

# Mother Lode Art Association

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Interested? Call Linda Happel

*Art Show Chairperson*

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## WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME GREAT DEMONSTRATIONS THIS SPRING!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is coming. Wonderful time to get outside and paint and the Plein Air group encourages everyone to join their adventures. Painting opportunities abound utilizing every color in our palettes.

We have filled all our board positions for 2018. Thanks so much to Maureen Carden for stepping forward to become our new secretary and newsletter editor. Juliana Tillman is Treasurer. Barbara Conley is once again Program Chair and Pat Gray and Vicki Fuentes are sharing the role of Venue Chairmen. Loretta Pagni has offered to continue as Historian which is wonderful with her knowledge and longevity in the MLAA.

Thanks to Barbara Conley, our demonstrations have been inspiring. Joan Muggleton presented egg tempera to the group and followed that with a workshop for those interested in learning this ancient painting technique. We have more to come: Carolyn MacPherson in March, and Heinie Hartwig in April. Jeannie Vodden's three day workshop is coming in May at the library conference center.

We hope to hold our 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show this year. **We need someone to step forward to chair this important event.** Time is pressing to book a venue and start work. Perhaps two members would be willing to co-chair an art show? You would be drawing on much past experience and lots of help is available. If you're interested, please feel free to call me and we can discuss it.

**Demonstrations sponsored by MLAA are free and are held after the MLAA monthly meeting at Tuolumne County**

Let's make this a wonderful year for the Mother Lode Art Association. Encourage your friends to come to a meeting and experience all this association has to offer. See you in March!

Linda

**Library, unless otherwise noted.**

**Upcoming meeting dates are March 19, 2018 and April 16, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.**

**Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>:** our MMLA demo artist is **Carolyn MacPherson** of Washington. She will be doing a watercolor painting inspired by her plein air experience during her trip to Croatia. She will be demonstrating techniques that any landscape painter, in any medium, will find helpful when painting outdoors. This will include how to pack for outdoor painting so you won't break your back!

**Wed.-Fri. March 21-23:** Carolyn will also be doing a **watercolor workshop Wed.-Fri. March 21st-23rd** at Town Hall Arts in Copperopolis. Cost is \$75.00 for the three days. Contact Barbara Conley at 209 532-0207 for more information.

**Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>:** At this MLAA demo, Heinie Hartwig will be demonstrating an oil painting of thistles. Heinie, a longstanding MLAA member, is listed in Who's Who in American Arts and his paintings hang in many museums in America and Russia. Years of studying the great masters and experimentation convinced Heinie that strength and durability and longlasting sharpness of color comes with the use of "old world" color formulas.

As a resident of the Sierra Foothills he finds the solitude and surroundings for an endless supply of possible compositions. Heinie's demos are very informative and not to be missed!

**3 Tuesdays, May 15, 22, 29, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.:** Watercolor artist Jeannie Vodden will present her 3-day class entitled "Limited Palette in Glowing Transparent Colors". Cost is \$200.00 for the three sessions. Contact Barbara Conley at 209-532-0207 or [barcon@inreach.com](mailto:barcon@inreach.com) for more information.

## **MLAA Members Win Awards for Photography**

Winners have been announced for the 2018 "In Focus" Photography Competition and Exhibition. 195 images were hung this year. This very successful annual event, now in its 31<sup>st</sup> year, is a program of the **Tuolumne County Arts Alliance** and attracts entries in several categories from both professional and amateur photographers.

Two MLAA members won awards. **Gary Johnson's** image entitled "Fly Away Home" won second place in the Nature category. **Laurie Lehmann** won third place for "Organ Pipe Cactus" in the Nature category. Congratulations to these artists!

Images are on display in Angelo's Hall, 22760 Main Street, in Columbia, until March 18, 2018. The gallery is open from noon to 5:00 pm through March 17, and from noon to 3:00 pm on March 18. Go to see some beautiful photographs and take the opportunity to vote for "People's Choice"! Images may also be viewed online at [www.tcaa.org](http://www.tcaa.org) .

Two MLAA members received awards in this annual event. Juliana Tillman placed first with "Morning Walk II" (left); Barbara Conley received a Judges'



Merit Award for her acrylic painting, “Davis Grocery Closed for the Day” (below).

You can visit the show and enjoy the spring scenery through May 2018, at Ironstone Vineyards, located at 1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys, CA

## MLAA Artists Recognized at Ironstone



## ALOFT Art Gallery News

The Aloft’s March window features the art of photographer **Laurie Lehmann**. Do stop by to see this very touching exhibit, entitled “Journey Profoundly”. Through emotion collages paired with photographs, Laurie Lehmann chronicles the 5 year anniversary of a profound journey with cancer.

**Curtis Mothershed** will be featured in the window in April. Curtis’s art background is in corporate illustration and he now enjoys painting full time working in watercolor, using dry brush techniques, acrylics and oils. You will appreciate his attention to detail. Be sure to come by the gallery on **2nd Saturday Art Night, April 14th**, to watch **John Sharum** demonstrate his woodblock printing techniques.

