

# The Brushstroke



## Who is Kathie Podliska, Our New President?

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Meet your new Laguna Woods Association (LWAA) President, Kathie Podliska. Kathie has enjoyed living in Laguna woods for 17 years. The first club she joined was LWAA and has been a very active member since 2006 serving as president, treasurer and on most committees. She brings a positive attitude to the club, believing that the best reward for her service has been the many friendships she has developed over the years. Kathie is very excited about working with all of you in 2023.

**HER WORK BACKGROUND:** She was an executive with an international Insurance brokerage firm providing her with opportunities to develop the many skills that she uses today. She took an early retirement at 62 so she could really enjoy all that Laguna Woods had to offer.



Kathie Podliska accepts the President's gavel from Kris DeYoung

**HER LIFE:** She is a proud mother to three daughters, grandmother (nana) to ten and great grandmother (grandnana) of four. Her family is scattered around the country but always stays in touch. Kathie is also very proud of being a living organ donor and gave a kidney to her husband which provided them with several more years to enjoy their life together.

She has a dog named Rainbow who is a "rescue" and surprised her with three puppies shortly after the adoption. Homes were found for the newborn, and now Kathie and Rainbow can often be found walking around CH5 - good exercise for both.

**HER EXPERIENCE IN LAGUNA WOODS:** Besides her experiences with LWAA, Kathie and her friend Leslie Davis were at the CH 5 pool one day in 2008 when they realized that there was no club that catered to the "still young and active" in the village. As a result, they founded the Baby Boomers, which continues to be one of the most popular clubs in Laguna Woods.

Kathie has always valued her career, her family, and her volunteering. She looks forward to 2023 as a year that promises to be one filled with new art activities and adventures as well as opportunities to develop new friendships and strengthen old ones. She is very proud to be our president for 2023.

## *Message From President Podliska*

I'm very proud that I was selected as LWAA president for 2023. I know many of us have had a hard time getting motivated to do art since the pandemic. I'm very excited about all the new classes and activities that are happening in 2023. You will be receiving emails with the class schedules, and they are also listed in the Brushstroke, make sure you look. Many new classes are happening. Some are short, 1-day or 3 days so it's time to jump back in. Many more activities will be happening like our monthly demonstrations and several exhibitions of members' artwork and much more. Check your email, brushstroke and website site for information (<http://www.lagunawoodsart.com/>). Get those art supplies out and visit the studio. The studio is a great place to paint and meet people. We always welcome new volunteers so please let me know if something interests you. Once again, I'm very excited about 2023, so jump in and enjoy.

## *Notice from the HEAD Studio Supervisors: Jan Couch and Carol Sapienza*

GRF dictates that we can only open the studio when there is a trained supervisor on site. Currently, we have a loyal group of volunteer supervisors who give time to the organization to help run the studio – many who do so one or more times a week. We also have many on-call trained supervisors who will pitch in and help. However, in these times of sickness and other emergencies – there are not always enough.

**If you take a class or use the studio on a regular basis**, please consider taking supervisor training and become an on-call as needed person. An assignment is either 9-12:30 or 12:30-4 on your assigned day. That means volunteering for one morning or afternoon once a month on a regular basis.

PLEASE BE AWARE that your Head Supervisors are also stretched thin and if we do not get more trained volunteers the studio might be closed on the day **you might want to use it**.

For more information about the job of a supervisor and/or to take supervisor training, please email Jan Couch at [jbcartx@gmail.com](mailto:jbcartx@gmail.com) or Carol Sapienza [@ckammien@gmail.com](mailto:@ckammien@gmail.com).

# SPECIAL EFFECTS IN CARDCRAFT

with CJ Kagamaster

**THURSDAYS from 1:00-3:00 on 1/5, 1/12, 2/2, 2/9**

Start off the new year by learning the dazzling techniques of embossing and die cuts. Choose from a variety of designs and papers to create personalized cards worthy of any special occasion. Generously sharing her tools and supplies, CJ will teach from her 30 years of personal and professional cardmaking experience. Mary and Linda join her to help students from beginner to experienced learn cardmaking skills and implement their own creative ideas. Come to one or all four classes. Fee \$5. Limit 15. Wait list available.

