



Mother Lode Art Association



November / December 2015

President's Message by Linda Happel

Fall is a wonderful time of the year for artists. I can't believe this year has gone so fast, in a blink of an eye and here we are nearing Thanksgiving. December is right around the corner. I want to thank all members for their great participation this year. I especially want to thank Barbara Conley for providing the wonderful guest artists and awesome demonstrations each month. The picnic in September at Hurst Ranch was fun and thanks go out to Leslie Hurst for not only allowing us to picnic on their beautiful grounds but also for the wine tasting. For those of you who missed it, you missed a great day. Judie Cain was amazing this month demonstrating the brilliant colors needed to paint a pumpkin, pepper and eggplant. She made it look so easy and the result outstanding. We all wanted to run home and paint pumpkins. A big thanks to Judie for stepping in to provide the demonstration at the last minute. We look forward to November's guest, Chuck Waldman. He is always a favorite and we are honored and pleased he could demonstrate for us this year. We are also going to have a cookie exchange in November. For those who wish to participate, please bring a couple dozen cookies, some for tasting and some of sharing and if that is not enough, we will also have election of officers in November. You will note the slate as it stands at this time and please feel free to add nominations from the floor. We will be voting on President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer however if you would like to serve on the board next year, please let us know. We always need new board members. Please make it a priority to attend in November.

The board met today to organize assistance for those artists who lost homes, art supplies, their dreams and goals for the future. Our hearts go out to them. In our own little way we wish to help. Thus we created project: **ARTISTS HELPING ARTISTS**

If you wish to donate an art piece for silent auction with all proceeds going to provide gift certificates from Town Hall Art for art supplies. Please bring your donated pieces to the Aloft Gallery by November 8th. The earlier the better. The donated pieces will be displayed in the Mother Lode Art Association section of the gallery with one auction beginning November 11th (in time for 2nd Saturday) and closing November 29th and a second auction in December. The bid sheets will have a minimum bid of 30% of the sale price. We are counting on members to provide enough works for two months' worth of silent auctions. The second auction will begin December 1st and close December 20th in time for Christmas. **THANK YOU** in advance for your donations. Those artists who would like to receive a gift certificate to help with their losses will fill out an application (simple and easy) by November 20th. Those applications can be obtained on the MLAA Website, at the Aloft Gallery, Town Hall Arts, TCAA or from the Calaveras Art Council.

PUT A NAME TAG ON THE BACK OF YOUR PIECE stating:

- 1. MLAA donated auction**
- 2. Artists name**
- 3. Name of piece**
- 4. Medium**
- 5. Price (value)**

Thank you friends for all you do to make this group an outstanding organization. I am proud to say I am a Mother Lode Art Association member. Please join me in maintaining the high quality we have come to associate with the Mother Lode Art Association. See you in November

Reminder: No MLAA Meeting in December

MLAA

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MLAA Minutes for Sept. 21, 2015

by Renetta Hayes, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Happel at 1 p.m. after a pot luck picnic at the Leslie Hurst Ranch in Jamestown. Leslie Hurst announced that she will be the featured artist at the Ventana Gallery for the month of October. Her reception will be held Oct. 17th from 5:30 – 8 p.m.

The Chair introduced guests Harold Hill and Juliana Tillman. Juliana from Twain Harte received 1st and 2nd awards at our July Art Show. Susan Lea Hackett introduced her husband, Don Hackett and announced that the Frank Bette Gallery in Alameda always has a plein air paint out the last week in July and the resulting art is shown in the Gallery for two months. Gerry Emerson introduced his wife Virginia.

The chair made announcements relative to the AnimalScapes entry date extension and the Jamestown Art Walk Oct. 3rd. It was announced that Michael Severin would do the demo at the Oct. meeting. (Ed. Note: The guest demo artist for October has been changed to Judie Cain.) Michael Severin announced that he would be giving oil painting instruction at 1:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Church on Joshua Rd. in Sonora once a week in Jan., Feb. and March of 2016. There will be more information on this in the next newsletter. The Chair spoke with the Senior Center as a potential site to have classes. It could be available to us for \$15/hr. Wednesdays would be the best day for us to use the space.



