

The Brushstroke

President's Letter



Kris deYoung
LWAA President

Dear Laguna Woods Art Association Members and Associate Members,

I greatly appreciate the honor to lead your premier art association. The quality of our member artists and volunteers with their specialized skills is phenomenal. For 2017, your board has approved a calendar that offers more studio time, art classes, and opportunities to exhibit your work in our Clubhouse 4 Art Studio, as well as in other Laguna Woods locations.

My primary focus will be to promote activities that align with our Mission Statement, which is to:

- foster the highest possible appreciation of fine art in any and all media,
- encourage and inspire our members toward maximum creative efforts in the arts, and
- encourage acceptance of the original artistic endeavors of our members.

Remember, this is your art association. The benefits and satisfaction you receive will exceed the effort you give.

Happy Creative New Year!

Kris deYoung
2017 LWAA President



The 'gavel' passes!

Kris de Young accepted the gavel and the Presidential responsibilities from 2016 President Jim Gibson at the LWAA December Board Meeting. We all thank Jim for a remarkable year, and look forward to the opportunity of working with Kris, who previously presided over the La Jolla Art Association.



WHAT'S HAPPENING in LAGUNA WOODS JANUARY 7, 2017 THE GOLDBERG SHOW RECEPTION

Barbara and Don Goldberg, residents of the Woods for 22 years and Art Association members, will be our Featured Artists in January. Barbara is a graduate of the Tyler Art School in Philadelphia and retired from a career of lecturing. You may know Don as the leader of the Silver Foxes band, but his career was interior design, including antique restorations. A visit to an art show in Atlantic City exposed him to fabric art, his current love and direction. He asked the artist 'how to do it,' and was off and running. His artwork runs the gamut from abstract to comical (occasionally political) and certainly provokes comment.

A 10-year student of Mada Leach, Barbara will be displaying works in monoprint, collage, and glass. This most active lady has been an active participant in Clown Alley for 12 years, runs Meals on Wheels for the Reform Temple of Laguna Woods, and makes glass pieces and jewelry.

She favors the abstract format and explores different materials. Having worked in the varied mediums of oil, metal welding, foil, printing, and mosaics,

she continues to explore the nuances of fused glass.

The Goldbergs just returned from a trip to Hawaii where they were flown by American Airlines and hosted by Marriott in remembrance of the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Don was one of the 70 WWII veterans honored.



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GENERAL MEETING AND DEMO Monday, January 23, 6:30 pm, Clubhouse 3



Our guest artist for this evening is oil painter Michael Obermeyer, a well-known exhibitor for many years in the Laguna Beach Festival of the Arts. A native of California, Michael attended CalState Long Beach where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration. He went on to pursue a twenty-year career in illustration, working for such firms as Disney Studios, Anaheim Angels, McDonnell Douglas, Coldwell Banker and the United States Air Force.

Michael was presented the Laguna Beach Plein Air Painters' Association "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2015. Collectors include the Marriott Hotels and Resorts, The Irvine Company, California State Parks, and many corporate and private collectors. His paintings are on display at the U.S Historical Art Collection at the Smithsonian Institute and at the Pentagon.

Michael is a member of the Oil Painters of America and the Society of Illustrators. He is a Signature Member of both the California Art Club and the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association.



Class Schedule Winter-Spring 2017

Classes begin JANUARY 16, 2017

All are welcome!

Monday

1–4pm Fundamentals of Drawing
Teacher: Jim Gibson 949 859-6488

Tuesday

9 am–12pm Intro/Intermediate Oil Painting
Teacher: Sam Rubino 949 382-1876

1–4 pm Portrait Painting
Teachers: Anni Rappaport 949 951-3315 and Patty Rook

4:30– 8 pm Beginning Oil Painting
Teacher: Evgenia Willis

Wednesday

9 am–12pm Advanced Watercolor
Teacher: Peggy Simmons 949 454-8059

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Thursday

9 am–4 pm Open Studio

Friday

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Definitely the motto of Sheila Parsons and Thora Erikson -- as they continue to beautify, expand and professionalize our growing library. New DVD training tapes are being purchased and, due to demand, will be limited to a one-week check-out period.

