

# Mother Lode Art Association



March / April 2016

President's Message by Linda Happel



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Happy Spring! Wait, Spring is not for another month but it sure looks and feels like Spring. So we should all spring forth and paint. The Plein Air painters have been out creating beautiful pieces and enjoying this great weather. Michael Severin's class is going strong and we are learning so much about values, Notans (involving the play and placement of light and dark elements as they are placed next to the other) and creating depth and interest by using only 4 values. Thank you so much for sharing your knowledge with us to make us better painters. We also wish you a speedy recovery from your shoulder surgery.

The Scholarship Committee will be interviewing our finalists for the fine art scholarship at Columbia College on March 11<sup>th</sup>. It is always exciting to meet young artists and sharing their creativity and goals for the future. By the meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have our scholarship winner for 2016.

We had our first art show meeting today, February 28<sup>th</sup>, with many in attendance. We are honored to have Louisa King as our Chairman this year. She is so organized, efficient, and positive. This will be a great year. Louisa and Renetta will be visiting potential sites and dates for our show and we will look forward to their report at the general meeting. Thank you so much Ladies and to all of you who have expressed interest in helping this year. Bring your ideas to Louisa to make this the greatest year ever. We will be soliciting donations for the raffle, silent auction, or whatever we decide to do this year so please think about items you may be able to donate so we can continue the scholarships for years to come.

Carolyn Macpherson will be our guest in March and we are always in for a treat when Carolyn arrives. Also there will be an egg contest for those who took an egg home. Let your creative juices flow. There'll be prizes for the winners!

I wish to thank the Board and also all the members for showing such enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer your help. Working together strengthens this organization and makes it just darn fun. It is truly a pleasure to serve as President.



## **65th Annual MLAA Art Show**

The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual MLAA Art Show is going forth!! A brave soul and veteran has stepped forward to head this years event, Louisa King. We cannot thank her enough and we could not ask for a more skillful, dedicated chairperson. Louisa was art show chair years ago.

However the show cannot go on without lots of help. We need many volunteers to step up and help bring this show to life. We have good ideas from our meeting in January but if there are additional ideas please feel free to e-mail either me at [lindaleehappel@gmail.com](mailto:lindaleehappel@gmail.com) or Louisa at [loucmking@gmail.com](mailto:loucmking@gmail.com).

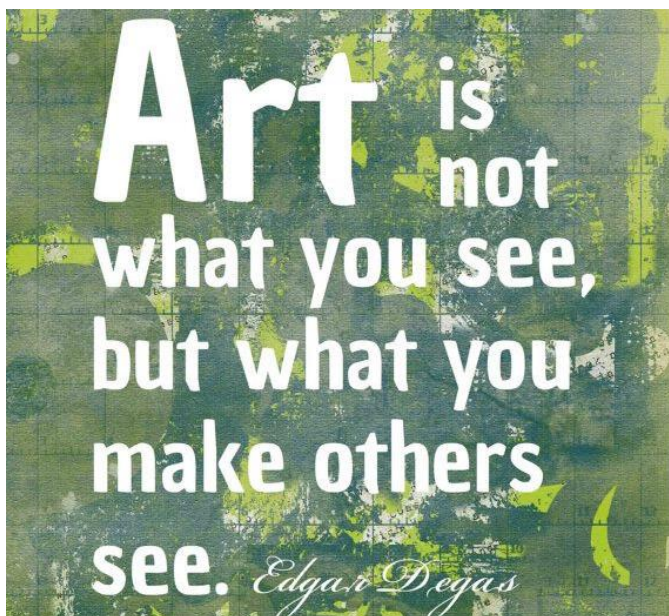
Again, THANK YOU, LOUISA!

### MLAA March Meeting at the Library

March 21, 2016 Monday @1 pm

Carolyn Macpherson is our demo artist for March 21<sup>st</sup>. Carolyn has explored several media in her over 30 years as an artist. In the early years, she taught and exhibited widely around the country, her primary medium at that time, a combination of oil and collage, was used to create abstract landscapes and garnered a number of regional art show awards. She has been active in art organizations and was elected to the Washington State Arts Advocacy Commission where she served for seven years. In 1988 she moved to Arnold where she became involved in the Arts council and was one of the founders of the Art-Op Gallery in Murphys. Finding out she was allergic to oil paints she switched to watercolor. Her talk at this meeting will be how people can come up with abstract ideas in the studio and Plein air paintings. Also, she will demonstrate a way to develop an abstract from a charcoal drawing. Want to try it? Bring charcoal even if you don't do abstracts.

Carolyn Macpherson



### Heinie Hartwig



### MLAA April Meeting at the Library

April 18, 2016 Monday @1 pm

Heinie Hartwig is our demo artist for the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The army provided Heinie an opportunity to travel to such varied places and Alaska, Germany and across the United States. As a glider pilot and an avid backpacker he has explored out-of-the way sections of Utah, California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington and Oregon. He has won many awards including the Triton Museum competition. And his paintings are displayed in such venerated institutions as Brigham Young University, Mills College, the Robert Louis Stevenson School and the Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies.

Heinie will be doing a demo in oils creating nature's constantly changing atmosphere qualities, his greatest challenge. Heinie's demos are always very interesting. One not to miss.



## MLAA Minutes for Jan. 18, 2016

By Maureen Nolan

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Happel at 1:10 pm.

There were introductions of new members and guests. Yearly dues were collected by Lorna Hunt. She is continuing as Treasurer until the new Treasurer, Ann Bates, takes over the position next month. Lorna reported that our bottom line is \$8,822.

The purpose of today's meeting is to gather ideas for programs and workshops for this year's meetings. A list is being sent around so everyone can express their ideas.

