



Board Meetings

9 am. before General Meeting

Next General Meeting

Second Saturday of Month

April 11th
at 11 am

Sorensen's Studio
2223 S. Van Ness Ave,
Fresno, 93721

Demonstrations

April

Sally Delap-John
Oil/Workshop

May

Kathy Gillis
Oil

June

Linda Caine
Calligraphy in Art

September

Ginny Burdick
Pastel Landscape

October

John Coppola
Painter's Caulking

November

Betty Berk
Expressionism

Art Demonstration by
Sally Delap-John
Oil/Workshop
Saturday, April 11th at 11 am

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Message from our President

Whenever April arrives, I always think of my Chaucer class in college, where each of us had to memorize the Prologue to “The Canterbury Tales” – in Middle English -- and recite it one by one in class. I’ll spare you that, only to say that for Chaucer’s pilgrims heading off to Canterbury, April marked a time of rebirth when all was in flower...just as we are being reminded by the *Fresno Bee* that the Blossom Trail is abloom, ready for photographers and artists. So too are the hills abloom with **poppies** north of Hwy 41 just before it connects with Hwy 46 near the turnoff for Parkfield (toward Paso)... more so than I have ever seen it. So... photographers and plein air artists, get out there soon and bring your Spring creations back to ACA’s gallery.

Though the March Membership show will soon be behind us, I need to say thanks to all ACA members who participated. This was a great turnout with 45 pieces accepted for the ACA gallery. Compared to the 2014 March Membership show, held at FAC, which had 24 pieces accepted for exhibiting, we almost doubled our offerings... and we more than doubled the number of artists on exhibit this year (35 this year vs 15 in 2014). That’s a trend I like.

If you missed the March demo, you really missed the chance to see a mistress of her medium at work. Denise McGill’s demonstration of collage technique along with examples of her completed works revealed her mastery of color, form, tonal values, and most important: an understanding of how the viewer’s eyes and brain work to perceive a well-crafted portrait, with all the specificity one expects in a portrait... all from glued together tiny scraps of paper torn from magazines and other print sources. You really needed to be there.

And speaking of being there: mark your calendar for April 11th for Sally Delap-John’s demo, to be followed by her workshop. Information and a sign-up form are in this newsletter. We can thank Linda Erickson and Lena Bradford for organizing this demo and work-shop. Your participation on the 11th and 12th will show them your thanks and your support for ACA.

And lastly, for April, bring a painting or two or three to the Gallery for exhibiting for April and May. More information on receiving, etc., is in “Gallery Buzz” in this Newsletter. See you April 11th and in the Gallery and at Art Hop. Adrian Perenon

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GALLERY BUZZ

I hope you had a chance to get down to the Gallery to see the March Show, "The Many Shades of Green". What a Fabulous show it was! We loved having it in our very own gallery. We had a great crowd at the March ArtHop for the Awards Reception. Penny Buller sold her painting that night! It was enjoyed by all!

Just a reminder;

Show **Pick-up** is Saturday, March 28th, from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Gallery.

And... **Receiving** for the April/May exhibit is the same day, same time. So, Bring your new paintings down to hang, or you can leave the paintings you have up for the March show to hang for the April/May exhibit. If you choose to do that you still have to come down and let us know that's what you want to do and pay to have them there for two more months.

The pick-up/exchange will be Saturday, May 30th.

ArtHop is Thursday, April 2, from 5 to 8 PM

Rules for Gallery exhibits;

Hanging Fee is \$10 per painting for the two (2) month exhibit.

ACA members may hang up to five (5) original works of art at a time.

All artwork must be framed with secure flat hangers,

A 10% donation is customary on all sales.

You are encouraged to attend the ArtHop if you have a painting in the Gallery. It is a wonderful way to meet Art enthusiasts and talk to them about your painting. People love to meet the artist of the painting they fall in love with and it's a great way to promote a sale! Just ask Penny!