Notice the fabulous Books for Sale section next to our plaster casts in the Studio. Check each Tuesday for new books because donations or duplicate books are added weekly.



Out of the Woods: Art Events in OC

Laguna Art Museum

thru January 15, 2017

Renowned Laguna Beach landscape impressionist Miss Anna Althea Hills (1882-1930). The exhibit includes 60 paintings by Miss Hills along with documentary materials and a fully illustrated catalog showcasing her art and monumental philanthropic and cultural contributions. Miss Hills of Laguna Beach was one of the highly talented artists who helped create the aura of Laguna Beach and Southern California as a premier art colony. She was a modern woman in spirit and attitude, even though her prominent period was almost a century ago. She helped shape the local art culture and was instrumental in bringing art education to school children.

Kristin Leachman's "Xylem Rays" (a series of paintings of textural imagery).

Phillip K. Smith III, a monumental installation called "Bent Parallel" that merges optics, scale and technology.

Joan Irvine Museum

Through January 19, 2017

The Irvine Museum presents *Masterpieces of California Art*. The exhibition is a remarkable display of some of the most celebrated works painted in California between 1890 and 1940.

Masterpieces on display are large and significant works by such masters as Guy Rose (1867-1925), Arthur F. Mathews (1860-1945), Franz A. Bischoff (1864-1929), Alson S. Clark (1876-1949), Colin Campbell Cooper (1856-1937), John Frost (1890-1937), Anna Hills (1882-1930), Joseph Kleitsch (1862-1931), Alfred R. Mitchell (1888-1972), Edgar A. Payne (1882-1947), Granville Redmond (1871-1935), Donna N. Schuster (1883-1953), Millard Sheets (1907-1989), Marion K. Wachtel (1870-1954) and others.

OCMA Orange County Art Museum

Forms of Identity: Women Artists in the 90s

exhibition January 7 - April 2, 2017

The last decade of the twentieth century marked a brief, significant moment of intense, rapid sociopolitical, economic and cultural transformation, particularly for women, a group historically marginalized and overlooked. *Forms of Identity: Women Artists in the 90s* includes a selection of artworks from the permanent collection created by sixteen significant women artists working in this time period whose artistic practice shifted from the olitical to personal

Pop Art Design

Exhibition January 7 - April 2, 2017

Pop Art Design is the first comprehensive exhibition examining the inspirations and cross-references between art and design that continue to shape our society today. It features a large number of important works by artists including Andy Warhol, Claes Oldenburg, Roy Lichtenstein, Ed Ruscha, and Richard Hamilton; juxtaposed with works by designers such as Charles Eames, George Nelson, Achille Castiglioni, and Ettore Sottsass; as well as extensive ephemera.

**REMEMBER – most museums are
DARK on Sunday and Monday.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO **ESSIE AND SAM RUBINO!**



Rubino art now graces the walls of our new Clubhouse 2. Sam and Essie were commissioned by VMS to each paint a 3' x 4' landscape in advance of the opening. These paintings will remain as part of the permanent exhibition.



Annual Laguna Woods Volunteer Luncheon

Our Recreation Staff was all decked out in holiday gear. Armed with big smiles, they greeted each and every Volunteer. Representing all aspects of Laguna Woods Village, the Volunteers gathered for a December 2nd pillage. Featuring champagne, orange juice and tables of yummys designed to delight Volunteers' empty tummies.

Our Volunteers give daily, with expertise and caring and enhance our Village by the duties they are sharing. THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS for the 'assist' that you give. THANK YOU, Laguna Woods, for the place we love and live.





Laguna Woods Art Association Annual Holiday Party

Yes.....we manage to 'clean up' quite nicely. Away go the brushes, the paint, pastels, and the inks. Time for wonderful friends and fellow artists to gather to celebrate this special time of year. A most interesting year of classes, field trips, expanded nighttime hours, improved communications, more shows, and additional opportunities to show your 'work' plus that most special commodity....fellowship.

Clubhouse 7 was magically transformed, by Diedre Gordon and her elves, into an elegant place of celebration. As always, Diedre directed great food service, entertainment and wine and roses at each table.