

Mother Lode Art Association

May – June, 2013

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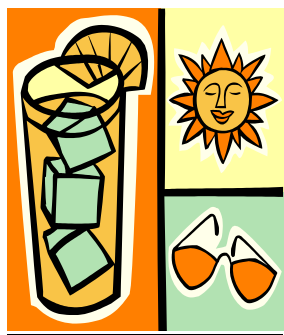
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ENJOY SUMMER.
THIS IS THE LAST
NEWSLETTER
UNTIL SEPT.

From the President's Easel

Irene Taylor

I am constantly amazed at the speed of my/our lives. We are nearly half-way through 2013 and the 61st Annual Fall MLAA Art Show is going to be held at the Opera Hall from Oct. 11th through Oct. 16th. I hope you are all furiously painting/creating for this wonderful event. The Art Show Committee is hard at work putting all of the pieces together—and there are many pieces to fit. As co-chair with Stasi Briggs, I want to encourage you to get involved, volunteer and help out where, when and if you can. This is every MLAA member's show! You can contact Stasi or me to get on board.

We have had some awesome programs at our recent meetings: Carolyn Macpherson gave an inspiring watercolor demonstration at our February meeting. She is always so energizing and exciting to listen to and learn from. I also enjoyed her workshop at Town Hall Arts. We worked on YUPO paper, using watercolors one day and working on a collage the next day—a challenge with a lot of possibilities.

Our March meeting featured a presentation by our three scholarship candidates and then the general membership attending the meeting voted to choose the one candidate to win the \$1000 scholarship. The scholarship was awarded to Jon Handrock. He was a devoted artist in pursuit of sharing art with others through a teaching career. Jon is a talented and presentable young man. The other two candidates were also deserving and talented: choosing the winner was very difficult. A conversation evaluating this new procedure to choose our winner and the amount of the scholarship took a short amount of time at our recent Board meeting. A decision to continue the conversation was made and if you want to participate in this or any of MLAA procedures, please contact one of our Board members or sit in on our next board meeting.

George Allen Durkee was our featured demonstrator at our recent April meeting. George is a passionate and exciting oil painter. He makes the process of creating a beautiful piece of art look easy. He kindly donated the piece he was doing the demo on, picked a name from his hat and the winner of his painting was **Sulastri Linville**. She was thrilled.

Our June meeting will be a pot luck picnic. This event will again be held at Hurst Ranch outside of Jamestown. If you have any exciting ideas to make this a special meeting, please contact me or any of the other board members. Your idea may just be the reason to make this meeting a successful event.

Irene

March & April Meeting Highlights

As President Irene mentioned above and Scholarship Chairman Linda Happel covers in her report, the scholarship in March was awarded to a deserving man intent upon making a better life for himself and his family, Jon Handrock. April was a delightful demo by George Allen Durkee (shown on the next page). He was very entertaining.



George Allen Durkee with demo in process

MINUTES of March 18, 2013 MEETING:

President **Irene Taylor** opened the general meeting at the Tuolumne County Library at 1:00 pm by introducing new members and guests. The Secretary's minutes were read by **Renetta Hayes** and approved as corrected. The Treasurer's Report was read by **Carolyn Cook** and was approved as read.

Susie Hoffman presented the programs through September. George Allen Durkee will demo in April; Don Huraki in May; June will be the picnic and Sept. will be Judi Cain. Susie also announced Town Hall Art has a gallery, art supplies, framing and classes. There will be free kids classes March 27 – 29, K through 8 at the Gallery.

Lorna Hunt handed out new membership rosters. New members that join after this time will be listed in the newsletter and the membership will be responsible for adding their names to their roster. Ed. Note: New rosters can be emailed from Lorna.

Inge Zumwalt showed a painting she did at the paint out in Chinese Camp. There were eleven people on site and the subject was the St. Francis Xavier church. **Loretta Pagni** spoke about artist Diana Boyd being featured on the cover of the current Friends and Neighbors magazine as a member of a local Roller Derby team. Loretta also gave a brief history report. Laurie Lehmann and Judy Grossman presented information about the Mural In A Day, Sonora dedicated to Ed Rodrigues, the Farmers Market Florist killed in an accident last year. The mural will be on the wall where Ed sold his flowers. The committee is looking for donations or volunteers. Information can be obtained from www.mural-in-a-day-Sonora.org.