**Thursday 1/5** Die Cut Words, Images & Backgrounds



**Thursday 2/9** Add Color to Embossing



## SUPPLY LIST FOR JAN/FEB 2023 Series

### Student's "Card Kit"

(Bring as much as you can)

- ~ \$5 one-time materials fee
- ~ Scissors- small, sharp
- ~ Glue stick and glue tape
- ~ Colored pencils
- ~ Small sharpener & erasers
- ~ Ink pad
- ~ Hand wipes
- ~ Old magazine- glue & stamp
- ~ Paper, stamps, etc for personal use and/or to share

**Thursday 1/12** Layer & Stack Die Cut Images



**Thursday 2/2**  
Regular & 3D Embossing



### Teachers Provide:

- ~ Samples of completed cards
- ~ Plastic table covering
- ~ Papers, paper cutter, edge scissors, punches (and limited supply of colored pencils, glues, erasers, sharpeners, scissors, black ink pads, watercolor pigments)
- ~ Variety of wood stamps
- ~ Envelope Templates
- ~ Sissix die cut & embossing machine, variety of die cuts and embossing envelopes

# Classy Tea Bag Art for Journals and Cards With Donna Lynn Yates

January 5 and 12 1-3

Recycled tea bags have become beautiful art, using watercolor, inks and collage paper. They are applied to journal pages, greeting cards or canvas boards as miniature masterpieces. The art lends itself well to a nature look. You can see examples of Tea Bag Art on Google or Pinterest.

## Supplies to bring:

- Dried used tea bags (Dry the bag with tea inside) (Using black tea or Earl Gray, stains the bag better)
- Watercolors & small brushes
- Old brush for applying liquid adhesive Ink pens
- Scissors Card stock or your art journal
- Teacher will supply collage materials and Mod Podge



## Donna Lynn Yates Biography

- Wanted to be a teacher since Second grade (or a tap dancer!)
- AA degree in Early Childhood Education
- Age 19 got married
- Age 28 had 4 kids by now. Isn't that what we did in those days?
- Teaching on hold until I was divorced and in my late 50s, went back to college.
- Graduated with BA degree in Art Education from CSUF
- Graduated from Claremont Graduate University with MA in Education and teaching degree.
- Taught 3rd grade for 8 years and loved it.
- Started own educational business, Memory Joggers in my late 60s (still running the business)

Statement from Donna Lynn: "My focus has been watercolor and collage in recent years. I've always kept a writing journal but started making art journals about 20 years ago. I now paint primarily on yupo and enjoy that medium along with my journals and making greeting cards"

**Please sign up in the Art Studio. Class size is limited to 22. Check out the New Rules.**

# Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Reception

On December 8th members and their guests enjoyed the beautiful decorations, food and beverage bar at the Volunteer Appreciation and Awards reception given in honor of our many volunteers. Our Art Studio was designed and festively decorated by Eva Altman and her team. Attendees enjoyed a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages coordinated and set up by Leslie Palm and her team of volunteers.

Our President Kris DeYoung had the pleasure of awarding a few of our many appreciated volunteers for their year of service. Beginning her term in the summer of 2021, she recognized the people who assisted her in getting the Art Association back up to speed after the down time we experienced during the Covid shutdown. The three people who assisted her most during that time were Mary Sinclair, Vickie Giglio and Jacque King, who was unable to attend the reception.

She then recognized the volunteers who spent a great deal of time during 2022 getting the studio running smoothly, organizing the studio volunteers and/or helping with the board meetings or assisting members with matting their artwork. Those three volunteers were Jan Couch, Carol Sapienza and Valerie Feldman.