Director of Exhibits Report

At the last Major Open Show our Judge, Jon Bock, brought it to our attention that our Show categories are not consistent. All but one is based on the medium used, and one category, Abstract, is based on the subject matter of the artwork regardless of the medium used. This realization led to many discussions and the formation of a committee to establish show guidelines.

Here are the Guidelines the committee decided on in a nutshell:

ACA Show Categories will be by the Medium used. The categories are; Oil/Acrylics, Watercolor, Pastel, Mixed Media, Drawing, and Three Dimensional (3-D) Artwork.

There are also thoughts about creating a new category for use of "non-traditional media" outside the categories mentioned here, i.e. alcohol inks, encaustics, etc. but this has not been finalized yet. With a "3-D Art" category, ACA can maintain a fair competition, and continue to "open its doors" to those artists who currently participate, and encourage other artists to try new media or enter what 3-D Art they are working in. It will include all 3-D Art, from sculpture, assemblage, glass and fiber/soft sculpture.

The committee members had a lively discussion about what is needed to improve our shows. A concern came up that members need to be sure they are not entering any artwork into competitions that are done as classwork. All art must be original and no one else may have painted on your painting. It must have been created within the last three years in order to be eligible for any show. These rules, as listed on the prospectus, must be adhered to, if not, your artwork will be turned away. I'd hate to see this happen to anybody!

Please share your thoughts and concerns with me, thank you, Betty Berk, ACA Director of Exhibits

"Artist Showcase WALL"

April sees ACA's Showcase Wall displaying artwork of Carole Love, a long-time ACA member with her own gallery at CMS. Come and enjoy Carole's work at ACA's gallery and then visit her gallery space just off Sorensen Hall.

Next up on "The Wall" in May will be the artwork of Deborah Pepin

2015 still remains "booked out" but we are taking reservations for 2016.

January, March, April, May and October have already been reserved, so let me know which month you would like to reserve. Call me at 559-325-7358, or email me at adrianade@sbcglobal.net We also are circulating the sign-up sheet at the general meetings/demos. No deposits will be due until 60 days before you are scheduled to exhibit on ACA's Showcase Wall. I'll be sending out reminders.

Denise McGill at ACA's March 14th demonstration, where she discussed and demonstrated her approach to creating art via the medium of collage. Her portrait work in collage received lots of attention and praise.



Raffle Winner is Lynne Valek!

This beautiful painting "Electric Pumpkins" by Roberta Davis, was raffled off at the March meeting. It was the painting she started at her October demo meeting. Lynne gets to have this painting for just \$5, lucky lady! This was a wonderful fundraiser for ACA. Congratulations Lynne and Thank You very much Roberta Davis!

We are now selling raffle tickets for Debora Pepin's incredible Alcohol Ink painting that she did for our January demonstration!

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. They can be purchased at the monthly meetings and at ArtHop. Just another great reason to be there!



ATTENTION PLEASE!

Our Treasurer, Roberta Davis, is searching for someone to take over as Treasurer for next year, 2016. Do you have bookkeeping/accounting skills and want to help ACA? It is not a difficult job. It is an executive position and requires a commitment of time at ACA meetings and activities. Roberta is willing to have an apprentice for the remainder of this year to train the next year's Treasurer. If you are interested in taking on this important office, please contact Roberta at jrdavis299@hotmail.com or by phone [559-960-5065](tel:559-960-5065).

Keeping Track: Who's Showing & Where

We like to keep track of what our members are up to, especially if they are showing at one of the many local galleries or receiving recognition for their art, offering workshops or leading plein air "paint outs". Send your 'Good News' to Trudy Sweet at sweetartlady@aol.com or Adrian Perenon at adrianade@scbglobal.net by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

March - April 2015...

Louie Quijada was invited to show at a new section of M STREET GALLERIES. Seems a principal from M Street saw Louie's work at Brush & Easel and said, "We need his work on the walls of our newest gallery space to help us showcase the new space." Way to go Louie! We'll see Louie's work on ACA's Showcase Wall in November.