Linda Happel, Scholarship Chairman, presented the three Columbia College Students selected by the committee to present their portfolios for consideration for the \$1,000 scholarship. They were John Handrock, a full time student who wants to teach; Mary McDermand, with a goal of becoming a graphic designer and Kayla Swenson, in her last year at Columbia with a goal of landscape design. After consideration by the membership, John Handrock was chosen to receive the scholarship. Linda will notify the students.

Respectfully submitted,

Renetta Hayes in the absence of **Stasi Briggs**

MLAA Members Discounts

♥**Jodi Sigala**, 588-6563 \$15 off a regular price massage (regular prices \$65/hr, \$95/1-1/2 hr.)

By appointment only.

♥**Galerie Copper** at Town Hall Arts in Copperopolis Town Square: 10% off

♥**Sonora Joe's**: 10% over \$5 purchase

NEW MLAA WEBSITE: This is a **MUST SEE:** **Lorna** has done a magnificent job creating our MLAA website. It is so well done and such a lot of work. A BIG Thank You to **Lorna**. Check it out: www.motherlodeartassociation.org.

Lorna has also asked for submission of pictures to be featured on the Prudential Real Estate magazine cover for June and August. Send a jpeg to her if you would like to be considered.

INTERIM MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2013

President **Irene Taylor** opened the general meeting and minutes of the March meeting were read by Secretary **Anastasia Briggs**. Treasurer **Carolyn Cook** read the Treasurer's report which was approved as read. Program Director **Susie Hoffman** reported on upcoming programs and also reviewed classes available at Town Hall Arts. **Lorna Hunt** reported that membership is up to 80 members and announced a Call to Artists for Prudential Realty's upcoming magazine cover for June and August. Submit artwork to Lorna by the last week of May. Lorna also discussed DVD's for the Library and asked members for their opinion on what interests them most on her list of DVD's. **Loretta Pagni** spoke about honoring Ann Hardy as a local historical Artist at the upcoming 2013 Art Show

and also requests members send her a card as she has not been well.

The Chair discussed the 2013 Art Show and requested volunteers. The Reception and Awards ceremony will be on Friday, Oct. 11th with an additional reception for the 2nd Saturday Art Walk on Oct. 12th. More volunteers will be needed to cover both evenings. **Louise Giersch** spoke about the meeting to approve a mural downtown for the farmers market. The Planning Commission voted 4-1 to approve this project and it will now be presented to the City of Sonora. **Barbara Farkas** announced the upcoming venue for a paint out on a private garden on Lyons Bald Mt. Road. She will send out emails to all who are interested. The Chair read a Thank You letter from Sonora Lions Club for MLAA's donation of \$250 which will be used for the entrance sign of the refurbished park. The meeting was adjourned for a break before the demo. Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Briggs, Secretary

APRIL SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Linda Happel

Columbia College Scholarship Report

Our Scholarship recipient this year is Jon Handrock. He was selected by the membership at our March meeting. Jon is a 57 year old Columbia College student majoring in art. He has maintained a 4.0 grade point and is currently enrolled full time. Jon is married and has two children living at home. He wrote the following regarding his Educational Objectives:

“My educational objective when I applied to Columbia was to earn enough credits to fulfill requirements for my California State Water Control Board Grade II Waste Water Treatment Plant Operators Certificate of Compliance. I have my Grade I Operators Certificate and subsequently passed the state test for my Grade II but have been unable to accumulate the work hours needed to obtain the Grade II. That is what I intended when I started at Columbia but the class I needed wasn't offered the summer I started.”

“Over the past two semesters, I was exposed to Political Science, American History, Art History, Humanities, Psychology, Life Drawing and Sculpting. In every class, I found myself enthralled with new and stimulating ideas and information. I also found within myself talents and abilities I never knew I had. I see how education can transform lives. With that insight I have decided to pursue a teaching degree.”

