



## President's Message

*"The objective isn't to make art,  
it's to be in that wonderful state which makes art inevitable."*  
– Robert Henri

The holidays are fast approaching and that wonderful state of sharing love fills us with hope for a better and wiser new year. I remember as a child feeling the holidays had a special kind of magic that could make anything seem possible – even flying reindeer! That state of mind that makes magic possible also makes art possible. We will all be busy gearing up for the holidays and getting in touch with loved ones but right before the end of the year, is a good time to relax, take a social media break, and think about what you may want to accomplish in 2024. Some ideas:

- Is there a special painting you've been meaning to create? Why not start that work of art!
- Look back at your art through the years, see how your style has developed, and think about where you are going with it next year. I've found several small, older paintings that I want to redo in a larger size and perhaps include some changes.
- Join our weekly Paint-a-Day Group that meets on Zoom almost every Saturday afternoon. It's a light-hearted, supportive group of artists who enjoy sharing our art lives. None of us actually do a painting-a-day; it just keeps our inspiration going.

Our pumpkin decorating contest last month was a huge success. I was happily surprised with how many of you took up the challenge and produced some incredible art on your little pumpkins.

Are you a November baby? Here are a few artists who share your birthday this month:

November 10 – William Hogarth  
November 12 – Auguste Rodin  
November 14 – Claude Monet  
November 15 – Georgia O'Keefe  
November 25 – Toulouse-Lautrec  
November 28 – William Blake

Looking forward to seeing you and your art at our December 2 Holiday Potluck Meeting!

*Diann Klink, President*



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## Monthly Competitions • Artist of the Month

Thank you to all our talented artists who participated in the **October 28** 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 for the remainder of the year.



**First Place** • Jan Prevetti  
*Jazz Festival* • Acrylic



**Second Place** • Patricia Heeney  
*A Bike Ride On Los Gatos Creek Trail*  
Watercolor



**Third Place** • Lynn Rogers  
*Masquerade* • Acrylic



# Competitions (cont.)

## Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest

The Guild's 1st Annual Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest was held at our October 28 Membership Meeting and was a fabulous success! Voting for the creative entries was difficult as they were all wonderfully unique.

First-, Second-, and Third-Place awards were presented as Halloween bags filled with fun Halloween items that the artists could actually use.

Thank you, everyone, for participating in this very fun seasonal competition. Let's make this an annual thing!

– News Editor



## Blue Ribbon Gallery



**Liyuza Eisbach**  
*Big Sur • Acrylic*





# Mini Pumpkin Decorating Contest • Award Recipients



**First Place • Sharon La Bouff**  
*Mad Hatter Tea Party*



**Second Place • Barbara Niemann**  
*Genevieve*



**Third Place • Karen Franzenburg**  
*Fortune Teller*

# Watercolorist Karen Olsen

We welcomed Karen Olsen as our demonstrator at our October 28 Membership Meeting. She demonstrated both high and low chroma use of watercolors and discussed some of the tools and techniques she uses in achieving some special effects.

The purpose of the demonstration was to create the atmosphere of a small nocturne Mediterranean hillside village using high and low key colors. Karen created shapes for the buildings by the use of masking fluid. Below is how her low key painting evolved:

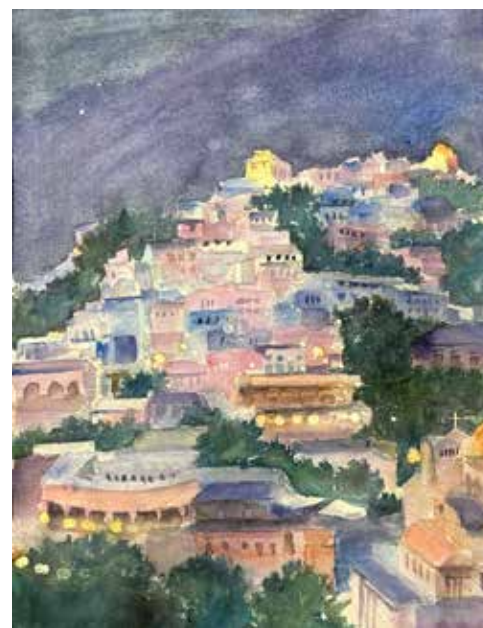


Her high key colors of the same village are shown below. She used masking fluid for the areas to be highlighted, a cobalt blue glaze and a mix of opera rose and cobalt blue, applied wet-in-wet to give the feeling of nighttime was then applied. The sky was not glazed.



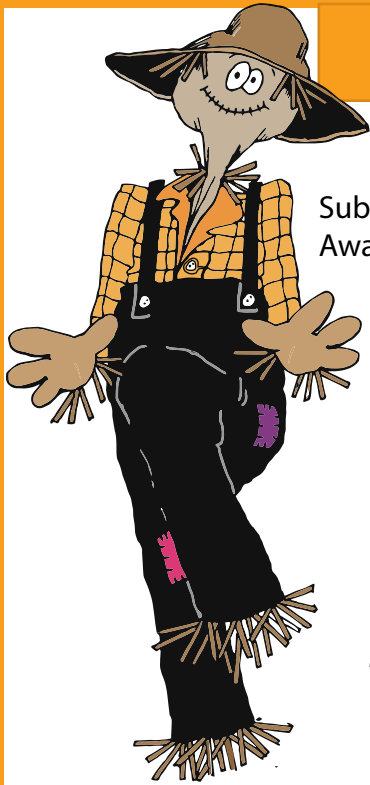
(Left) Karen's extensive palette.

(Right) The use of high and low chroma of a previously created painting.



