



President's Message

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." – Pablo Picasso

It has been a difficult, crazy year, but I'm delighted to serve as your Guild President during 2021. It may sound a little "hokey" but I'm sincerely honored that you've given me your trust. I'm taking this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of spending significant time with and to let you know how I envision my role.

Before I get into that, I'd like to bring you up-to-date on what's been happening with the Guild during the lockdown. My thanks go out to President Denis Wik for his years of service to the Guild and congratulations to him for his courage with moving to a new home in Hollister while this pandemic rages on. We will miss him and hope he can attend some of the meetings. Additional thanks and applause go out to Barb Overholt who provided co-leadership and critical oversight during the pandemic lockdown. It's no secret that Barb is committed to the Guild and that she loves the organization. Her efforts and persistence over the past nine months have resulted in leading the executive board and our faithful tech guru Yelena Shabrova with the creation of a beautiful new website. If you haven't checked it out, you are missing something! Barb was also instrumental (and still is) in researching and setting up the Guild's Zoom account to help all members keep in touch and provide the platform for online meetings until we can meet in person again. She will continue as Membership Chair and News Editor. Marlene Bird will continue to serve as Vice-President, Sharon La Bouff as Treasurer, and Mary Kahn as Programs Co-Chair. Kris Rogers has accepted the invitation as Secretary. Welcome to the inner sanctum, Kris! Our December 5 holiday gathering was held via Zoom and we had a most excellent time sharing our creations and exchanging artist trading cards. It was good to see our friends' faces again and hear what has been happening with them.

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Executive Officers Elected for 2021!

At our December 5 Holiday Gathering via Zoom, membership elected the following individuals:

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| President | Diann Klink |
| Vice-President | Marlene Bird |
| Treasurer | Sharon La Bouff |
| Secretary | Kristie Rogers |



December

Barb Overholt • Patricia Smith



January

Sara Bayati • Linda Curtis • Laetitia Galeazzi



President's Message cont.

Okay, so what type of artist and person am I?

My preferred art style and passion is abstract expressionism. However, in the past I was a realistic portrait artist—both people and animals—so I have a genuine respect for art realism. I mainly work with acrylics but have used pastel, oil pastel, charcoal, ink and oils over my art lifetime. As a lifelong introvert, I will usually only talk if I have something that needs saying. But like so many introverts, in my younger days, I had a tendency to enjoy performing as a musician and a belly dancer. I have created for as long as I can remember, but financially supported myself as an office worker and I'm now retired. That office experience helped me start my art business although I'm terrible at self-marketing. Personal individual traits I value are honesty, tolerance, and genuine kindness. I have an intense love of the earth and all life upon it—particularly cats, horses and trees! My art often reflects my spiritual and mystical nature. My family consists of my best friend and partner, my cat, my sister, an aunt, cousins, and all those who have passed beyond.

As to my goals as President, I will continue with the Guild's mission. It's become more important to inspire members during this time when we cannot personally meet. Therefore, I am committed to helping all of you become more comfortable working together and meeting via Zoom and exploring social media. I'm open to any ideas you have about the future direction of the Guild and hope to provide you with some of my own ideas at our January meeting. Thank you to all the members who contribute to and participate in the Guild's activities. I look forward to seeing you in 2021. Together we will move toward with a healthier, productive year of fun and more art!

Diann Klink • Incoming President 2021

Upcoming Demonstrations via Zoom!

January 23 General Meeting

Linda Curtis • Casein Demo

February 27 General Meeting

Elton Glover

Membership Renewals Due by January 23, 2021

In order for the Guild to continue as a viable organization, it requires your membership renewals as it has operating expenses (think Zoom General Meetings and demonstrators). We look forward to meeting once again in person and conducting our normal meeting agenda sometime in 2021.

