



Creekside Artists

Creekside Artists Guild

Featured Artist:

Alice Martinez



Next Meeting: June 11th, 2008

CAG general meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month



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Our Mission

We provide an environment for all visual artists to inspire, create, educate and prosper.

Acrylic, Animation, Charcoal, Collage, Czech Egg Painting, Digital Art, Ethnic Dance Instructor, Glass Art, Gourd Design, Graphite, Harpist, Illustration, Intarsia, Jewelry

Oil, Pastel, Pen & Ink, Photography, Poet, Pottery, Quilting, Rock Carving, Rock Painting, Sculpting, Silverpoint, Tapestry, Textile Art, Video Art, Watercolor, Weaving, Web Design

Wood Turning, Writer

Lapidary, Mixed Media, Mosses



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Presidents Message

Creekside Journeys



Best regards and enjoy!

Arlene Kikkawa-Nielsen

Founding and Acting President - Creekside Artists Guild

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE... a NEW inspiration!

As mentioned in last month's President's Message, a new section is being added to CAG's newsletter entitled, "Creekside Journeys". The reviews are to be written by rotating artists to allow them to share their own inspirational artistic journey's with our CAG membership. Please be sure to read the wonderful journey written below by Tom O'Connor...you're all welcome to share as well!

Congratulations also go to Tom for the sale of his Stargazer Lily photo hanging in the Clayton Library! That's two pieces of artwork hanging in the library that has sold within the past three months! People are taking notice!



A Creekside Journey by Tom O'Connor:

I love the Southwest. In particular I am attracted to the lands and stories of the Navajo Indians. I am not a historian and I am not very knowledgeable about the plight of the Navajo, but when I am in Navajo country I feel that I am in a very special place. It feels kind of reverent to me. I know that history can and is romanticized, but I am captured by the Navajo land, their dialect, their voice inflections and their manner. This past April Betty and I went to Canyon de Chelly in Arizona for the second time. We used the same guide as our previous visit because he was very informative, cordial and authentic as well as a direct descendent of ancestors of Canyon de Chelly. His way of speaking is very simple but direct, picturesque and at times humorous. I feel good just listening to him speak.

Since my art is landscape photography, I really go to photograph the land. I am not a portrait photographer and would not feel comfortable asking the Navajo people if I could take their pictures. I get this special sense of awe when looking at the landscape of the Southwest. I love the sandstone and all of its colors, patterns and shapes. Although I take photos of the typical iconic views, the images that mean the most to me are unique views and small details. I can never get enough of looking at the land. On this last trip, I came back with a new favorite image. It is of course a view at Canyon de Chelly. I am not being boastful, but I just cannot look at it enough. I just feel good seeing it and remembering how I felt when I was there taking the image. For me, I was successful in capturing the image I wanted and within that image, my feelings at the time, which I will never forget!



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Review of May Meetings

CAG 2nd ANNIVERSARY & General Meeting, 5/14/2008, 7-8:30pm, in the Library Story Room

Welcome New Member: Laurie Carlson, came with returning member, Lenka Glassner.

Theme: "Inspirations" with a large variety of artwork represented with interesting interpretations. Several discussions followed on locations, subjects and color which led to the topic of "Color Science" which will be presented by photographer and retired chemist, Dick Powell at the June meeting.

Artist of the Month & Collage Demonstration: Seema Mahboob, collage and oil painter, who also led a wonderful, colorful collage demonstration for our 2nd Anniversary meeting. The artists truly enjoyed her interpretive, loose and resourceful (she receives extra copies of Nat'l. Geographic magazines from the library for use in her collages) style.

Creekside Journey's in the Online Newsletter: Arlene announced the new addition of this opportunity for CAG artists to share their artistic ventures, journeys and thoughts through reflection of creative or inspirational moments you've experienced. Tell us about your visits to a gallery, outdoors in nature, a favorite memory or special moments with family or friends. We'd love to hear from you. Contact: Tom

Exhibits & Events:

*Library Exhibit - Alice led an excellent turnout on May 2 and thanked everyone. Discussed enforcing the Exhibit Guidelines to enable artists to be prepared and professional for upcoming exhibits elsewhere. Make sure copies are available on website as each artist must read them.

*Bedford Gallery - "Local Voice" Call for local artists for juried exhibition. Entries due June 16 & 17, \$35.00 entry fee.

General Comments:

*Hospitality - Thank you's to Lucille for arranging and to those who brought yummy finger foods.

*Best Meeting Yet! Arlene received numerous comments on how much everyone enjoyed themselves...some say it was the best meeting yet! How appropriate as we celebrate CAG's 2nd Anniversary!