To view Karen's art, please visit her website  
**[www.karenolsenfineart.com](http://www.karenolsenfineart.com)**





# 2023-2024 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.

**November** – No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

### December 2

- Holiday Potluck Party!
- Elect Officers for 2024
- Artists Trading Cards Exchanged
- **Final** Artist of the Month Competition for 2023
- **Final** Blue Ribbon Gallery Competition for 2023

### January 27, 2024 • Happy New Year!

- Membership Renewals Due (see Page 8)
- 2023 Artist of the Year Competition
- BEGIN Artist of the Month Competition for 2024
- \* **Demonstrator:** Julia Munger Seelos, Plein Air Artist

### February 24

- BEGIN 2024 Blue Ribbon Gallery Competition



## Festive Holiday Potluck Meeting! Saturday • December 2 • 12:30–4:00 p.m.

### Holiday 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 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:*



# Board and Officer Positions for 2024

Elections for the following positions and reinstating Executive Board Members will be held at the December 2 Annual Holiday Potluck Membership Meeting.

- **Secretary** • This is a very important position in which the secretary takes notes from the monthly Business Meetings which are typically held via Zoom. Minutes are then sent via email to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion into that month's newsletter.
- **Photographer** • **Michael Rodrigues** and **Kris Rogers** have graciously volunteered to assist when they can to photograph demonstrators and award recipients in the Artist of the Month and Blue Ribbon Gallery competitions. Photos are then sent via email to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion into that month's newsletter.
- **Exhibits** • Additional members are needed to help Diann in researching venues for displaying membership's artwork.
- **Publicity** • Barb created and updates the Guild's Facebook account. **Archana Jain** graciously volunteered to create an Instagram account for the Guild and will work in concert with Barb in uploading files.



## The "Whoo-Hoo!" Awards

**Congratulations to Kris Rogers** for winning Second Place in the Watercolor division of the Annual Open Art Exhibition at Sierra Artists Gallery in Mariposa in October for *Haight Ashbury Time Capsule*. Whoo-hoo!



*Haight Ashbury Time Capsule*

*(Below) Some of the attendees at the October 28 Membership Meeting relax, enjoy the refreshments, and wait for Karen Olsen's watercolor demonstration to begin.*



# 2024 Membership Renewals

**Renew your Active membership before January 1 to participate in our monthly and special competitions starting January 27, 2024.**

## 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 for eligibility 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 for eligibility 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: 2024 dues)

**Hand your check to or mail it to:**  
*Guild Treasurer*  
1109 S Daniel Way • San José, CA 95128



## Correction ...

In the October issue of *Brush and Palette*, the recipe for oiling out was incorrect. Here is the correct recipe:

50/50 Galkyd and Gamsol

Apologies for any confusion.

– Newsletter Editor





## Business Meeting Minutes • November 16

The meeting was held on Zoom and called to order at 3:05 p.m.

In attendance: President Diann Klink, Treasurer Sharon La Bouff,  
Secretary Kris Rogers, Programs Chair Jennifer Glover,  
Membership Chair Barb Overholt.

### Board and Officer Positions • 2024

Election and reinstatements for the following positions will be held at the December 2 Membership Meeting.

- President Diann Klink
- Vice President Marlene Bird
- Treasurer Sharon La Bouff
- **Secretary** – Jan Prevetti expressed interest
- **Membership, Annual Art Show, Newsletter Editor** – Barb Overholt
- **Photographer** – Kris Rogers and Michael Rodrigues
- **Awards Chairs** – Dave Eisbach and Elton Glover
- **Exhibits** – Klink and Lynn Rogers
- **Hospitality Chairs** – Smruti Kurse and Serena Murray
- **Programs** – Jennifer Glover and Dave Eisbach
- **Publicity** – Barb Overholt (Facebook), Archana Jain (Instagram)
- **Website** Lynna Jirpongopas
- **Outreach** – Laura Sternberg

### Programs/Demonstrations

Julia Seelos (January), Denise Howard (February), Paul Kratter (March)

### Use of Current Mirror vs Overhead Projector

The mirror is inadequate given the number attending meetings. Elton is willing to purchase a projector using his laptop, webcam, and the facility's white board for demonstrations. The cost would be ~\$200 and would be available at the meetings he attends. The Board appreciates Elton's efforts in streamlining our visuals for demonstrations.

**Treasurer's Report** – 2024 dues are starting to coming in. Sharon has set up an online account for the Guild with Bank of Montreal (BMO). Board members will have access as needed.

**Website Update** – Remaining 2023 newsletters, demonstrators, 25th Annual Art Show Awardees, and November's newsletter will be sent to Lynna. Removing 2019 newsletters is an option if space is an issue.

**December 2 Meeting** – Detailed information on this special meeting have been announced for three months but Barb will send a separate email regarding the potluck. The final AOM and BRG competitions for 2023 will be held. Barb will bring a boom box; Sharon will bring music CDs.

**Art submissions with previous ribbon awards** – An artist recently submitted a painting in a monthly competition that previously received an award under a different title. The Guild's Bylaws do not allow this. However, a painting may be re-entered if it didn't previously win an award but the Guild strongly encourages members to create new work and would prefer to see new creations rather than the same paintings each month.

The Board recognizes some members may not keep track of paintings entered in competitions and whether a ribbon was received. It is strongly recommended that artists keep a file or Excel spreadsheet listing their art and awards as a reference.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Kris Rogers • Secretary*

# Paint-a-Day Group Still Going Strong!

Come join this lively and fun group on Zoom where we share our art almost every Saturday afternoon, and glean advice and support from each other. Life happens and sometimes we have no art to share but we always end up having a great time in conversation on a variety of topics. Whatever the medium you create in, whether you draw or paint, is always of interest. Seeing our Guild members grow as artists is what is important. We currently have up to seven artists meeting.

Contact Diann Klink if you would like to be added to her Zoom invitation.

## Paint-a-Day Group on Zoom • Saturday, November 11

