



President's Message

*"The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things,
but their inward significance."*

– Aristotle

Happy Anniversary!

2025 commemorates the Guild's 60th Anniversary! We'll be celebrating the occasion at our April 26 Membership Meeting with lots of art and a watercolor demonstration by **Raphael Desoto, Jr.**

April's membership meeting will bring the first opportunity to sign up for the **Annual Art Show** on October 4, so bring your checkbook (or cash) with you to pay the \$50 exhibit fee. We have been fortunate to secure Kristin Lindseth as our juror this year. Some of you met Kristin last May when she joined her husband George Rivera during his art critique of Guild members' works. Kristin is an international exhibiting sculptor, printmaker and educator.

In last month's newsletter, I discussed the turmoil we are all experiencing in our country with the chaotic changes instituted by the Trump Administration. I wish I could say things have gotten better, but that's not the case. We still need to make our voices heard before they are permanently silenced and I will continue to encourage all of you to participate with whatever actions are needed and to take care of yourselves. I'm looking forward to shedding some of the anxiety and stress of our world and enjoying this time with my fellow artists. For those of you who need support and an avenue to express your feelings, you can join our small Zoom group meeting called "**A Safe Place**" on Thursday evenings. Just let me know and I'll add you to the invite. Remember that you have a gift; you can lift others up through your insight and art.

For those participating in the **Spring Group Project**, the Guild looks forward to seeing your creations at its May 24 Membership Meeting. You are encouraged to create an art piece relating to one of three subjects: Florals & Gardens, Expressing Power, or Skyscapes (or all three themes if you are feeling particularly productive).

Looking forward to seeing all of you with your art on April 26!

Diann Klink • President

Art is a guaranty of sanity.
– Louise Bourgeois

Competitions

Artist-of-the-Month

Thank you to all our talented artists for participating in the March 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.



Second Place • Pammi Kalra
Still Life 1 • Acrylic



First Place • Kris Rogers
Rainy Day Stroll • Watercolor



Third Place • Faranik Sinai
Shorten • Acrylic



Second Place • Steven Tu
The Delta • Mixed Media

Competitions (cont.)



Third Place • Patricia Heeney
Rainbow Bridge • Watercolor

Blue Ribbon Gallery



Jude Tolley
Hawaiian Blossom • Oil



2025 Calendar of Events

Meeting facility opens at 12:30 p.m.
Submit art for competitions from **12:30–12:50 p.m.**

April 26 • Celebrating the Guild's 60th Anniversary

- Monthly competitions continue
- **Art Show** • Sign Up and Pay Fee
- **Demonstrator:** Raphael DeSoto, Jr., Watercolorist

May 24

- Monthly competitions continue
- **Art Show** • Sign Up and Pay Fee
- Sharing Spring Group Art Project creations
- **Demonstrator:** TBD

June 28

- Monthly competitions continue
- **Art Show** • Sign Up and Pay Fee
 - Enter *Art Show Flyer Competition* (**proviso:** must be registered participant)
- **Demonstrator:** Jan Prisco, Pastelist

What a Fun Meeting! • Saturday • March 22



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Presence • Consciousness • Self-Care

Editor's Note: Originally published in the May 2022 issue of *Brush & Palette* with the artist's permission, Emmeline Craig (photo at right). I felt it timely to republish my friend's kind words of wisdom. Newly married, Emmeline now resides in Boutenac-Touvent, France, with her husband and feline muse Mamoune.



We all get affected by the archaic insanity of bullies and warlords and the misery of their crimes. How could we not? It's easy to get so immersed in the tumultuous affairs of the world that we get completely depleted by fear, worry, and empathetic pain and sadness for those who fight to survive right now.

When that burnout happens we are not helping anyone, and we are causing our own body and mind a great deal of strain. So not only do we feel powerless, but we put ourselves down as well. We need to be present and do what we can, I truly believe that.

I also believe that in times of chaos and craziness, our true power resides in our ability to remain at peace, centered, and grateful for all the good that keeps happening as well.

In view of this, it's important that we take consistently great care of ourselves; to remain centered, healthy, and positively oriented. It's all connected, so when we are well, we add to the general wellness.

So how can we help ourselves stay calm and strong in the midst of madness? We need to slow down, make time to recharge, make time away from the news, and besides meditation and breathwork (which always helps) we need to **create**!

Art and creativity in all forms have been, is, and I believe will always be a conduit for us humans to endure, express, overcome, create anew and evolve throughout everything, collectively and as individuals.

When times are difficult, either in our personal story or at the scale of the planet, there is nothing better than immersing ourselves in whatever form of creativity calls our name.

So please, dear one, make time for play! You don't need to identify as an artist to do so. And you don't have to be an expert to enjoy any of it. Make time to play music, sing, draw, doodle, paint, write or dance, conceive and invent, and generally speaking plug in universal consciousness by means of unleashed creativity!

Do it for the sheer pleasure of it, no matter how good, skillful or unskillful you may think you are!

Be kind to yourself. – *Emmeline Craig*

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Ongoing PaintShare Group

The Paint Share Group always proves to be a fun, constructive time! We share our art that was created during the week and then we gather together on Zoom every Saturday afternoon. Some of us create a daily sketch while some of us have art that is in progress. It's always a fun one-hour meeting to catch up with one another.

Contact **Diann Klink**, to be included in her Zoom invitation.
We know you'll find that the time was well-spent! We hope you'll join us!

The Paint Share Group on Saturday, April 12 • What a fun time together!





Business Meeting Minutes • April 10

April's Business Meeting was held on Zoom and was called to order at 2:06 p.m. In attendance were President Diann Klink, Treasurer Sharon La Bouff, Secretary Denise Hall, Programs Chair Jennifer Glover, News Editor/ Membership/Art Show Chair Barb Overholt.

Programs/Demonstrations

April – Raphael DeSoto Jr. (watercolorist)
May – pending confirmation
June – Jan Prisco (pastels)
July – George Rivera (critique)
August – Teresa Beyer (watercolorist)
September – Jada Williams • San José Museum of Quilts & Textiles
October – pending confirmation

Annual Art Show Update

- Smruti to ask FALC the size of the display panels and find out the time frame for Barb to contact them to reserve and rent the panels needed.
- Juror - Kristin Lindseth (George Rivera's Wife)
- Event Liability Insurance Quote – Barb and Sharon are researching cost estimates.

Membership Update

No new members.

Treasurer Report

No changes.

Other

- Barb will continue to handle the Hospitality Roster through the end of 2025.
- April Membership Meeting – we will celebrate our 60th anniversary. Guild will provide dessert.
- Jennnifer and Elton will be out of town for the May Membership Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hall • Secretary*

Painting Group • Spring 2025

Cypress Community & Senior Center

403 S. Cypress Avenue • San José 95117 • 408-244-1353

ACTIVE ADULTS 50+ • Monday Painting Group • 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program where artists of every level have the opportunity to paint in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. No instruction will be provided, but you will get advice and encouragement from the group to help you grow as an artist. Bring your own supplies and join us!

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Room	Member/Non-member
256.1.1964	6/16–8/25	Mondays	Noon-3P	5	\$22 / \$30