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The Newsletter of the Laguna Woods Art Association





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Join us in WELCOMING OUR NEW HEAD ART
SUPERVISOR for 2022.

Janet Beaujon Couch.

Laguna Woods Art Association

Jan is an artist whose work is influenced by her New England roots, her work with Native Americans (Ojibwa) in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. and the study of mandalas and the work of Carl Jung.

She spent her career as an Art Therapist, EMDR

Therapist & Social Worker who specialized in working with grief, medical illness, brain damage, trauma; terminally ill children and adults in Hospice; Native American children, adults, and families, and as a school counselor and early Head Start. Her published work is in the fields of grief, art therapy with brain damaged patients and dementia in older adults, attachment, art therapy theory, assessment, and mandala work.. She received her Masters Degree at George Washington University and later was a Lecturer and Clinical Supervisor there for Art Therapy, Social Work and Counseling students.

This busy lady is also an exhibiting painter and fiber artist, having work shown in Canada, Connecticut, Michigan, Washington D.C., California, County Kerry, Ireland, and the Peoples Republic of China. She has studied and taught drawing, painting, hand built clay work, spinning, knitting, weaving, traditional rug hooking and design.

We also send an ENORMOUS THANK YOU to retiring **Dierdre Gordon** for her extraordinary efforts in this position during the past two years of Covid and endless challenges. Dierdre continues to serve on our Board as Past President and continuing friend to LWAA.

Brushstroke Staff

Joan Scully

Ellen Zimet

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MEMBERSHIP 2022

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR - CHANGE IS INEVITABLE - GROWTH IS OPTIONAL

As of January 1, 2022 our membership fees have changed to: \$22 for regular members, and \$8 for associate members.

This increase of 10% is to cover the cost of *Stripe* (a financial application that interfaces with our bank.) It is a completely secure application which allows no one (not even an admin. person) to see your Visa or MasterCard information. This information is sent directly to our bank, over a secure https link electronically.

The \$22 also covers the cost of the application, **Joinit,** which is the application you will use to input your data. This includes your name, address, email, phone, and a few other data points we need to have a robust listing of our members and their interests. There are 3 membership types: Regular \$22, Associate \$8, and Presidential (free membership offered to current and past presidents).

As of **February 1, 2022**, LWAA will no longer accept checks or cash for new or renewed membership. If you have not renewed as of that date, your name will not appear in our annual membership booklet.

If you are a new or renewing member and **need assistance** creating an email account and/or signing-up through our <u>Lagunawoodsart.com</u> website, there will be a list posted in the Art Studio of supervisors with laptop computers who will assist you inputting your information. The process of inputting your information will take about 10 minutes. You will need to have your credit card and emergency contact number available when you sign up. If you do not have an email, the supervisor will help you obtain one. This is the time to put your "whole foot" into the 2022 waters of change. After that, all you will need is a tablet or smart phone to access all the Information we will send to you.

The World is your oyster—all you have to do is crack it open to find





GENERAL MEETING AND MONTHLY DEMOS

THANK YOU MARIA FAUR

Due to the efforts of Maria Faur we are starting off the year with a BANG!



On January 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a zoom presentation from Carla Bosch, a unique acrylic artist from South Africa whom we know from the Laguna Art Festival.

Carla's life of color started in Pretoria, South Africa in 1976. The warmth and cheerfulness of her landscape paintings, coastal paintings and street scenes seen in her artworks are true to Carla's vibrant personality as are the liberal use of bright colors in her art. She loves painting plein air and is equally at home in her studio where Carla prefers to use images more as reference points than images to replicate. Carla enjoys giving her impression of the subject matter, and she approaches a blank canvas with absolute

creative boldness. This impressionistic approach allows her to paint from the eyes of her soul, and maybe this is why there is such powerful emotion within her artwork. Carla works primarily with professional acrylics on stretched canvas. Regardless of your media of choice, you will enjoy her techniques, procedures and designs.



In February, our Zoom demo will be from the watercolorist, Shuang Li who is a former guest and also known from the Laguna Pleiin Aire Invitational.

Both of these demos will be on Zoom at 6:30pm. Instructions to join will be made available on email the weekend before the demo.



LWAA 2022 ART SHOWS' SCHEDULE

<u>Board Members Appreciation Art Show</u> <u>November 10, 2021 - January 25, 2022</u> Pick-up: Tuesday, January 25, 2021 During Clubhouse Hours

Volunteers Appreciation Invitational Exhibition:

January 27, 2022 - April 12, 2022

Entry Deadline: Friday, January 21, 2022

Entries: Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:00 a.m. to Noon Pick-up: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 During Clubhouse Hours

Watercolor Art Show: April 13, 2022 - June 21, 2022

Entry Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2022

Entries: Wednesday, April 13, 2022. 9:00 a.m. to Noon Pick-up: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 During Clubhouse Hours

Mixed Media Art Show: June 22, 2022 - August 23, 2022

Entry Deadline: Friday, June 17, 2022

Entries: Wednesday, June 22, 2022. 9:00 a.m. to Noon Pick-up: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 During Clubhouse Hours

Oil & Acrylic Art Show: August 24, 2022 - November 2, 2022

Entry Deadline: Friday, August 19, 2022

Entries: Wednesday, August 24 2022. 9:00 a.m. to Noon Pick-up: Tuesday, November 2, 2022 During Clubhouse Hours

<u>Future Shows will be based on the Elements of Nature - TBA</u>
Bonanza - November 5th & 6th (Set-up: Friday September 4th)

Information for entering and helping with the art shows will be available both online and in the studio.