Trudy Sweet has her beautiful, uniquely designed one-of-a-kind, knitted and felted purses at Valerie Green's Gallery, BRUSH AND EASEL. Each of the purses are a piece of wearable art! Come in and see the collection on display along with the selection of all the other incredible works of art and unique gifts!

Sara Peters' whimsy cat paintings are up at THE ART HUB! Her paintings have a fun and fanciful appeal and, she sold one at the first ArtHop! High five Sara! 🖐️

Marilyn Torchin will lead an ACA members only "paint out" on Sunday, May 17th at "Lost Lake" park. Meet her no later than 9:10 a.m. near the bathroom just inside the gate. Bring your lunch, materials and easel, if needed. There are picnic tables available. Save the date!

Kathleen Mattox was commissioned by the Fresno Audubon Society to create this sign, "Birds of the Garden" which is now a permanent garden art installation at the Alluvial Community Garden.





ACA is happy to bring

Sally Delap-John

to Sorensen's Studios for a demo and workshop....

Sally Delap-John is returning to Fresno for a visit and we are excited to have her with us. Those who know her, know what a wonderful teacher she is and that she shares her knowledge willingly. Sally will be demonstrating at our regular ACA member meeting Saturday, April 11, from 11 am to 1 pm. Non-members welcome and encouraged to attend!

Sally's workshop will focus on oil painting techniques and demonstrating. She is also fluent in watercolor and can address questions with that medium. Sally will also give us lots of information on marketing ourselves and our work. That's a facet of the art world that is of interest to all.

**Sign up now for
Sally's one-and-a-half day workshop!**

**Sat., April 11th, 2-5 pm and
Sun., April 12th, 9 am to 3 pm**

There will be a one hour lunch break on Sunday

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Sally says "I will discuss Plein Air and Plein Air Techniques. When you can't paint outside, you use your accumulated knowledge of plein air experiences and go from there. I will share what I do while I demonstrate in oil. The photo references I use have been slightly altered to their best advantage.

I will also speak about what I do for marketing and my approach to it."

*Please visit her Website @:
www.SallyDelap-John.com*

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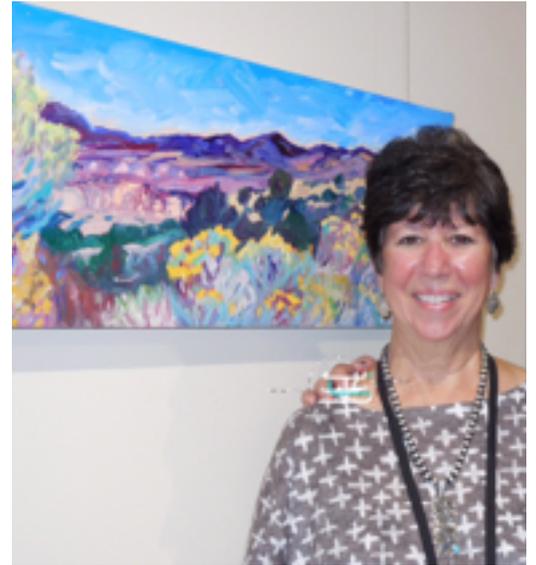
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present a

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Oil Painting and Marketing Workshop

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It promises to be an exciting weekend and we look forward to having you in the workshop!

REGISTRATION:

ACA Members \$145

Non-Members \$165

Mail your check payable to ACA to: Lena Bradford 34786 Bonadelle Ave., Madera, CA 93636 Any questions please call (559) 240-9536 Checks will not be deposited until 3 weeks prior to the workshop.

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ONCE THE CHECK IS DEPOSITED. () Initial

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I agree not to hold any instructor, Sorensen's Studio, ACA or any of it's officers responsible for any injury or loss related to this workshop.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please keep a copy for your records

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