In December, Guild Treasurer Sharon La Bouff began accepting membership renewals for 2021 by mail. Please make your check payable to:

Campbell Artists' Guild

\$30 (Active membership)

\$15 (Associate membership)

Mail to:

Treasurer Sharon La Bouff

You may also drop off your renewal into Sharon's secure mailbox located on the left side of her garage door.

You will have a grace period extending to February 1, 2021, but if your renewal is not received on the extended date, the Guild will (reluctantly) remove you from the membership roster. After that date, you will need to fill out a Membership Application along with attaching your membership dues, and mailing it to the Guild's Membership Chair.



Let Us Know How We Can Better Communicate with You!

It's been a difficult year for all of us but the Guild is striving to keep you engaged and involved by holding monthly meetings, presenting demonstrators, and forwarding email notifications of events and exhibits, and other art-related information. Please contact one of our Board members on how we can best communicate the world of art to **you!** Your Board members and Officers are listed on the last page of every newsletter.

Holiday Gathering Enjoyed by Members

Twelve members enjoyed one another's company at our December 5 Holiday Gathering via Zoom. Participating artists enjoyed exchanging Artists Trading Cards via Barb Overholt's studio where numbered envelopes included a trading card awaited each artist to pick a number for an exchange.

Many of our attendees shared their art that had been created during the summer months. Many of you were definitely keeping busy! Diann Klink won third place tie for "Gateway" in the 2020 online exhibition "American Art Awards Online Abstract Impressionism Category." Congratulations Diann!

What talent we have among us! To those who were able to attend, thank you for making the afternoon a fun one! I enjoyed the time shared with you.

– Barb Overholt • Editor



Artists Trading Card Envelopes



Art by Barbara Neimann



"Gateway" by DiannKlink

Thank you to our General Meeting participants for a most enjoyable afternoon!





Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 14

The meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by President Diann Klink at 2:10 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice-President Marlene Bird, Treasurer Sharon La Bouff, Secretary Kristie Rogers, Programs Co-Chair Mary Kahn, and Membership Chair Barb Overholt.

Membership Renewals

A reminder will be sent by Barb Overholt in this newsletter and via email. The reminder is to include the renewal cost of \$30 (Active membership) and \$15 (Associate membership). Renewing members are asked to send their checks to Sharon La Bouff's home address. Dues can also be placed in Sharon's home mailbox located on the left side of her garage door. A one-month grace period ending February 1, 2021 will be extended. After that time, members will be (reluctantly) removed from the Guild's roster and will need to reapply.

Website

Discussion on inviting additional members to participate in the Artists' Gallery and also extending an invitation to our webmaster Yelena Shabrova and her husband and photographer Slava Shabrov to the Artists' Gallery. Barb will make inquiries. Yelena and Slava are former Guild members and Yelena was paramount in the execution of our newly revised website.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Sharon La Bouff presented the Guild's revenue and expenses for the calendar year of 2020 and reported that finances held steady and we are operating in the blue.

Programs Chair Report

January demonstrator – Linda Curtis.

February demonstrator – Elton Glover.

Judy Gittelsohn was contacted and Mary is awaiting a response. Mary will also send an inquiry to Jeff Bramschreiber. Jaya King was suggested as a possible demonstrator as she is currently teaching online lessons and has a website.

President's Report

It is President Diann's wish to:*

- promote creative expression in the arts and foster artistic development,
- assist members with becoming more comfortable working together and meeting via Zoom,
- inspire new ideas and contributions from members,
- increase exhibit opportunities and sharing of artwork,
- provide interested members with opportunities to learn more about how to promote their art on social media and how to establish an art business,
- explore opportunities to learn more about the history of art,
- increase the visibility of the Guild within the community.

** Some of these ideas may only be viable after the pandemic is over.*

The business meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**“Art lets us find ourselves
and lose ourselves
at the same time.”**

– Thomas Merton

*Respectfully submitted,
Kris Rogers • Secretary*

January 14, 2021 Board's Business Meeting via Zoom!