Bits and Pieces

DISPLAY YOUR ART

Artists who would like to show their artwork at the Library or Clubhouse 5 this year for three months at a time beginning the last week of January, April, July and October, please contact Joan Sheldon, Small Art Show Coordinator at Joanwrites5@gmail.com soon.

JUST AN FYI - MANY OF OUR LOCAL MUSEUMS are closed due to Covid

For your entertainment—Laguna Art Museum presents the 40th annual California Cool Art Auction! Participate online and bid from anywhere with Artsy. Registration opens on January 12 and bidding opens on February 5.

This show will feature over 100 works by California artists, participants will have the opportunity to bid on exquisite art pieces by Maria Bertran, Judy Chicago, Alex Couwenberg, Woods Davy, Laddie, John Dill, Phil Dike, Jacques Garnier, Jimi Gleason, Kelsey Irvin, David Krovblit, Andy Moses, Kenton Nelson, Ed Ruscha, Millard Sheets, Beth Davila Waldman and many more.

TIM WILMOT ZOOM WORKSHOP

On Saturday, February, 2022 from 10-12 am PST, Tim will present a 2 hour live zoom watercolor workshop for LWAA and friends. He will complete a full watercolor painting with participants and we can send him local photos for the project. Attendees can ask questions during the presentation and after the presentation you will receive a lifetime recording of the demo for your own use. Attendees can paint along. After the event, within 7 days, attendees can send a photo of their completed painting and he will compile a short video with a critique.

HOW TO ENROLL

All of this for \$15 if you live in Laguna Woods and are a member of the LWAA. If you are a friend of the Art Association, your cost is \$20. If you are interested, please send your check made out to LWAA to Ellen Zimet, 437 Avenida Sevilla, Unit C—Laguna Woods, CA. 92637.

PLEASE include a note in your envelope with your *clearly written* email and phone number. Don't make me track you down—I can't register you without an email. This should be fun again. For more info about Tim— his website is timwilmont.com.



IN MEMORIUM

This past Fall of 2021, our Art Association lost three of its very long-time members; we wish to pay a brief tribute to them.

Yvonne Wallis was President of our organization for two years from 2008 through 2009. In addition to all of her outstanding volunteerism, upon her passing Yvonne donated literally hundreds of her own art books to our library - a beautiful legacy.

Jack Klein was always a very welcome presence in the CH4 art studio. He volunteered as a supervisor and all-around helper as needed for activities such as White Elephant sales, He was Volunteer of the Year in 2012. When not painting or supervising, we remember Jack and his art buddies sitting around just enjoying each other's company.



Roseann Cacciola was another of our outstanding volunteers to whom we owe belated thanks.

Rest in Peace, All of You.



CORRECTIONS

This painting by Ken Oku was accidently omitted from the December issue honoring board members.

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HELP WANTED

Treasurer: Help with handling the finances of LWAA. Write checks, make deposits, collect cash and make bi-monthly trips to the bank. Bookkeeping experience is desired. Training from our current Treasurer is available. **Contact:** Judy Oku, judyoku@yahoo.com 808-228-1917

Studio Supervisor: Supervisors needed for Saturday and Sunday—10:00 to 2:00 pm. and Tuesday afternoons 12:30 to 4:00 pm **Contact:** Janet Couch, <u>jbcarttx@gmail.com</u> 906 444-6802

Brushstroke Reporter: A fun job that requires an interest in art and what is currently on exhibit in our local museums. Collect information monthly on hours/days/current exhibits from the museum websites. Prepare accurate info and submit in a timely manner on a monthly basis. **Contact:** Joan Scully, joanscully123@gmail.com 949-791-8441

Programs Chairperson: Maria Faur has been organizing our monthly general meetings' demonstration artists for many years now. She is retiring and needs to find one or two people to take over. She will mentor you from all the great artists info she has gathered over the years. **Contact:** Maria Faur, <u>faurmaria@gmail.com</u> 949-269-7810

Mat Cutter: Although Peggy Simmons has done an excellent job filling in since James Binkley resigned, she needs to find a replacement mat cutter. This is one of the benefits we offer our members at a very low cost. If needed, she will train you. **Contact:** Peggy Simmons, ps4art@icloud.com 949-454-8059

Parliamentarian: We need someone familiar with Roberts Rules of Order and interpretation of our legal ruling documents- the LWAA Constitution and By-Laws to assist with those functions of our Association at Board meetings and for amendments to the By-laws. Contact: Kris deYoung, Kristine7346@att.net 858-888-2360

<u>REMINDER</u> – Please report information about any member's illness, upcoming



surgery or condolence issues to the attention of Valerie Feldman so that she can send an appropriate card with best wishes from the Association. Call Valerie at 617-803-6737 or email her at Felmanallan5@aol.com

COVID IS NOT OVER YET AND WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU











