

# Mother Lode Art Association Newsletter

**January-February 2019**

**Upcoming Meetings: January 21, 2019; February 18, 2019**

**DON'T MISS THESE SUPER DEMOS in January and February!**

*The MLAA offers a FREE art demonstration after each of our general meetings, which are held in the Tuolumne County Library on Greenley Rd., Sonora, at 1:00 pm. Coming up:*



*"Sycamores" by Ray Roberts*

## **January 21: Ray Roberts**

Ray is a signature member of the California Art Club and the recipient of numerous prestigious awards. After attending the Art Center College of Design Ray was an illustrator for 17 years and then transitioned into fine art. You can see Ray's work at Medicine Man Gallery in Tucson, AZ and James Rieser Fine Art in Carmel, CA. Ray will be working in oils and demonstrating his approach to establishing a sound start by painting a landscape from a photo reference. He will touch on the importance of design and value.



## **February 18: Elizabeth Ingebretsen**

Elizabeth is a watercolorist and oil painter from Modesto and Carmel, CA. Liz loves to convey form with expressive color and with lost and found edges. Liz is a member of the California Art Club and shows with Venture Gallery in Monterey, CA. You can see more work on her Instagram Page, Elizabeth Ingebretsen. Liz's demonstration will be of a landscape addressing use of color and how to stay loose with the medium. She will focus on the advantages of working from dark to light in transparent color.

*Left: "Patricio on Tablas" by Elizabeth Ingebretsen*

# President's message, January 2019

Happy New Year to everyone and an exciting new year it is going to be! The November meeting was bursting with enthusiasm, attendance was the greatest in years and our group charged. Thanks so much to **Peggi Kroll Roberts** for a fun, stimulating demonstration and also offering to be our Program Chairman this year! She already has demonstrations lined up for January and February! Peggi, I cannot thank you enough for joining our group and persuading your colleagues, husband, and art friends to display their amazing talents for us. The members elected the following officers for 2019; myself as President, Vice President **Barbara Conley**, Secretary **Kim O'Connor** and Treasurer **Juliana Tillman**. I was contacted by **Bob Feigen** who many know from past years. Bob stated he would like to assist where needed and become more active this year. That is always music to my ears! Bob will be our Co-Vice President and was enthusiastically endorsed by **Barbara Conley**, who will be a wonderful mentor. Thank you so much to the members who volunteered to be on the board for 2019!

Work will begin in January on the 2019 Art Show and anyone wishing to participate in the art show committee, please contact **John Sharum** or **Lorna Hunt**, our co-art show chairmen. We are creating new ideas for improvements and changes so we can continue to make each year even more successful. With such great talents, I know this is going to be a wonderful year for the MLAA. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, creative 2019!

Sincerely,

**Linda Happel, President**

MLAA BOARD 2019

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# Museum Happenings by John Sharum

**Headed for the Bay Area or Sacramento? Here's a compilation of museum shows that may be of interest to members:**

## **Crocker Museum**

- Now through January 27: [American Beauty and Bounty](#) (Many Hudson River School landscapes as well as still lifes and scenes of daily life by 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Artists)
- January 27-April 7, 2019: [History, Labor, Life](#) (Over 90 works from 1963 to 2000 by influential printmaker, Jacob Lawrence)
- February 17-May 12, 2019: [The Roaming Eye –International Street Photography](#) (70 works by 40 Street Photographers)

## **De Young Museum**

- November 17-April 7, 2019: [Gauguin: A Spiritual Journey](#) (More than 50 paintings, wood carvings and ceramics)
- February 16-May 27, 2019: [Monet: The Late Years](#) (50 paintings, mostly from 1913 to 1926, including 20 works from Musee Marmottan Monet in Paris)

## **Legion of Honor Museum**

- April 6-September 8, 2019: [Early Rubens](#)

## **SFMOMA**

- Through March 10: [Artist's Choice](#) (Works chosen by Wayne Thiebaud from the SFMOMA collection)
- Through April 28: [Wayne Thiebaud: Paintings and Drawings](#) ( Works spanning 50 years of his career)
- Through May 26: [Louis Stettner: Travelling Light](#) (Retrospective of 80 years of work capturing everyday life in New York and Paris through photography)



## **VENUE REPORT by Pat Gray, Venue Chair**

One of the benefits of MLAA membership is access to venues where members may display their art free of charge. We currently have only two member venues: space donated by the Aloft Art Gallery in downtown Sonora, and the Anticoagulation Unit of Adventist Health Sonora, located on Greenley Road near the library. Members can sign up for a three month

term. Space is in short supply! Both venues are fully reserved for 2019. The following artists have signed up to display their work in 2019.