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Review of May Meetings

*Pricing Your Art: Arlene shared ARTPEOPLE article on "Pricing Your Art". If you'd like copies, email her.

CAG Field Trips - review & upcoming:

*Bedford (BG) Art Morning - on April 30, 2008 was attended by 5 CAG artists; Tom, Lucille, Ronia, Arlene & Janet. All enjoyed the last two artists presentations on Dioramas the most...one using taxidermy birds from Lindsay Wildlife and the other with his "Doof" character gone wild!

*Bedford Gallery Culture & Cocktails - Thursday, June 5th, 6-8pm Contact: Arlene

*EAD's Gallery - June 12th, 2-3pm. Contact: Alice

Dates to Remember:

*CAG Planning Meeting - May 24, 2008, 10:30-12pm @ Peet's Coffee & Tea, CVSC

*CAG General Meeting - June 11th, 7-8:30pm, Clayton Library Story Room.

Theme is "**Liberate**".

Presentation "Color Science" by Dick Powell, retired chemist, photographer.

CAG Planning Meeting on 5/24/2008, 10:30-12pm @ Peet's Coffee & Tea, CVSC

Attending: Alice, Arlene, Janet, Jean, Leslie, Lucille, Sandra, Tom, Tammy.

Confirmed Events:

CAG Upcoming Field Trips:

*Bedford Gallery Culture & Cocktails - Thursday, 6/5/2008, 6-8pm Contact: Arlene

*EAD's Gallery - Thursday, 6/12/2008, 2-3pm. Contact: Alice.

Proposed Events:

CAG Summer Party @ Diamond Terrace - 7/19 @ 6:30-9pm. Outdoor courtyard near gazebo, combine with speaker, workshop? Also, good location for paint-out...(Sandra, Arlene, Lucille) Arlene & Sandra met with Beth, Activities Director @ DT and need to confirm later with the manager upon her return from vacation after 6/1.

Exhibits - WaMu & B of A follow up...obtain list of interested artists for future exhibit. Need Exhibit Guidelines enforced. (Tom) Will follow up for possibly summer or holidays.



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Review of May Meetings

Art Sale & Xmas Tree Auction @ Diamond Terrace - November 2008...workshop, sale, etc... Again, Arlene & Sandra met with Beth @ DT and will need to confirm later upon managers return after 6/1.

Clayton Garden Tour Exhibit - April 2009. Arlene spoke with Clayton Museum curator, Mary Spryer who likes the idea of having a few artists to paint/sell in their museum gardens during the post tour luncheon.

CAG Open Studio Tour - Summer 2009. Art Walk including some Clayton history and/or landmarks was suggested. Clayton is noted for their trails so can also use the Clayton Trails map and locations along the trails. Along the trail itself is probably out due to liability issues. possible locations: Library Community Room, City Hall courtyard, Endeavor Hall, Cup O Joe, Saloon, Museum, Children's World, Grove Park area? (check liability), Sam's Market (use back of his store facing the post office?), Clayton Pioneer, Travel Agency, Diamond Terrace, Clayton Regency Park (great view for paint out!), Clayton Pumpkin Farm (can their pumpkin train go from the park entrance to their location?). All artists keep an eye on the new concert in the Grove Park & the Produce markets to watch the traffic patterns and timing when it's most beneficial. Arlene spoke with Laura H. at the city and the Produce market has to provide a free booth to the city but we can only display info. and NO SELLING. This can work well for advertising upcoming events.

Other:

LOCATION CHANGE? Potentially meet at an alternate location since Peet's is getting crowded! Sandra offered her home or DT where we could also have paint-outs in lieu of meetings at times.

MULTIPLE ARTISTS IN 1 BOOTH? Tammy to follow up on obtaining info. from other cities on multiple artists usage of one booth during events.

PLEIN AIR PAINTING GROUP? Sandra to follow up and organize artists once location is selected.

NEXT CAG PLANNING MEETING: Saturday, June 21 @ 10:30-12pm. Same location until hear otherwise.



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Featured Artist

Alice Martinez

I would say that my style is realistic, but I enjoy choosing subjects that are out of the ordinary. I find that my paintings can only be described by looking at them, so I invite you to see for yourself.

Hope you enjoy.





Artistic Happenings

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Confirmed Events:

July Artist of the Month: Lucille Mercado

Bedford BG Culture & Cocktails: CAG field trip! Contact Arlene: see page 1.
Thursday, June 5, 2008, 6 - 8pm. Admission \$7, includes drink ticket. Come to Bedford for after-work art, cocktails and conversation in the gallery. Artist, cartoonist, Tim Sharman will show you how to sketch a "Doof"! (Must be 21 years)

EAD Gallery: CAG field trip! - Thursday June 12, 2008, 2-3pm. Contact: Alice Martinez. See page 1.