**Linda, Louisa, Michael
and Gerry**

Picnic Photos at Hurst Ranch

**Lorna
and Sulastri**



MLAA Minutes for October 19, 2015

by Renetta Hayes, Secretary

President Linda Happel called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and introduced new member Barbara Narducci and Guest Jackie Johnson, cousin of Kitty Davids.

The first order of business was the selection of a nominating committee to create a slate of officers for the 2016/17 year. People volunteered from the floor so the nomination committee was not required. The Slate of Officers to be voted upon at the November meeting is:

President: Linda Happel

Vice President: Maureen Nolan

Treasurer: Anne Bates

Secretary: Renetta Hayes

The minutes of the September meeting and the Treasurers Report were on the front table for the membership to review and comment upon. Having no changes or additions the minutes and treasurers report are accepted as written.

Barbara Conley reported that Chuck Waldman would be the demonstration artist for the November 16th meeting at 1 p.m. in the Tuolumne County Library. There will also be a cookie exchange. Members are encouraged to bring a dozen homemade cookies for the exchange and also some for the treat table.

The Chair announced Oct. 26th is the deadline for articles for the newsletter. Some members were concerned that their newsletter was coming to them with only the cover. Renetta will discuss with Sierra Instant Print who mails the printed newsletter. (Ed. Note. Lorna did this.) There is no meeting in December.

Susan Lea Hackett announced there will be a plein air paint out Wed., Oct. 21st at the Bridge in Strawberry. Susie Hoffman announced the members going into the various venues: Diana Boyd and Renee Rondon into the Aloft Gallery; Cary McGrew and Winnifred Wilson into Servantes and Eva Walker into Umpqua. Stage 3 will have Pat Gray, Susie Hoffman and Renee Rondon. The Doctors' offices are now going to take care of their walls. She reported on upcoming classes by Judie Cain and Peggi Kroll Roberts at Town Hall Arts. Renetta reported on the Aloft Gallery. The Board is meeting with Lee Ann from the Small Business Association this week to go over the Marketing Analysis she prepared for the group. A new member, Gary Johnson, a photographer is coming into the gallery at this change out. The Board is working on many changes to make the space more inviting and to better educate our members. (cont. on next page)

MLAA Minutes for October 19, 2015 cont. Michael Severin's critique class for this week is cancelled. Members who won awards at the Valley Art Association Show are: Cathryn Strong, Juliana Tillman, Barbara Conley and Susie Hoffman.

Pat Gray asked for brainstorming ideas to assist artists who lost their homes in the Butte Fire. Susie Hoffman suggested having a silent auction through the month of November with members donating art to be displayed on the MLAA board at the Aloft Gallery. Twelve members volunteered to donate art. The Aloft Board and the MLAA Board will meet as soon as possible to address the feasibility of this project and outline the process.

The chair adjourned the meeting for refreshments to be followed by the oil painting demo by Judie Cain.



Judie Laying Out Still Life



Completed

Artists Town Hall

The Tuolumne Arts Alliance is having an Artists Town Hall at Stage 3 Theatre, November 10th from 3:30 - 7:30 pm. TCAA's goal is to create a registry of artists in the area. The artists will be registered into a data base in order to increase the connection between all the arts. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this data base is invited to come to this function. If the artist is already a member of TCAA this is an additional benefit at no cost. Otherwise, to register but not join TCAA, the cost will be \$10/annually. To quote LuAnn Tillman, Operations Director, TCAA: "This sort of information has been needed for some time and as the arts become more marginalized, we must be more interconnected and assist each other. This will be a resource of shared information, available to all." MLAA and the Aloft Gallery will be represented at the venue.

Slate of Officers for 2016

**President: Linda Happel Vice President: Maureen Nolan
Treasurer: Anne Bates Secretary: Renetta Hayes**

MLAA Venues

- Going into the Aloft 10/25-1/27:
- Donated Art for **Artists Helping Artists** project
- Servantes: Cary McGrew and Winnifred Wilson
- Umpqua: Eva Walker
- Stage 3: Pat Gray, Susie Hoffman and Renee Rondon.
(Doctors' offices are now going to do their own walls.)

NOVEMBER MEETING

Monday, November 16th at 1:00 p.m.

