



## President's Message

*"Learn the rules like a pro so you can break them like an artist."*  
– Pablo Picasso

I feel so privileged and grateful that you have voted me in as your President for the next year. Your confidence and support means a lot to me; I will try my hardest not to disappoint in 2022.

The Guild has a number of challenges this year not the least of which is maintaining and increasing our membership during another extended period of time meeting virtually on Zoom due to the unknown risks of new COVID variant. We know it can be discouraging when we have to use our computers and phones to make connections and share our art. But most of us do have those capabilities and we can rise to a higher level of friendship by helping each other out. Let's do some brainstorming in our upcoming meeting to come up with ideas for what we can do to make these times more fulfilling and fun. I'm very much looking forward to providing you with another abstract painting workshop in January – details on supplies will be forthcoming. One idea I've been mulling over is to provide my workshops free to all members during 2022 via separate Zoom meetings, giving us more time to delve into the artwork.

And I have promises to keep to all of you to help make 2022 a rewarding year for your artwork!

Along with the recent cold and wet weather in December, I'd like to give you a gift of poetry from Robert Frost. This one always reminded me of the woods behind the Ohio home I grew up in as new snow clung to branches and created a winter fairyland. Enjoy.

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom in January!

*Diann Klink • President*

### *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening* By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.



# Artist-of-the-Month

Thank you to our talented artists who participated in the December 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 February 2022.



**First Place**  
Denis Wik  
"Moonstruck" • Acrylic



**Second Place**  
Barbara Niemann  
"The Pandemic" • Watercolor



**Second Place**  
Patricia Smith  
"Quiet Courtyard" • Watercolor



**Third Place**  
David Eisbach  
"Another Pretty Face"  
Acrylic

## Blue Ribbon Gallery



**Barb Overholt**  
"Love at First Sight" • Oil



**Third Place**  
Diann Klink  
"Dragonfly" • Acrylic

# Abstract Art Group

with Diann Klink



The Abstract Art Group welcomed Guild member Smruti Kurse to its fold at its November 20 gathering.

Diann Klink posed for a Blind Contour Drawing session. See image results below. The group also created additional artwork including the small painting Smruti created of a flower pot – the pot was real but the flowers were from her imagination. Sharon La Bouff worked diligently on her Artist Trading Cards and Lucy continued to work on another abstract that is yet to be completed. Diann also worked on finishing an abstract.

Due to how holiday gatherings will affect the pandemic, our group decided to take a break in December. We will meet again in January at either Sharon's or Smruti's home. We'll keep you posted.

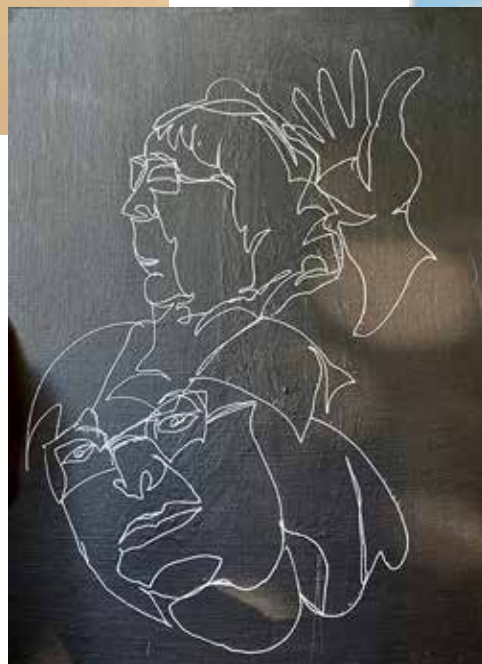
## Blind Contour Drawings



**Top Left:**  
by Lucy Letcher



**Top Right:**  
by Sharon La Bouff



**Bottom Left:**  
by Smruti Kurse

**Bottom Right:**  
Smruti's Flowers



# Vincent van Gogh's "Starry Night"



*Vincent van Gogh's "Starry Night"*

Guild members were invited to participate in a paint along webinar sponsored by the Santa Clara County Library District presented by local artist Sheryl Cathers. The subject of the webinar was van Gogh's "Starry Night" held on December 7. Enjoy the delightful interpretations on this page by our participating members.