As a beginning art student, he had found his own style and love of all arts. I was impressed with his enthusiasm and drive to succeed. It is difficult and courageous to start a

new life at age 57 but something we can all take a lesson from. It is never too late to start something new!

This week I received the following letter from Jon: “I want to thank you and the Mother Lode Art Association for allowing me to share my work and acknowledging me with the award of your scholarship. The day I received your letter couldn't have had better timing. I am sure you are aware of how life has those moments when you know that someone is watching out for you. As I read your letter, I did an undignified dance around the living room accompanied by a few whoops and yells. The news couldn't have come at a better time! As I said during the interview, this money will make it possible for me to continue my education and achieve my artistic aspirations.”

I believe this says it all. My heart swelled to know that we had helped a dedicated student continue towards his life goal. Thanks to you members who helped pick our winner this year. I hope that you feel as proud as I do that the Mother Lode Art Association has continued to support blooming artists with our MLAA Scholarships.

MAY PROGRAM

Susie Hoffman

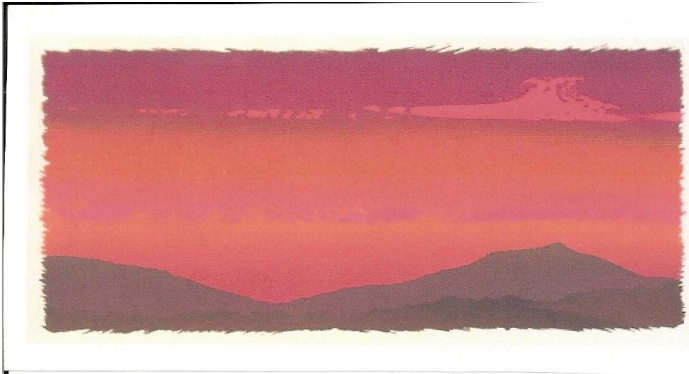
Donald Hukari

Don Hukari will demonstrate his serigraph techniques on Monday, May 20th from 2 pm to 3 pm. Demonstration will include stencil techniques (photographic, hand-cut, torn paper and glue tusche) and finish with the printing of a simple paper print. Hukari will have sample prints to show and Town Hall Arts Galerie Copper will be showing his framed serigraphs.

For Don, the silkscreen media offers a large brush to simplify the fast-paced world of details in which we live. Working in series of fewer than 100, plus monoprints and proofs, Don has developed a varied body of work. Every print is hand printed by the artist and is unique with subtle variations in transparent colors.

Don Hukari's serigraphs are often loose, free-color pieces like his Sunset print, which is the 2007 calendar print, a 30 year tradition. Other pieces can be hard edged contemporary graphics or manipulated photographs. Honors include awards at local shows including the Mother Lode Fair and Calaveras County Fair. His Yosemite Renaissance serigraph was selected by Yosemite Association for their poster calendar, Clavey Confluence was published for Tuolumne River promotions and Pinecrest was adopted by the US Forest Service for development programs. Don was born in Hood River, Oregon. He completed his BS in Industrial

Design at San Jose State University and moved to Sonora in 1974, opening a commercial graphic design studio in the Bradford Building in downtown in 1978. In 1988, Hukari Designs began publishing the Central Sierra Seasons Magazine. Don now does his art and commercial design from his home studio on Yosemite Road near Sonora.



Don's serigraph, "Sunset"

JUNE PROGRAM

The 17th of June will be our annual picnic with an 11:30 a.m. set up and social time with the potluck at noon. Bring a dish to share, your own drinks and an appetite. Water and paper goods will be supplied. Bring any art items you want to sell or bring a donation to be raffled. The picnic will again be held at the **Leslie Hurst Ranch** outside of Jamestown one mile on the left off Hwy. 108/49 going toward Oakdale. Go into the lower driveway below the entrance to the Feed Store and keep going until it forks, then take the left (lower) driveway. You will see the covered picnic area and parking area. Come prepared to enjoy the food. There will be a Fall Art Show/Board meeting prior to the picnic at 10 am.