The gallery is accepting applications for two-dimensional art for the new year, starting May 1st. 2018. If you have ever considered showing your paintings in a gallery, consider the Aloft Art Gallery! Contact the Gallery at [www.aloftgallery.com](http://www.aloftgallery.com)

**Vicki Fuentes** and **Susie Hoffman** recently sold paintings from the MLAA space at the Aloft. Congratulations!

## Plein Air Report from Susan Lea Hackett



Warm and dry weather during January and February allowed the plein air group to take their gear to Tuolumne City, Columbia, and the Red Church neighborhood in downtown Sonora, with great results. The plein air excursions are usually set for noon on Tuesdays, weekly if weather allows, and are a wonderful opportunity to work outdoors in any medium whatsoever, in the company of other artists of any skill level. It's a blast. There's no shortage of subjects in our area, and spring is on the way! Email plein air coordinator Susan Hackett at [don1@mindspring.com](mailto:don1@mindspring.com) to get notice of future venues.



Counterclockwise: Susan Kendall painting; Rana Ford at work; Rana's painting; painting by Susan Lea Hackett, "The Boyfriend"; all in Columbia.



Left, "Everybody Has to Paint It Once" by Maureen Carden

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We invite your suggestions on subjects or features that you would like to see in the Newsletter. If you spot an error, please let us know. Contact Maureen Carden at [cardenmaureen@gmail.com](mailto:cardenmaureen@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you!

# A Memory of Jack Cassinetta



Our friend **Jack Cassinetta** passed away in January of this year. His landscape paintings, in an instantly recognizable tonalist style, earned him a reputation as an artist that extended far beyond Northern California. Apart from his career in art, he was a respected teacher and local businessman who was twice elected Mayor of Sonora between 1985 and 1994. **Loretta Pagni**, artist and MLAA historian, has provided her memories and her own sketch of Jack, drawn from life. The sketch shows Jack (in the background) in conversation with a man with a Caffeine Mary's mug.

Loretta recounts that she knew Jack from elementary school in Sonora. Jack and his wife, **photographer Connie Cassinetta**, were longstanding members of the MLAA. Over the years, Jack served in different positions, including art show chairman and program vice chairman.

When Jack was mayor, Loretta worked part time at Caffeine Mary's, a coffee shop on Washington Street in Sonora, where Jack would come to sip coffee

and chat. She always called him on his birthday; one time she gave him a print of her painting of the Red Church, and he gave her one of his landscape paintings in his characteristic style. "I will always remember him!" Loretta writes.

## **Minutes of the Membership Meeting, February 19, 2018**

The meeting was held in the Tuolumne County Senior Center on Greenley Road in Sonora. MLAA's usual meeting place in the Tuolumne County Library was unavailable. The Membership Meeting was called to order by President Linda Happel. Twenty people were present. The President welcomed two guests, Elzie and Esther Gerrels.

Juliana Tillman presented the Treasurer's report reflecting a total balance in savings and checking accounts of \$7131.21.

Linda Happel presented the President's report. Several Board positions remain unfilled. We currently have no Art Show chairperson; if we intend to hold a show this year, we need to start work soon. Other volunteers are needed to address the website, the scholarship program and hospitality arrangements.

Program Manager Barbara Conner informed members about the artist demonstrations for March and April.

Susan Hackett, plein air coordinator, reported that members of the plein air group had gone out to paint at the Red Church in Sonora, in Columbia, and in Tuolumne City in January and February.

Member Jim Alsup suggested the possibility of a one-day art show at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Following the meeting, members remained to watch Tuolumne County artist Joan Muggleton demonstrate the way she combines watercolors and egg tempera to create brilliant effects of transparency in her flower paintings. Several members quickly signed up for a one day workshop that Joan was offering on Saturday, March 10, 2018.

## **REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE**

If you have not paid your annual MMLA membership dues, now is the time. Our dues are very very reasonable: \$20.00 for general membership, or \$15.00 for senior members over the age of 75. Membership in MMLA is required to belong to Aloft. Without MMLA membership you will not be eligible to display your art in our section at the Aloft gallery or at other venues through the MMLA.

Please send a check to MMLA, P.O.B. 5140, Sonora, CA 95370, and prepare to enjoy another year with the Motherlode Art Association!

**MLAA MEETINGS ARE USUALLY ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

**MEETING DATES FOR 2018:**

	January 15, 2018	April 16, 2018	July (No Mtg.)	October 15, 2018	
	February 19, 2018	May 21, 2018	Aug (No Mtg.)	November 19, 2018	
(No Mtg.)	March 19, 2018	June 18, 2018		Sept. 17, 2018	Dec.

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Tuolumne County Library on Greenley Rd. Sonora normally at 1:00 pm during the months of January - June and September - November

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 5140 Sonora, CA 95370

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