*Barbara Niemann's interpretation*



*Barb Overholt's interpretation*



*Jennifer Glover's interpretation*



*Sharon La Bouff's interpretation*

*Kris Rogers' interpretation*





## Monthly Meeting Events

January 22, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

- Membership Renewals Due before February 1!
- 2021's Artist of the Year Competition
- *BEGIN* 2022 Artist of the Month Competition
- **Demonstrator: Diann Klink** continues her abstract art series with "Part II • Abstract Composition." Members received files relating to supplies needed along with a worksheet.



### December 4 Holiday Meeting

Twenty members enjoyed our final meeting for 2021 via Zoom. The meeting included welcoming Lucy Letcher as our newest Associate member, presenting our monthly competitions, electing officers, exchanging Artist Trading Cards (right), and sharing a video presentation of the Abstract Art that was created from Diann Klink's October 23 workshop.

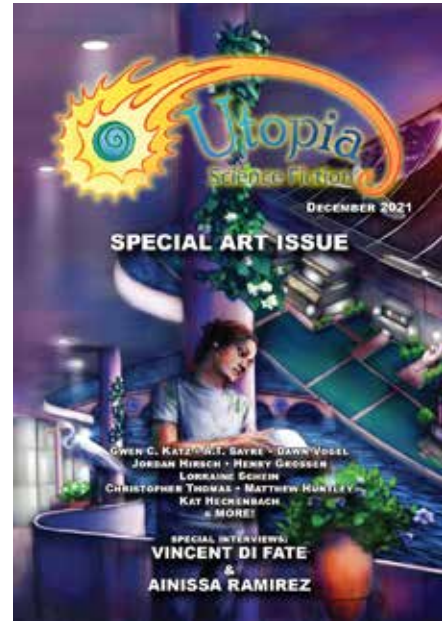


# Special Announcements



## The “Whoo-Hoo!” Awards

**Congratulations to Diann Klink** as her art was published and she was interviewed for the online magazine “Utopia Science Fiction” a special art edition for December 2021 devoted to artists! A plethora of artists were showcased from around the world. Well done Diann!



**Congratulations to Patti Pierce** – her watercolor “Curiosity” (below) was selected by juror Andy Evansen into the “52nd National Exhibition” of the California Watercolor Association. The exhibit runs from January 8–March 12, 2022 at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Art Center in Pleasanton, CA, and also virtually on CWA’s website [www.californiawatercolor.org](http://www.californiawatercolor.org). This is Patti’s first national show. Well done Patti!



“Curiosity”



## Need to Contact a Board Member or Officer?

Look to the last page of every newsletter for phone or email information.

## Membership Renewals for 2022

Annual dues \$50 (Active) and \$25 (Associate) were due to the Treasurer **before** January 1 in order to participate in our January competitions. There's still time to renew before dues are considered delinquent on February 1. *Remember – for eligibility to enter a competition, you must have attended at least one of three meetings immediately prior to that competition.*

### **Make your check payable to:**

"Campbell Artists' Guild"  
MEMO: 2022 Dues

### **Mail your check to:**

Guild Treasurer  
1109 S. Daniel Way  
San José, CA 95128-3112



## Elected Officers for 2022

At our December 4 Holiday Meeting, membership re-elected the following individuals:

President	Diann Klink
Vice President	Marlene Bird
Treasurer	Sharon La Bouff
Secretary	Kris Rogers

### **Welcome!**

Programs Co-Chair Jennifer Glover

## Board's Business Meeting • Thursday, December 9 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Guild's Board welcomed newly-elected Programs Co-Chair Jennifer Glover!





## Executive Board Meeting Minutes December 9 and January 13

The December 9 meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. In attendance were President Diann Klink, Vice President Marlene Bird, Treasurer Sharon La Bouff, Secretary Kris Rogers, Programs Co-Chair Jennifer Glover, and Membership Chair Barb Overholt.

A warm welcome was given to Jennifer Glover as our new Awards Co-Chair.

**Membership Renewals:** Barb will email reminders.

**Website:** New webmaster needed. Jennifer suggested sending an email to the membership requesting their involvement in a search for a new webmaster. Barb will send the notice.

**Paint Along Webinar:** Five members participated in the van Gogh "Starry Night" paint along webinar sponsored by the Santa Clara County Library District presented by local artist Sheryl Cathers. The demonstrator painted very fast making it challenging to follow along. Thankfully, a recording will be sent out to those that registered. Barb will post our paintings in the next newsletter.