LIBRARY VIDEOS: Lorna is working on choosing more videos for the Library. Below are the videos purchased last year and housed in the Tuolumne County Library available for you to check out.

- ◆Stephen Quiller-Mastering Color and the Plein Aire Experience
- ◆Stephen Quiller-Complete Water Media Workshop
- ◆Robert Burrige-Loosen up Painting Series
- ◆Craig Nelson-Quick Studies in Under an Hour
- ◆Peggi Kroll Roberts-18 titles of her series of short videos from Figures in Sunlight to Value and Color and more

Shows to Enter

San Joaquin County Fair applications are available
Manteca Camera Club 8th Annual Photo Contest
 June 30 – July 1, 2013
Carnegie Arts Center Juried Art Show & Sale
 May 4 – June 30, 2013

For information go to: www.carnegieartsturlock.org

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MEMBERSHIP

Lorna Hunt

Lorna reminds us that your membership dues are way past due. New members have been added and she has a new roster that she will be happy to email to you if you contact her with a request. Email her at: lhunt@mlode.com



"GET ON THE BUS"

Central Sierra Arts Council presents Art Excursions Trip #2 to "A Day at Filoli", Country Estate & Gardens and a special exhibition of Botanical prints. Tour the gardens; visit the garden shop and an afternoon tea time at Café Filoli with a Guided tour of the house at 11:30. For more information and a registration form, call 532-2787 or go to www.CentralSierraArts.org or CSAC on Facebook.

Future excursions are scheduled for the Crocker Art Museum July 10th; the Oakland Museum of Art on Sept. 25th and "Christmas at Dunsmuir House" Dec. 14th. These excursions are part of CSAC's goal to provide enrichment opportunities for our community and Friends of The Arts Council. They fill up fast, so call today.

Artist's Venues for May/June

Lisa Tebaldi

Servente's Saloon, located at 64 So. Washington St. provides their front windows to MLAA to display member's art work. The artists showing are **Susie Hoffman and Ruth Morrow**.

Susan Hackett and Lisa Tebaldi are showing at the Cardiac Rehab and the Pulmonary Rehab Unit, 19747 Greenley Rd. Sonora, CA.

Inge Zumwalt and Christine Spracklin are showing at Schnoogs Restaurant.

ALOFT ART GALLERY NEWS

Allison Blansit

May is the beginning of the gallery's fiscal year, when some members leave and new artists are welcomed. This year 10 artists are joining the gallery: **Jan Alcalde, Mary Anderson, Sifu Berchtold, Sarah Anne Graham, Don Hukari, Susan Kelleher, Mary Jane Kiskinen, Deb Mier, Jeanne Philbin and Mary Jean St. Claire**. The new art they bring will include photography, watercolors,

pottery, acrylics, graphics, jewelry, oil and collage. Can't wait.

2013 marks something special for the Aloft. It was five years ago that some MLAA members imagined a vision, and then made it happen. When the Vault Gallery closed on Washington St., a space upstairs also opened in the Bradford Building. What would happen if members of MLAA got together to lease the space for one year and offer their art for sale? They could learn how a gallery operates, produce more art to put in the gallery, and improve their skills along the way. AND, they could sell art! Many thanks to all past and present Aloft Art Gallery members. It couldn't have happened without your support. A five year anniversary celebration will be held on a Second Saturday this summer. Watch the Weekender for details.

"Ode to Trees" will be the window theme for May, and the artwork of many artists will be included. June Diggle and her beautiful flute music will be offered on the Second Saturday of May from 5 pm – 8 pm. The receptions following gallery change-outs are really fun, as there is new artwork, and all gallery artists are expected to meet and greet the public. This will also be the night of the parade and Mother's Day weekend, so an extra large crowd is expected. See you there!

If it's May, it must be time for the KVIE Art Auction. Last year, 15 gallery members participated in this event: two were recognized with first place awards, seven were distinguished by the judges and eight received "bell-ringers" (and two more were within \$50 of that designation). Aloft members contributed \$4,525 to the more than \$150,000 raised for the arts and education mission of our public programming station and received lots of free publicity along the way. Details are available at www.kvie.org/events/artauction/2013/default.htm.