Left to Right: Mary Sinclair, Peg Simmons, Valarie Feldman, Carol Sapienza, Jan Couch, Maria Faur, and Vicki Giglio hiding in the back Not pictured is Jacque King.



Leslie Palm and her volunteer

Before, during and directly after Covid, there were two volunteers who have consistently for many years helped with teaching or organizing programs for our members. Peg Simmons was awarded the Teacher of the Year Award for her contributions to our Art Studies program. You may also know her as the person who helped you get your artwork ready to hang for a show. Finally, and most appreciatively, Maria Faur was awarded the Lifetime Volunteer Service Award for her many years of contributions to the Board, organizing bus trips and Art Demonstration programs you see at the monthly (now on Zoom) membership meetings.

# JANUARY ART CLASS OFFERINGS 2023

Check in the Studio for Complete Class Information, biography of the teacher, materials lists and Sign-In sheet. You must be a member of LWAA to participate

*MONDAYS* – January 9 and 16 – 1-3

NEW -EXPERIMENTAL ACRYLICS with Debbie Smith Shank-

*MONDAYS* - January 23, 30 and February 6, 13-1:00 – 3:30

WATERCOLOR EXPERIENCES WITH Sheila Parsons

*TUESDAY* Morning and Afternoon classes

WATERCOLOR Basic and Intermediate WITH PEG SIMMONS -CONTINUING

*WEDNESDAY* -January 11, from 1-3

PAINT AND TAKE IT -all media with Mary Reider

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*WEDNESDAYS* -January 18 and 25, 2023 from 9:30 – 11:30

BEGINNING PASTEL TECHNIQUES with Jan Couch

*THURSDAYS*, January 5 and 12 – 9:30-11:30

PASTEL TECHNIQUES with Jan Couch

*THURSDAYS* January 5 and 12 – 1-3:30

CARDCRAFTING with Mary Sinclair – New Techniques

*THURSDAYS* January 19 and 26 – 9-12

TEABAG Art with Donna Lynn Yates

## ADDITIONAL OPEN STUDIO HOURS IN JANUARY

THURSDAYS from 4-7 ALL FRIDAYS in January 9-4, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
10-2

The Art Studies and Studio Management team have been working very hard to bring you a wide variety of classes for the coming year.

## STUDIO RULES

**You must live in Laguna Woods and be a member of LWAA to take a class.** If you are not a member, the supervisor will help you register. If you don't live here, we are sorry.

Because we have so many new members we want to give as many association members as possible the opportunity to take classes. The class maximum is 25 students unless the instructor requires a smaller number.

Therefore, you **must sign-up** on the signup sheet located in the folder rack for the class/es you want to take

You may only sign up for **no more than 2 classes per month** – please signify your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. After the 2 classes you may sign up on the waiting list with a 3<sup>rd</sup> choice in case the class does not fill.

**Please print your name and email clearly** on the sign-up sheet. Please notify the instructor or [ellenzimet@earthlink.net](mailto:ellenzimet@earthlink.net) if you are not able to attend.

Please remember that everyone who is teaching is a volunteer. If there is a problem, please speak with the supervisor or email Ellen at [ellenzimet@earthlink.net](mailto:ellenzimet@earthlink.net)

**We need teachers:** If you have a special interest or technique, that you would be willing to share for one to 4 weeks or less, please email Ellen at [ellenzimet@earthlink.net](mailto:ellenzimet@earthlink.net) to help you set up a program.

Please know that teaching adults is a lot more rewarding than teaching the K-12 crew. You will get lots of positive feedback and make many new friends.

# *Out of the Woods*

## *Places to Go and Art to See*

**Laguna Art Museum 307 Cliff Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651**  
**<https://lagunaartmuseum.org/>** Hours: Daily 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.  
Wednesdays: closed

### **Selections from the Permanent Collection - Ongoing**

**Pyramidion** November 3, 2022 - February 12, 2023

Kelly Berg's interactive sculptural experience inviting contemplation of the layered history and unique geology of Laguna Beach.

