



Welcome New & Renewing PAL Members

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PAL Membership

Who We Are - Placer Artists League (PAL) promotes professional camaraderie, artistic support and exhibit opportunities in partnership with PlacerArts. PAL is a group of active visual artists who meet regularly for camaraderie, artist presentations and demonstrations on a variety of media and art related topics from award winning professionals.

Meetings - Held the first Tuesday of every month at 10 AM (except July) in The Arts Building at 808 Lincoln Way in Auburn.

Existing Members - If you change your phone number, home address or email address, please contact Charlie Iveson. Email or call her at (530) 863-0698.

Membership - If you are new or renewing your PAL participation, make sure to select your tax deductible PlacerArts membership level as well as the supplementary participation fee - \$20 - Placer Artists League. Both boxes need to be selected.

See links below to join or renew.

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PAL NEWSLETTER

April 2012

PAL Members --

April is busting out all over in Placer County, and it's time to get your plien air equipment out again. I stopped by Horton's Iris Farm in Loomis this weekend. Mrs. Horton, whose son Doug is also an artist, said to tell the PAL artists that her irises are not yet blooming, but will be popping in a couple of weeks. Give her a call if you want to come out to paint and/or photograph the blooms (916) 652-4351.

We have some wonderful news! Thanks to the herculean efforts of Emilie Righetti, assisted by Diane Friedberg, I'm happy to announce that we now have a new venue for the 2012 PAL Open Juried Show. The show will be held at the historic Bernhard Museum and Winery 291 Auburn-Folsom Rd. -- next to the fairgrounds in Auburn. The impressive stone structure was built in 1851 and is one of Auburn's oldest and most memorable buildings. The show will run from June 19 through July 6.

Stay tuned for more details from Diane at our April 3 meeting. We'll need everyone to pitch in to make this show -- PAL's biggest fund-raiser of the year -- a success.

Best regards,

Pat Lucas

Newsletter Editor

April PAL Meeting

The April PAL meeting will be held Tuesday, April 3 at The Arts Building, 808 Lincoln Way in Auburn at 10:00 AM. Our demonstrating artist will be our own Bonnie Armstrong. She will demonstrate for us her unique techniques in acrylics that showcase the medium's textural qualities.

Bonnie's lifelong quest toward accomplishment and contribution in the field of fine arts has been a rewarding adventure. "For me it was not about awards or career milestones, but seeking the personal joy and fulfillment that comes from creating canvases that go beyond representationalism. I wanted to say something more with my paint strokes-bring passion into expression, capture time and movement, exaggerated color and form, and add humor through play with paint, she says.

Originally from New York, Bonnie was born into an artistic family who encouraged her talents. As a young adult, she



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spent summers in Europe and after her education, spent three years in Japan, studying with master teachers on weekends; learning Sumi-e, Ikebana (Sogetsu School), and Japanese Doll Making. which has stylistically influenced her work ever since.

Bonnie morphed herself several times during her working career, working in commercial art, teaching and riding the tech boom in the Silicon Valley. Now living in Roseville, she continues to paint, occasionally teach, and participate in the local art community art organizations. "I enter competitions, show, and sell my work through galleries, exhibition events, and street festivals, she says.

Artist of the Month

Joyce Brintnall

Our member of the Month for April is Joyce Brintnall. Joyce was born in Massachusetts. When she was 5, the family relocated to San Francisco. After graduating, she married a naval officer whose career took her and their two children to locations from coast to coast. For 43 years she worked in the accounting field before retiring successfully as a CFO.

Inspired by her mother, a long-time semi-abstract artist who still resides in San Francisco and works effectively painting both oil and watercolor, the time had come for Joyce to realize her long time passion to become an artist herself. She went to work obtaining her goal by returning to college taking art classes, purchasing books by artist whose style she admired and studying their techniques, attending various watercolor workshops, painting in Portugal with Paula Goldman, attending PAS watercolor classes for a semester with Barbara Roth and the three following years with Sonja Hamilton. Her paintings have been exhibited in student art shows, in the Auburn art walk, the county fairgrounds and in Truckee.



"I enjoy painting and when alone in my studio, time does not exist. I get lost in the creation of what I am working on. My husband and I are fortunate to be able travel extensively and many of my subjects come from these travels. While away on these adventures, I like to do simple color swatches, sketches and enough photo-reference for several lifetimes so when I return home I can retell these stories through my watercolor paintings."

PAL News

April Auburn Art Walk - Thursday, April 12th is the first Auburn Art Walk for 2012. If you have signed up to participate, Diane will have more information about the PAL venue and when we'll hang the exhibit at next week's PAL meeting on April 3.

PAL Members Accepted into the Mountain Quarries Bridge Juried Show at City Hall - This juried show at Auburn's City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, runs through May. Many of our fine PAL artists have been accepted into this show including: **Joanne Johnson, Patty Pieropan Dong, Joan Charlson, Pat Lucas and Charlie Iveson**. Awards were handed out on Friday, March 23 at an opening reception. Our own **Joan Charlson** won *second place* for her beautiful watercolor of the bridge, also known as "No Hands Bridge." Congratulations Joan! I hope everyone comes out to see this beautiful, historic show.