Aloft Art Gallery:

167 S. Washington St. (across from Sonora Inn)

Visit us online:

www.aloftartgallery.com

www.facebook.com/AloftArtGallery

Telephone 209-588-8604

Open 5 days a week.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 11 am – 5 pm

Sunday 10 am – 4 pm

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day:

Friday and Saturday 9 am – 7 pm

*****Please note new day for the Fall Show Meeting.
A COMBINED BOARD/FALL SHOW MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY, JUNE 17TH AT 10
A.M. BEFORE OUR MLAA PICNIC AT HURST'S
RANCH.**

GALLERIES, MUSEUMS & SUCH

Crocker Art Museum

●**A Touch of Blue: Landscapes by Gregory Kondos**
February 24 – May 19, 2013

This exhibition features 70 landscape paintings celebrating the land's inherent formal, abstract properties.

●**Rebirth of a Nation: Travis Somerville's 1963**

A three-dimensional construction, 1963 is the study of a volatile and pivotal year in American history through sculpture, video, painting and collage.

www.crockerartmuseum.org/exhibitions

●**Super Bowls: The Art of Turned Wood**

March 10 – July 7, 2013

de Young Museum

●**Rembrandt's Century and Girl with the Pearl Earring and other Dutch paintings** Jan. 26 – June 2

●**Photographs by Kael Alford and Thorne Anderson**

February 9 – September 8, 2013

<http://www.famsf.org/deyoung/exhibitions>

Knowlton Gallery Exhibitions, Lodi

●**Tuscan Landscapes:** A solo show of painting of the Tuscan landscape by Deladier Almeida.

May 4 – June 29, 2013

●**Pacific Rhythms:** The Beauty of California's Coast Paintings by Debra Huse, Ray Roberts, Kathleen Dunphy, Peggi Kroll-Roberts, Dennis Zieminski, Kim Lordier, Charles Muench, Gil Dellinger & Joh Cosby.

July 2 – August 24, 2013

●**Bouquets:** Paintings by Florian Grass, Lucinda Kasser, Ray Roberts, Peggi Kroll-Roberts, Camille Prezwodek, Carolyn Lord, Kathleen Dunphy, Clark Mitchell & Gil Dellinger. August 26 – September 28, 2013

Knowlton Gallery Workshops: 209-368-5123

●**Secrets to Accelerating your painting skills with John Cosby.** 5 day Plein Air Workshop. All levels working in oil. Workshop to be held in Lodi, May 20 – 24, 2013.

●**Advanced Pastel Bootcamp with Gil Dellinger**

3-day Plein Air & Studio Workshop. June 7 – 9, 2013

Go online to find more workshops throughout the summer

<http://www.knowltongallery.com/>

The Haggin Museum: 209-940-6300 Ongoing

The Art of J.C. Leyendecker: Selections from the Museum Collection return after its 3 year tour.



LOCAL CLASSES & SUPPLIES

A & M Framing (209)532-7411 has moved to a new location at 228 N. Washington St. just beyond the red church.

Galerie Copper 209-785-2050, 145 Stone St., Copperopolis Town Square. Ongoing classes. In May and June: Life Drawing with Sunny Sorensen; Watercolor with Martha Wallace and Oil Painting with George Allen Durkee in June and July. /sign up for classes with Larry, larry@townhallarts.com or phone 785-2050 for more information go to www.townhallarts.com.

Sherie Drake announces a figure drawing group at Studio B, 19 Bradford St. (above the Ventana Gallery) from 11 – 1 on Fridays. Drawing from live model clothed or nude. Model fee divided among artists. Bring cash. Room for eight artists. Bring easel and painting or drawing materials. Call Sheri at 588-1682

painting. After working for several years as an artist’s model, she entered a career in geriatrics, teaching various arts to frail elders. In 1984, she began making quilts, and received awards both locally and nationally for her art quilts. She has taught classes on quilt making and textile art in senior centers and various private venues. In recent years, she returned to her roots in painting and drawing, and while living in the bay area she worked from a live model once or twice a week. She enjoys plein aire watercolor work. She has taught life drawing and watercolor painting from the model at the Frank Bette Center for the Arts in Alameda.