**The Sea Around Us** November 5 - February 5, 2023.

An immersive 360-degree video art installation by Rebeca Mendez

**The Big One** November 3, 2022 - February 12, 2023.

Robert Young's magnum opus on canvas of colorful fish, pristine reef, coral and other sea life.

**Five Summer Stories: The Exhibition** Nov 4, 2022 - March 12, 2023

The iconic surf film was a love poem to the sport of surfing. Surf boards, film footage and imagery epitomizing the positive force that comes from riding the waves will be displayed.

**Her Great Gift: The Nancy Dustin Wall Moure Collection**

August 28, 2022 - February 12, 2023

40 artworks made from 1830s through 1970s tracing how artists documented the California experience.

**Photography and Seduction: William Mortensen's Laguna Beach.**

October 1, 2022 - January 15, 2023



One of the only museum exhibitions of his work, illustrating his ascent as a famous photographer of his time.

**Laguna College of Art and Design (LCAD) 374 Ocean Ave, Laguna Beach** Hours: 11am – 4pm Wednesday through Sunday - A constantly changing exhibition of well known artists, emerging LCAD students and differing art forms.

**Design at Work/Alumni Stories: Product and Process in Graphic Design + Digital Media** December 1, 2022 - January 22, 2023  
Reception December 1, 2022 - 6:00 pm

An exhibition showcasing the creative process and actual products from professional practices by LCAD's Graphic Design + Digital Media Alumni.

**Temporary Hilbert Museum of California Art At Chapman University, 216 E Chapman Ave, Orange, CA.**

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 11am -5 pm -Free admission with advance online reservation: [hilbertmuseum.com](http://hilbertmuseum.com)

**At The Hilbert Temporary:** The Romance of California's Railroads, December 10, 2022 - May 6, 2023

**CAP GALLERY (Community Art Project Inc)**

**Located at Laguna Beach Cultural Arts Center**

**235 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach.** Open Saturdays 11 am to 4 pm. CAP'S mission is to increase visibility and appreciation of art and serve as a catalyst for art education. Visit [www.caplaguna.org](http://www.caplaguna.org) for information about ongoing or upcoming exhibits.

**Orange County Museum of Art 3333 Avenue of the Arts, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. FREE,** no advance tickets necessary  
Closed Monday. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday, 10 am - 6 pm  
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10 am - 8 pm.

**California Biennial 2022: Pacific Gold** Oct 8, 2022 – Feb 26, 2023

**Fred Eversley: Reflecting Back (the World)** Oct 8, 2022 – Jan 15, 2023

**Sanford Biggers: Of many waters...** Oct 8, 2022 - Aug 13, 2023

**Peter Walker: Minimalist Landscape** Oct 8, 2022 – Jan 15, 2023

**13 Women** October 8, 2022 – August 20, 2023

**BOWERS MUSEUM 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana CA 92706**

Hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. Visit [bowers.org](http://bowers.org) for a complete list of current exhibitions and general admission information. The Bowers Museum enriches lives through the world's finest arts and cultures.

**Laguna Beach Art Walk** – 1st Thursday of each month, 6 - 9 pm. Over 40 galleries participate, offering artist receptions, demonstrations and live music. The night includes free admission to the Laguna Art Museum. For complete gallery listings and events visit First Thursday's Art Walk page.

**San Clemente Art Association Art Gallery -100 N Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672** Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Noon to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Monthly shows by members of the San Clemente Art Association.

**New Years Show:** Jan 8 – Feb 16, 2023

**Susi Q Gallery, 380 3rd Street, Laguna Beach**

Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm

**Mixing it Up:** January 18 - March 8, 2023

# *LWAA 2023 Watercolor Show*

January 25, 2023 to March 22, 2023

Entry Forms will be available in Clubhouse 4 on **Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023** and must be submitted by **Tuesday, January 17, 2023**. The Watercolor Reception will be on **Saturday, January 28, 2023**.