Jim Alsup suggested that we should raise MLAA dues as they have been \$15 to \$20 for many years and this would enhance our budget. We will discuss this at a later date. Dues will remain the same for the year 2016.

We need new board members and Art Show volunteers. These positions are not difficult if you have helpers. We will discuss the venue for the Art Show. At Mother Lode Fairgrounds, we made less money on the raffle than in prior years which was disappointing. Lots of people came through but they were not necessarily interested in MLAA. The Fairgrounds did everything that they said they would do. One drawback was that people had to pay to go to the reception, and we didn't get "art" people. It was a good trial. The Opera Hall may reduce the cost of renting. They charge \$1,000. We need sponsors to help with the cost of renting the facility and running the show.

Some alternate options would be the Church of the 49er Hall or the Hall at Columbia. Having some of our artists do plein air painting outside the venue might draw folks into the show.

First, we need Chairpersons before we can have a show. Everything is outlined for the new Chairperson. We will need a whole week to set up for the show. Most churches will not allow their facility to be used for that period of time. We had 130 art pieces at last year's show.

We need someone to take over scholarships. The group voted to have a committee go to the college to review the artwork of students and interview them for the scholarship. The committee will include: Julianna Tillman, who accepted the Chairperson's role, Barbara Connelly, Susan Hackett, and Maureen Nolan. Board meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday before the MLAA meeting at 11:30am. MLAA meetings will continue to be held at 1:00pm

## MLAA Minutes for Feb. 15, 2016

By Renetta Hayes

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Happel at 1:00 p.m. in the Tuolumne County Library. The chair introduced guests Linda Cunningham and Helena Mayhem. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. There was not a Treasurer's report as the new Treasurer Anne Bates just received the material from Lorna Hunt.

Michael Severin's class at St. Matthews church will not be held this week but will resume on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. The price for each class has been dropped to \$15.

Louisa King graciously volunteered to Chair the Fall Show. This will be the Association's 65th Art Show. Her willingness to take on this Chairmanship was appreciated by all. Louisa sent around a signup sheet for those members willing to be a part of her committee. She will set up a committee members meeting soon.

The Chair announced Feb. 26th will be the due date for newsletter submissions.

Barbara Conley announced Carolyn MacPherson would be the demo artist for March and Heinie Hartwig for April. By a show of hands the membership voted to have a demo for April rather than a critique. Several other names were suggested to Barbara for potential demos.

Renetta Hayes reported that the Aloft Gallery just had a change out and there is new work in the gallery. As a part of Second Saturday, the Gallery hosted a reception for Friends of the Animal Community (FOAC). Aloft artists and others have donated pieces for a FOAC raffle which will run until the end of February. All proceeds from the raffle will go to FOAC in addition to 20% of art sold during the month.

Susan Lea Hackett reported that the plein air painting is especially good this time of year. The group has painted in Tuolumne City two times in the past few weeks and some of the artists brought work they had completed on site. Another paint out is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> on Apple Colony Rd. just outside of Tuolumne City.

Susie reported on the venues and asked for sign ups. She reported on the process for hanging and the importance of honoring your commitment to take down and hang up on the designated days. She announced classes being held at Town Hall Arts and asked for donations for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebration.

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By Renetta Hayes

Artist are asked to take their paintings interpreting the 6th Anniversary theme of "Iron" for judging by March 31<sup>st</sup>. A Gift Certificate for Town Hall Arts for \$100 will go to the award winner.

Loretta Pagni has secured a new venue at the new restaurant in Sonora Inn. Call Loretta at 536-0247 if you are interested in hanging in this venue.

The Spirit, Mind and Body Expo on April 16<sup>th</sup> was discussed and there was no interest from the membership for MLAA to put up a booth.

The Chair announced the Foothill Leadership Academy is looking for volunteers.

Loretta Pagni asked for donations for the Gem Show Raffle. Contact Loretta for donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. for refreshments followed by a watercolor and egg tempera demo by member Joan Muggleton.

## MLAA Venue for March and April 2016

By Susan Hoffman

Please be courteous to the next artist and be out of your venue on these dates. If you cannot remove your art on these days, make arrangements for someone to do it for you. If MLAA has to remove your art on your "out" date, there'll be a \$20 charge.

- Coming out of Stage 3, Weds., April 6:  
Melinda Foster, Tina Braaten, Renee Rondon, Susie Hoffman
- Coming out of Serventes Tuesday, April 26:  
Eva Walker, Vicki Fuentes
- Coming out of Umpqua Bank April 26:  
Winnie Wilson
- Coming out of Anticoagulation April 26:  
Renee Rondon
- Coming out of the Aloft Weds., April 27:  
Diana Boyd, Renee Rondon
- Coming into Anticoagulation April 27:  
Cary McGrew
- Coming into Stage 3 "Cowgirls", 2 pm, April 6:  
Renetta Hayes (open to others)
- Coming into Serventes Weds., April 27:  
Susan Lea Hackett, Steve Patz
- Coming into Umpqua Bank April 27:  
Joan Madsen
- Coming into Aloft April 24:  
Loretta Pagni, Winnie Wilson, Barbara Conley



Joan Muggleton

## Plein Air Painting for January and February 2016

By Susan Hackett

We've enjoyed several wonderful Plein Air outings in January and February meeting in Tuolumne City Park at the gazebo. If you are interested attending other Plein Air outings, phone Susan Hackett at 209-965-0253.

Rana Ford at Work in Tuolumne City



**MLAA MEETINGS on the 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

**Next meeting: Jan. 18, 2015**

No Meeting July, August or December. 2016

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:teachersask@yahoo.com) Thank you.

**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 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 at 1:00**

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