Call for Artists: BEDFORD GALLERY, "Local Voice", Entries due June 16 & 17, 2008, 10am-4pm., Juried Exhibition dates - June 29 thru August 31, 2008. Open to: Painting, sculpture, drawing, photography printmaking, collage, textiles, video and digital media. Entry fee: \$35 for 2 entries. More details and entry form, [Click here for web link](#).

Danville Fine Arts Fair: June 21st and 22nd in Danville. Tom O'Connor will have a booth at this fair. This is a terrific event with many very good artists selling their art. Come and enjoy. Hours are from 10am to 6pm on Hartz Avenue. Booth 213 [Click here for web link](#).

Art!Space: Art!Space is a gallery in Livermore, owned by Nan Rachlin, and is now selling the work of two of our artists. Carol Jurasin and Eve Halderon. If you are in the area stop in to see their work. [Click here for web link](#).

CAG Summer Party:

Saturday, July 19, 2008, 6:30-9:00pm, Diamond Terrace in Clayton. Contact: Sandra Lim 925-673-7802 or slimtoone@sbcglobal.net

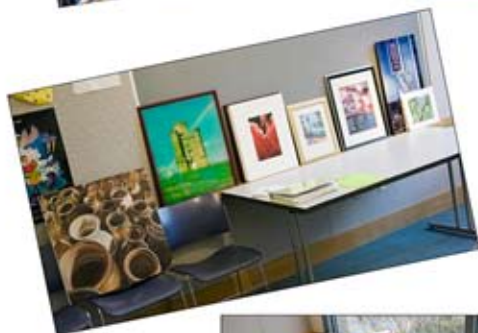
Gallery Hanging Weekend in the Community Room: A Gallery Weekend in the Community Room is being discussed that might happen once a quarter. It would be a scaled down version of the CAG Art Celebration and help to bring more visibility of art to Clayton to have art events more often. Leslie, Alice and Arlene will investigate.



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Images from the Creekside Artists Guild May Meeting:





Important Calendar Dates

Committee Meetings and Deadlines

CAG News Letter Deadlines:

New information contact Tom O'Connor by the 25th of each month. (see page 1)

Tom to have News Letter to Lynn Koellermeier by the 4th of each month.

Lynn to have the News Letter on line by the 5th of each month.

CAG Website Deadline:

Artists contact Lynn Koellermeier to add their artists Bio/Artwork to our website by the 20th of each month. Contact Lynn: see page 1.

CAG June General Meeting is 6/11/2008 @ 7:00 - 8:30PM

Artwork Theme is: "Liberate" with a "Color Science" presentation by Dick Powell.

Clayton Library Story Room

Contact: Arlene Nielsen (see page 1)

CAG June Planning Committee Meeting 6/21/2008 @ 10:30AM - 12PM

Peet's Coffee & Tea in Clayton Valley Shopping Center.

Contact: Arlene Nielsen (see page 1)

Library Exhibit:

The next Library Hanging / Take down will be on 7/25/2008. Time is TBD.

Contact: Alice Martinez. (see page 1)

CAG July General Meeting 7/9/2008 @ 7:00 - 8:30PM

Artwork Theme is "Organic"

CAG Upcoming Meeting Reminders:

General Meetings: 6/11 - 7/9 - 8/13 - 9/10 - 10/8 - 11/12 - 12/10

Artwork Themes:

June: "Liberate"

July: "Organic"

August: "Journeys"



Membership

Membership Information / New Members

Welcome new member:

Laurie Carlson: Art Enthusiast

New Artists Application available for download on the CAG Website:

[Click here to download Artists Application](#)



Creekside Exchange

Items for Sale / Q & A / Member Comments

Our own CAG needs your help!!

We need 3 artists who not only want to share their talents as an artist, but share some of the workload to help improve and maintain CAG as a group. The positions of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are vacant and need someone who is willing to put in a small amount of time to help with the organizing and growth of CAG.

For Sale: Contact Lynn Koellermeier, see page 1.

Minolta X-700 camera with Kalimar zoom lens and Tokina lens, flash attachment, original lens and case. \$100.00



Sponsors

For year round support CAG thank's the following businesses:

***Clayton Community Library Foundation
City of Clayton***

CAG thank's the following businesses for sponsoring the CAC event:

***Peet's Coffee and Tea in the Clayton Valley Shopping Center
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