Other areas of exploration include photography, mixed media work combining paper and cloth, textile painting, and artist’s books. After living in Alameda with her husband Don for 35 years, they sold their home and moved full time to their vacation home in Strawberry. She continues to be represented by the Frank Bette Center for the Arts in Alameda. Susan joined the Mother Lode Artists in 2012, and extends an open invitation to anyone who would like to spend an afternoon with her doing plein aire painting on the Stanislaus River. Contact her by email at don1@mindspring.com or call her at 209-965-0253.

The History Corner

Loretta Pagni

Mother Lode Art Association History:

With the coming of our annual Art Association Show we are remembering the past years where we have honored artists for their hard work for the Art Association including Officers, Show Chairman, and Members for their participation in preparing for the event. The chosen Honoree for that year would have one of their paintings hung at the show. Some of the artistes honored in the past are:

Ralph Baker, Dorner Schuler, Joel Barber, Dana Sue Palemone, Shiely Barns and Wes Wiley.

If anyone remembers any additional ones give me a call, **Loretta Pagni**, Historian at 209 532 3369 or email me at LorettaPagni@aol.com. Thank you.

In addition as part of our History, three women whom have been very helpful throughout the years in MLAA are:

Beverly Flores, Beverly Harrison and The late Beverly Thomas. Beverly Harrison is no longer a member and she always did artwork! **Beverly Flores** was show Co-Chair with **Joyce Shottgun** in 1998.



“Amusement Park”

FEATURED ARTIST

Susan Lea Hackett

The picture above is a recent piece titled “Amusement Park”. It is a 31”x49” mixed media, archival inkjet print on paper stitched with cotton and silk textiles. It won a cash award at the Alameda on Camera competition at the Frank Bette Center for the Arts in Alameda. You can see more of her work by visiting: www.frankbettecenter.org.

Susan Lea Hackett was born in Southern California in 1978. Her mother was a master needle worker, and her grandmother an accomplished oil painter. She escaped to Northern California at the age of twenty and earned a BA in Practice of Art at UC Berkeley, with an emphasis on

METINGS 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Next meeting: May 20th, 2013

2013 Schedule

January 21, 2013	April 15, 2013	July No Mtg	October 21, 2013
February 18, 2013	May 20, 2013	Aug No Mtg	November 18, 2013
March 18, 2013	June 17, 2013	September 16, 2013	Dec No Mtg

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at the **Tuolumne County Library**, Greenley Rd, Sonora, at 1:00 pm during the months of January – June and September –November.

THERE ARE NO MEETINGS HELD IN JULY, AUGUST, OR DECEMBER.

Newsletter Info

Your newsletter editor would like to list upcoming classes or workshops. Let me know when you hear of them. If you are interested, others may be as well. If you see something reported incorrectly, please contact Renetta at: rhayes714@aol.com. Next deadline is **August 19th**. Thank you for your input and cooperation.

Fill out the membership application and bring it with your check to the next meeting or mail it today. Thank you. **If you are already a member, cut this out and pass it on to someone you think might be interested in becoming a MLAA member.**

MOTHER LODE ART ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Membership Categories: (check one)

Individual

\$15.00 Senior 75 & Older _____
\$20.00 General _____
\$50.00 Patron _____
\$100.00 Benefactor _____
\$250.00+ Lifetime _____

Business

\$50.00 Patron _____
\$100.00 + Benefactor _____

Please make checks payable to: **MOTHER LODE ART ASSOCIATION.**

**P.O. Box 202
Sonora, CA 95370**

We encourage you to enjoy the wonderful Artist Demonstrations and Programs we have the 3rd Monday of each month at the Tuolumne County Library, Greenley Rd., Sonora. Meetings are at 1:00 pm.

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