PAL member Emilie Righetti was recently accepted into the 23rd Annual California Clay Competition Exhibit - her third acceptance in the past five years. Exhibition dates: April 27 to May 25. Location: The Artery, 207 G Street, Davis. Atta girl, Emilie!

PAL member Bob Fera's image of a spiral galaxy in the constellation of Pegasus, known as NGC 7814, was published in the April 2012 issue of *Astronomy Magazine*. The image was taken from Foresthill, CA using a 14" Cassegrain reflector telescope made by Officina Stellare of Italy, and an Apogee (Roseville, CA) CCD camera.

Small Format Fiber Art Card Class -- PAL member Debra Hosler is giving this class at High Hand Gallery on three dates: April 18, May 5 and May 26. She says "Come and have fun with us. Create a little work of art to frame and display or surprise someone with a special fiber art postcard in the mail." [Click here](#) for more details.

Shows to Enter

Spring Green" Sierra Vista Art Center - Art Exhibition & Sale May 5th 2012 * 9 am - 3 pm * Sierra Vista Community Center, 55 School Street, Colfax, CA 95713. This is the first art exhibition of the newly formed Sierra Vista Art Center. You may enter up to three pieces of work in the media(s) of your choice. All artists must be prepared to hand deliver your artwork between 1pm and 7pm on *Thursday, May 3, 2012*. A 30% commission on sales will go to the Sierra Vista Community Center and the Sierra Vista Art Center. The show will be up from May 5 to May 14, 2012. The reception will be May 5 from 1 to 3 PM. For the prospectus www.colfaxarea.com/pdfs/SVACentry2011.pdf.

California State Fair's Juried Fine Art Competition - The event is for California artists 18 years of age or older. Please see the [Competition Handbook](#) for complete entry rules and requirements. Entry deadline: April 20, 2012.

High Hand Gallery - Artful Bra 2012 - a benefit for the American Cancer Society. Now in its fourth year, this event showcases bras made by-you! Metal, fiber, painted, ceramic, whimsical, fantastical, beautiful. We will auction off these works of art in silent and live auctions. Bras will be due at the gallery on May 10 and 11, and will be on display in the fruit shed for a week prior to the auction, which will be May 19 in the evening. [More information](#).

High Hand Gallery - Art Fest 2012 - A juried show for regional artists who will demonstrate their work. The show will be June 23 and 24. [More information](#).

Placer Land Trust Plein Air Outings/Exhibit -- The Placer Land Trust is offering six different plein air outings to Trust properties in April and May. This will culminate in the annual Natural Wonders Forever Show, which will hang at Blue Line Gallery from August 28 through October 2. [More information](#) on dates, details, etc.

Shows to See

Mountain Quarries Bridge Art Exhibit -- Runs now through the end of May. Location: Auburn City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn.

23rd Annual California Clay Competition Exhibit -- Exhibition dates: April 27 to May 25. Location: The Artery, 207 G Street, Davis.

Loomis Art Loop Studio Art Tour - Mother's Day weekend, May 12-13 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Take a drive and see some of our favorite local artists in their studios. [Click here](#) for more details and a map.

PAL Steering Committee

Here's a list of the PAL Steering Committee members, and their respective positions. Please note that we're still looking for people to fill a few remaining positions:

Diane Friedberg - Steering Committee Chair, (530) 268-1383, [email](#)
 Charlie Iveson - Membership Chair, (530) 863-0698, [email](#)
 Emilie Righetti - PAL Open Juried Show Chair, (530) 885-8589, [email](#)
 Pat Lucas - Newsletter Editor, (530) 888-1440, [email](#)
 Debra Hosler - Umpqua Bank Venue Manager, (916) 624-4920, [email](#)
 Open - Program Chair
 Open - PAL Exhibits Manager/Publicity
 Open - Setup/Cleanup Coordinator

PAL Activity Calendar

Apr 3 PAL Meeting - Bonnie Armstrong, Acrylic demonstration, The Arts Building, 808 Lincoln Way, Auburn

Apr 9 PAL Steering Committee Meeting - 2 PM Newcastle Artist's Art Studios 455 Main Street, Newcastle

Apr 12 Auburn Art Walk - PAL exhibit information to come.

May 1 PAL Meeting - Show and Tell with Critique by Rudy Browne, The Arts Building, 808 Lincoln Way, Auburn

- May 14 PAL Steering Committee Meeting** - 2 PM Newcastle Artist's Art Studios 455 Main Street, Newcastle
- Jun 5 PAL Meeting** - TBD
- Jun 11 PAL Steering Committee Meeting** - 2 PM Newcastle Artist's Art Studios 455 Main Street, Newcastle
- Jun 14 Second Auburn Art Walk** -- Information to come.
- Jul 3 No PAL Meeting**
- Aug 7 PAL Meeting** - TBD
- Aug 13 PAL Steering Committee Meeting** - 2 PM Newcastle Artist's Art Studios 455 Main Street, Newcastle
- Sep 4 PAL Meeting** - Digital art presentation by Francis Domaritus, Diane Friedberg and Debra Hosler.
- Sep 10 PAL Steering Committee Meeting** - 2 PM Newcastle Artist's Art Studios 455 Main Street, Newcastle

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