**Membership Meetings:** After discussion, the Board agreed it's not ready to entertain resuming in-person meetings due to the current and very contagious variant. Barb will add a note on our Zoom invite that the Campbell Artists' Guild will not be meeting in-person until further notice.

Marlene was concerned about Zoom login issues and the resulting frustration during December's meeting. The fear was that members may stop attending. The Board wants to let membership know we are doing everything possible to resolve the technical issues. For future meetings, Barb has agreed to admit unknown logins and ask them to identify themselves. The Zoom Host (Barb) has the ability to remove attendees that don't belong.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Rogers • Secretary*

### Board Minutes • January 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. In attendance were President Diann Klink, Vice President Marlene Bird, Treasurer Sharon La Bouff, Awards Co-Chair Jennifer Glover, Secretary Kris Rogers, and Membership Chair Barb Overholt.

**Membership:** There are currently 27 membership renewals. Discussion took place regarding how to increase membership. We have brochures that need to be amended as membership dues have changed. Barb will look at label sizes for the best match. Sharon suggested leaving some brochures at local Michael's stores. Diann will look into creating Instagram and Facebook pages for the Guild as they should look alike.

**Website:** Our website is not up-to-date. More importantly, the inquiry link (under Contact Us/Forms page) available to prospective members, is not attached to any Board member's email. Following discussion on how best to proceed, it was agreed that our web hosting service, DreamHost, should be contacted regarding available support services. Diann will look into this. Barb has detailed records of entries that should be updated. Sharon will check with the San José Garden Club's webmaster regarding the learning curve as their webmaster is self-taught. If DreamHost is unable to provide sufficient support, the Board will elicit quotes from a list of webmasters. Further discussion is eminent at the next Board meeting.

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## January 13 Board Minutes (cont.)

**Awards Co-Chair:** Rob has temporarily stepped down as Awards Co-Chair. His duties will be carried out and shared by Sharon, Barb, and Jennifer. Jennifer will help Elton with checking eligibility and if artists who have submitted art are in attendance by 1:15 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our ending balance following the cost of the annual art show ribbons and juror, demos, monthly competitions, website redesign, Zoom, and adding dues comes to \$1,921.20. The Bank Signature Card, last generated in 2017, needs to be updated by the Board.

**Membership Meetings:** Barb suggested that we take advantage of Zoom's advertised 17% savings for an annual renewal instead of monthly. Discussion followed on how long we would continue to rely on Zoom for meetings but the future is uncertain. The suggestion in taking advantage of an annual Zoom subscription could include the addition of hosting art classes was well received. After running the numbers, it was agreed to take the discount offer for an annual Zoom subscription. Barb will initiate the subscription.

**Art Classes via Zoom:** Barb mentioned the possibility of presenting oil painting classes but, alas, does not know how to do this. An additional camera is needed; a mobile phone can be used but there are security issues. Diann recently purchased a secondary camera in preparation for her upcoming Zoom art classes. Sharon will talk to her brother regarding auxiliary cameras as he has many and is experience with them.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Rogers • Secretary*

## Online Instruction • Workshops • Competitions

### Competitions

- [www.LightSpaceTime.art](http://www.LightSpaceTime.art) – monthly online competitions.
- CaFÉ • <https://www.califorentury.org> – Signing up required to enter and participate in a variety of "Call to Artists."
- <https://www.internationalartist.com> – bi-monthly magazine showcasing artists from around the world in digital or print formats; competitions, workshops, podcasts.

### Workshops • Courses • Instruction • Tutorials

- **Scottsdale Artists' School** – <https://scotsdaleartschool.org>
- **www.OnlineArtLessons.com** – sign up for free art lessons in your email each week, free tutorials
- **The Virtual Instructor** – [www.thevirtualinstructor.com](http://www.thevirtualinstructor.com)
- **The Best Online Courses for 2022** – [www.creativeblog.com](http://www.creativeblog.com)
- **www.JerrysArtarama.com** – Free art instruction for a variety of mediums
- **<https://www.ArtistsNetwork.com>** – Free tutorials and lessons. Become a member and receive access to a variety of content – videos, newsletter, discounts, magazines, ebooks.
- **YouTube.com** – has a wealth of how-to videos.

