



SAN LEANDRO ART ASSOCIATION Newsletter

August 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi my Artist friends,

We had a busy month in July – August is a little bit slower. However, we are getting ready for Art Fest on September 15 and 16. We will be needing help with set up and take down which we will discuss that at the meeting on August 8. Thank you so much Kathleen Kelly for making the poster for our reception and the Art Fest. Thank you members for coming to the Zocalo reception. We had 29 pieces of art up there for two months and have been invited back. Thanks to Rebecca and Gary Parks who entertained with her original folk songs. I thought they were good. There were two complaints that it was loud, however I think coffee shop was a great place to have that type of music. At the library we will be having more subdued music. Have a great August.

See you soon,
Molly Dolly,
President



Promotional Art Winners!

Congratulations to Sara Thomas, Roberto Cunanan and Deborah “Cricket” Gallegos who were voted by the group to represent SLAA on promotional materials to be developed for the ART FEST event September 15-16, 2017.

IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES

General Meeting: Tuesday, August 8
7 – 9 pm / Watercolor demo by Ron Platt
at 7:30 pm, Main Library, Karp Room

Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 6 – 7 pm
Plan Art Fest, Main Library, C Room, upstairs

Plein Air Gathering: August 19, 9am - 12,
Japanes Garden, Hayward Senior Center

Art Fest 2017: San Leandro Main Library,
Sept 15, 8am – 3pm • Sept 16, 10am – 4pm

Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 29, 6 – 7 pm
Plan Art Fest

Hang Art Fest at Main Library:
Thursday, August 31, 9am

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August Art Demonstration

August 8, 7:30pm • San Leandro Main Library, Karp Room
300 Estudillo, San Leandro

• All are welcome •

Ron Platt, Watercolorist and Author

Ronald Pratt was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan where the change of seasons had a dramatic influence on his perception of light and color and how these two elements can affect the mood of a particular scene. It is the capturing of a particular mood through the careful handling of light and color that he pursues in his watercolor paintings.

Before he begins each painting, the mood or feeling is established along with the specific lighting and color palette that will best convey that sense. Only after this is decided will the design and composition be determined. This approach assures that each painting will have a strong feeling conveyed by the play of light and color on the scene.

While attending the University of Michigan and majoring in architectural design, Ronald's education was interrupted by a five year military tour that included duty and travel in Vietnam, Hong Kong, Singapore, The Philippines, Sicily, Italy and much of Europe. After completing his military tour, he completed his education at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. The next ten years were spent as a practicing architect as both a designer and construction administrator. As a practicing architect, watercolor became his favorite medium for renderings and presentations. It was during this time that he learned watercolor painting was his true love. It was also during this time that his wife, Patty, says he learned what a "mid life crises" was



all about. In 1991, Ronald became a full time watercolor painter and instructor.

As an associate member of the National Watercolor Society, California Watercolor Association and a number of local art groups, Ronald has had award-winning paintings shown both locally and throughout California. His paintings are included in private collections in England, Ireland, France, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Canada as well as throughout the United States.

Ronald says he is a painter who tries to express in his work the amazing beauty and fascination of life. His subject matter varies from dynamic seascapes to peaceful landscapes, from still life's to surreal abstracts, from florals to the human figure. He states:

"the more I paint the more fascinated I become with life."

SPECIAL THANKS

To Christine Ortiz/Schneider for her wonderful work on the newsletter.

With no previous newsletter experience, and under many stressful issues in her personal life, she figured it out and was able to get many issues to the members of the association.

"Thanks to Ana Maria Rodriguez for her referring to me as a Newsletter chair. It was a great learning experience!" - Christine

SLAA Calendar

AUGUST

- 8 6:00 pm - Art Fest Chair meeting, Karp rm.
7:00 pm - General meeting
7:35 Demo: Ron Pratt - watercolor/author
- 19 9:00 am - Noon - Japanese Garden
Hayward Senior Center
- 29 Board meeting 6:00-7:00pm
- 31 9:00 am - Hang member art at Main library

SEPTEMBER

No general meeting in September

- 15 ART FEST - FRI. 8:00 am set up
10:00am start - 3:00 pm
Store art in Trustee room
- 16 ART FEST - SAT. 9:00am set up
10:00 am start - 4:00 pm
Start take- down 4:15 - 5:00 pm
- 28 TAKE-DOWN Art Fest - Library -
Wednesday 9:00 am

No board meeting in September

OCTOBER

- 10 7:00 pm General Meeting Karp room
Demo: 7:35 pm Renea Turner -
Photographer
- 21 Outing for members to be discussed (ideas:
Pinot's pallet 2. Show and exhibit Firehouse
and lunch in Pleasanton. ???)

NOVEMBER

- 14 7:00 pm General meeting
7:35 pm Demo: Mariya - Fashion artwork
(Live models will model her artwork on their
outfits) as she demonstrates.
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 28 6:00-7:00 pm Board meeting

DECEMBER

- 12 Christmas Party to be announced
(will not be at library)

A Successful Show at Zocalo



Maria Luisa Penaranda



Molly Dolley



Sara Thomas



Entertainment provided by Rebbes Parks and her husband Gary.

General Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2017

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

Welcome: All guests and new members

Sunshine Committee: Rosemarie sent a condolence card to Jane on the passing of her sister.

Minutes of June General Meeting: Ana Marie read the minutes of June 13th and they were approved.

Plein Air: The next outing will be at the Japanese Tea Garden on Saturday, July 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Reception: We will gather at the Zocolo Coffeehouse on Thursday, July 20th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There will be entertainment by a Rebecca Parker, a local artist.

Many thanks go to Ginny Milo for the great San Leandro Times article about our show at the Zocolo.

Treasurer's Report: Marcia gave the report for July which was approved.

Membership Report: Currently we have 57 members. The roster will go out to members.

Newsletter: Molly reported that the newsletter was mailed out on July 11, 2017.

The Art Fest: It will be held on Friday, September 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the library courtyard. This show is for members only.

Each person can bring 3 paintings, 3 small works, cards, and matted work. The association will retain 10% of all sales. There may be music; but what type of music has not been determined.

Revolving Gallery: We will have an exhibit at the San Leandro Senior Center from November, 2017 through January, 2018.

Outside Shows: Molly has purchased a booth at the Mulford Garden Festival and will be showing art.

Janis Cushere currently has a show at the Aitkin Senior Center in Castro Valley.

Demonstration: Sally Lampi, a recognized watercolor, collage and mixed media artist will demonstrate.

Artist of the Month: Members were invited to vote for three different submissions. The winning artists were Sarah Thomas, Roberto Cunanan, and Cricket Gallegos. Each won a \$50 prize and their artwork will be featured on all printed publicity for the Art Fest. Congratulations!

Refreshments: Cecilia and Trishia volunteered to bring refreshments to next month's meeting.

Adjournment: 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Ana Marie Rodriguez, Recording Secretary