#### **ANTICOAGULATION OFFICE**

Steve Patz 1/23 - 4/23

Vicki Fuentes 4/24 - 7/23

Pat Gray 7/24 - 10/22

Maureen Carden 10/23 - 1/21

#### **THE ALOFT**

Barbara Conley 1/27 - 5/1

Susan Hackett 4/28 - 7/31

Michael Bowes 7/28 - 10/30

Celia Niemerow 10/27 - 1/29

## MLAA General Meeting Minutes November 19, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by **Linda Happel** at 1:00. Guests, **Stefani, Laura and Felix**, and new members, **Connie Jacob and Lissa Nielson** were welcomed.
2. Linda announced that joining and renewing memberships should be done now as dues will likely increase next year. The current dues are \$20, or \$15 for those over 75 years of age.
3. Linda presented the nominated officers for 2019. She has agreed to another term as President, **Barbara Conley** has agreed to the Vice President role if another member will take over programs, **Juliana Tillman** will serve another term as Treasurer, and **Kim O'Connor** agreed to assume the Secretarial role. Since Barbara is not able to be both Vice President and Program Chairman Linda requested additional volunteers from the members in attendance. After discussion and description of the vacant position **Peggi Kroll** has agreed to act as Program Chairman for 2019. Thanks and applause were given to Peggi! Linda also shared that the lease agreement for use of the Library was inadvertently scheduled from 1:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on meeting day which leaves room for the possibility of mini workshops along with programs. Members voted unanimously to approve the new officers.
4. As Co-chair of the Show Committee, **John Sharum** shared that the 2018 show had 47 participating artists, included 129 works and raised over \$1,000. Four local schools were each awarded \$250. He said one goal for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Show in 2019 will be to raise more money in order to add more schools or increased donation dollars to current school recipients. John also announced that our 2018 Best of Show recipient, **Michael Bowes**, has agreed to donate an artwork for the main raffle prize in next show. The show will take place the last weekend in September, running the 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Opera Hall. There are plans to add a student category for youth

aged 14-18. Advertising will be done in the Gold Country as well as Modesto and Lodi. The chairmen are asking for volunteers to help with the many needs of planning and putting on the show.

5. **Pat Gray** reported on Venues, sharing that we currently have two sites with 3 month terms, which are Sonora Anti-Coag Center on Greenley Rd and the Aloft Gallery. A sign up sheet for these two locations was available. Pat has found additional places where artists can hang and sell – Marietta Steele is the new owner of Pac-n-Copy at the Junction and agreed to offer wall space in the business. She would prefer artists contact her directly at 536-0220 to make arrangements. No commission! Please be sure to include contact information by your works as interested buyers will be contacting artists directly. Pat asked for help with Venues, and **Barbara Conley** volunteered. Thank you again Barbara!
6. **Susan Hackett** shared that the Plein Air group got together in Columbia last Tuesday and plans to meet in Columbia again tomorrow. The group may head up to Sierra Glen to take in the last of fall colors. Arrangements are made for 12:00 but several people begin at 10:00. Plein Air opportunities will be planned for Tuesdays for as long as the weather allows and all are welcome! If anyone would like to participate see Susan to get on her email list.
7. **Susie Hoffmann** gave an update on events happening through Town Hall Arts at the Galerie Copper. Holbein watercolor paint is

on sale for 20% off – it contains no ox-gall and is Susie’s favorite. Life Drawing class occurs every other week on Thursday mornings, and the gallery studio is open for watercolor on Thursday afternoons. The Young at Art program has 2 free spaces available for over 60/under 16 artists, and there are two dinners with silent auctions planned to take place at Saddle Creek. The first is a French themed dinner and the second will have artist Heine Hartwig painting live. Donations are wanted for these events, please contact Susie.

8. In other announcements, **Barbara Conley** brought dozens of magazines for anyone who wants some.
9. Refreshments were enjoyed by all before our guest artist presentation.
10. **Peggi Kroll-Roberts** did a very interesting demonstration painting, a still life. She shared decades of knowledge, experience and welcomed questions and answered while painting in her fabulous style. Husband and renowned artist, Ray Roberts, was her assistant and heckler and added to Peggi’s lively demonstration. There was great audience participation and learning to be had. Peggi’s final words were, “Paint and paint and paint until you find your voice.”
11. Meeting closed at approximately 3:30.

***Submitted by Kim O’Connor,  
Acting Secretary.***



## REPORT FROM THE ALOFT by Gallery Liaison Lorna Hunt

The Aloft Art Gallery opened in 2008 to provide Mother Lode artists with a venue to display and sell their work. It is member-run. Artists must be members of the Mother Lode Art Association to apply for Gallery membership. Aloft is located in downtown Sonora at 167 South Washington Street. If you have ever considered showing your paintings in a gallery, submit your application to Aloft! For more information, go to [www.aloftartgallery.org](http://www.aloftartgallery.org).

We are pleased to welcome Pat Jennings to the Aloft! Pat Jennings is a digital artist living and drawing in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. She loves color, shape, nature and detail and bases

many of her illustrations on the photographs she takes. Her art is very two-dimensional (because she does not see too well in three dimensions) and she often color shifts her illustrations with customized palettes. Some of her drawings a sly sense of humor. She likes yellow, black and Dansko shoes.

Cntrl/click to see Pat's work at: <https://graygoosestudio.wordpress.com/page/4/>

Left: "Quail" by Pat Jennings

## TCAA Photography Competition: INFOCUS

**Deadline: January 28, 6 p.m.**

Have some great photography? Enter it into one of the most popular photography competitions in Northern California. Sponsored by the Tuolumne County Arts Alliance.

Learn more at [www.infocus-tcaa.org](http://www.infocus-tcaa.org)



# Plein Air Report

Our Plein Air painters are active anytime the weather is clement, travelling up and down the hill as conditions change (perfect to hot to very hot to perfect again to wet and cold), inspired by the loveliness that surrounds us in every season in Tuolumne County. Right now is generally downtime for the Plein Air group, but to



remind us of the fun we had over the past year, here is a selection of photos. We would love to see you in spring. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Plein Air coordinator Susan Lea Hackett at 209 965-0253 to receive notifications of time and place. In good weather, the group usually meets weekly, at noon on Tuesdays. Most sites are a short drive from downtown Sonora.



# SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

MLAA MEETINGS ARE USUALLY AT THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY LIBRARY, 480 GREENLEY ROAD, SONORA, AT 1:00 P.M. ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH, JANUARY - JUNE AND SEPTEMBER -NOVEMBER. THERE ARE NO MEETINGS IN JULY, AUGUST OR DECEMBER. ART DEMOS ARE HELD AFTER THE MEETINGS.

## MEETING DATES FOR 2019

January 21    February 18    March 18    April 15    May 20    June 17  
July: No meeting    August: No meeting    September 16    October 21    November 18  
December: No meeting

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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