The November meeting will feature local artist Charles Waldman. It has been a long time since we have had the honor of Chuck doing our demonstration. It promises to be an amazing event. *Don't miss it.* Be sure to bring a dozen homemade cookies for swapping and some for tasting. We will also be voting on our 2016 Slate of Officers and sharing the latest information on the 'Artists Helping Artists' project.

Chuck Waldman

November Meeting Demo Artist



"Sierra Summer Morning"

Born in 1949 in Oakland and raised in nearby Lafayette, Charles Waldman developed an early interest in art. However, this budding inclination eventually took a backseat to the completion of a medical degree from UC Davis. Starting in 1978, and for the next 22 years, Dr. Waldman established a practice in Family Medicine and raised his family in Sonora, California, pursuing his painting in between his many commitments. Eventually, his artistic drive was too compelling to be relegated to occasional workshops and after-hours painting. In 1999, with some regret but mostly with great anticipation, Dr. Waldman closed his medical practice and began his pursuit of a full-time career as a fine art painter. For more examples of his art including French Paintings, visit his site at: <http://www.cwaldman.com/>

Aloft Art Gallery

Fall has come to the Aloft Art Gallery. We had our change out October 27th and we had a new member join the Aloft. Gary Johnson is a photographer. He also is available for weddings or personal sittings at his studio in Sonora. Visit us on 2nd Saturday, November 14th and see what you are missing. Remember us for Christmas gifts. We have a great selection in all price ranges. Some members are making special items for the holiday. Hand painted silk scarfs and hand crafted ornaments are just a few items we be offering. Come check us out! MLAA is also using the Aloft for their wonderful fund raiser, ARTISTS HELPING ARTISTS. Members are donating all types of art that will be on display. There will be a silent auction and the first auction ends November 29th. If there are enough donations there will be another silent auction closing December 20th. Here is an opportunity to support your MLAA artists. Right now we have a full gallery, but If you have ever considered joining the Aloft, there is now a waiting list. Since we are a member operated gallery, that means committing ten calendar dates each fiscal year and participating in monthly 2nd Saturday events. Unlike other galleries the artist gets to keep 90% of their sales price.

Aloft Art Gallery:

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

Telephone: 209-588-8604

www.aloftartgallery.com

www.facebook.com/AloftArtGallery

Plein Air on October 21 at Old Strawberry Bridge

We met at 10:00am at the old bridge and settled down to paint on the east side. Artists included Rana Ford, Barb Young, Juliana Tillman and myself. We painted until about 2:00, than had a group critique of our pieces in various stages of completion. It was a lovely day and we planned to get together again next week to enjoy the fall color, which is quite sparse this year due to the drought. Most of the aspens and cottonwoods dropped their leaves before they showed any color change.



Plein Air on October 30 at Frazier Flat

We all arrived about 10:30am and met near the bridge. Luckily Barb Young knew an excellent little beach just east of the bridge. In addition to Barbara and myself, were Rana Ford, Robin Bowes, and his son Michael. After about four hours, Rana had a finished signed piece and Michael neared completion. The rest of us got a good start. We had a little critique group; nothing threatening, each artist said something they liked about each painting, and offered suggestions in a positive and supportive way. We agreed that at this time of year, a bit later starting time would be ideal, as the higher river canyons only get sun for about 6 hours.



For Future Plein Air Meetings Contact

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- Michael Severin, 533-4774 cdodge@mlode.com

MLAA winners at the Valley Art Association show are:

Oil and Acrylic

Barbara Conley, 1st

Michael Bowes, 2nd and HM

Robin Bowes, 3rd

Juliana Tillman, HM

Michael Severin, HM

Watermedia

Cathryn Strong, 3rd

Pastel

Susie Hoffman, 2nd

Photography

Susan Campi, HM

Western Art

Barbara Conley, HM

MLAA MEETINGS 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Next meeting: Nov. 16, 2015

No Meeting Dec. 2015

2016 Schedule

January 18, 2016	April 18, 2016	July (No Mtg.)	October 17, 2016
February 15, 2016	May 16, 2016	Aug (No Mtg.)	November 21, 2016
March 21, 2016	June 20, 2016	Sept. 19, 2016	Dec. (No Mtg.)

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Tuolumne County Library on 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 and any shows our artists have been accepted into or won any awards. 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 Rich at: teachersask@yahoo.com Next deadline is December 28th. 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.

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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

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