you should be grateful for. To cement this list in your subconscious, commit this list to paper and when something comes up in your life that's good, add it to your list.

Over time, your list will grow and when you feel down and out, in a negative place or feeling uninspired, go to your Gratitude List and review all the things that you are grateful and thankful for.

No matter how bad things may look or feel, there is always something we can find in our lives for which to be grateful. Remember, the practice of gratitude is the magnet for more good things to come into our lives.



*"The essence of all beautiful art,
all great art, is gratitude."*

Friedrich Nietzsche
German philosopher

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Remembering Anna Garcia

October 15, 1935 – February 23, 2025

Our friend and art colleague, Anna Garcia, left us with a plethora of cherished memories. Some of us knew her well while others remember her sitting faithfully and quietly amongst us at our Saturday Membership Meetings and when she was able, attending the Paint Share Group on Saturday afternoons. Anna joined the Guild in July of 2015 and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie of her like-minded art friends. She also enjoyed learning and experimenting with art, and delighted in the opportunity to participate in Diann Klink's Abstract Art course held in Diann's backyard during the pandemic (pictured left).

You will never be forgotten, Anna. You are missed.



First Place • July 2016
Fall • Oil



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Remembering Anna Garcia



Fantasy Lane by Anna Garcia





Business Meeting Minutes • March 13

February's Business Meeting was held on Zoom and was called to order at 2:14 p.m. In attendance were President Diann Klink, Treasurer Sharon La Bouff, Secretary Denise Hall, Programs Chair Jennifer Glover, and News Editor/Membership/Art Show Chair Barb Overholt.

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Return tables and chairs to racks

There will be NO proxies this year.

Display Panel Rental • FALC.com

- Friday, October 3 – Secure truck rental; pick up panels, store in church's Multipurpose Room overnight.
- Display Panel Cost = \$10+tax/each panel
- Deposit Fee of \$150 refunded upon return of panels in good condition
- Sign Rental Form Agreement
- FALC Contact: Janki Chokshi
- Sunday, October 5 – Secure truck rental; load panels to truck and return to FALC Contact.

**Registration, Pay Fee, Food Sign Up
Begins April 26 • Ends August 23**

Membership Update

Raychelle Fordham joined in February (Associate)

Programs/Demonstrations

March – Guild Member Natalia Daraselia presents *Self Learning Tips in Art*

April – Raphael DeSoto, Jr. • watercolorist

July – Critiques with George Rivera

Treasurer Report

Sharon to add our one-day Annual Art Show to the Guild's Liability Insurance Coverage upon receipt of a signed contract with Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church.

Other • Website

- An email reminder was sent on January 30 regarding the website's Member Gallery. The deadline to receive photos of artwork (and bios for new Active members) is April 1.
- The Board decided to add a *In Memoriam* section to our Member Gallery to include Robert Kambak, Marlene Bird, and Anna Garcia.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hall, Secretary*



The Cloud Appreciation Society's Manifesto

- WE BELIEVE that clouds are unjustly maligned and that life would be immeasurably poorer without them.
- We think that clouds are Nature's poetry and the most egalitarian of her displays since everyone can have a fantastic view of them.
- We pledge to fight "blue sky thinking" wherever we find it. Life would be dull if we had to look up at cloudless monotony day after day after day.
- We seek to remind people that clouds are expressions of the atmosphere's moods, and can be read like those of a person's countenance.
- We believe that clouds are for Dreamers and their contemplation benefits the soul. Indeed, all who consider the shapes they see in them will save money on psychoanalysis bills.

And so we say to all who will listen:

*"Look up, marvel at the ephemeral beauty, and always remember
to live life with your head in the clouds!"*