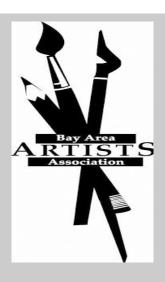
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### BAY AREA ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION DECEMBER, 2018 Volume 28 Issue 12



The Bay Area Artists' Association has been serving the Oregon Coast Bay Area Fine Arts Community since 1991. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month, at the Coos Art Museum. Meetings start at 6 p.m. Artists and arts patrons are welcome to join BAAA. "Perspective" is published monthly. The newsletter, monthly educational programs featuring artists and topics of interest to artists, and networking opportunities with other artists are benefits of BAAA membership. Annual membership is \$25 individual and \$37 family. For membership application, please contact: Wendy Burger 415-272-1894

## President's Letter By Sharon Leahy



#### **SUNLIGHT RE-BOOT**

"I always think of shade as being full of light. That is why I like to use the word 'shade' rather than light and shadow. 'Shade' seems to play over the thing, envelop it, and better define it, while 'shadow' seems to fall on the thing and stain the surface with darks."

John Sloan

That's such a wonderful quote to reinvigorate our perspective on these long twilight, short sunlight days. While it is wonderful to have the luxury of these undistracted, peaceful hours in the studio, still, I find much happiness in knowing that the Winter Solstice is just a month away, and soon our hours of sunlight will increase each day.

"Daylight is too easy. What I want is difficult:

the atmosphere of lamps or moonlight." *Edgar Degas* 

Bright colors are my source of joy in these short daylight days – I have 100 pieces of bright yellow fabrics on my design wall, intermingled with bits of spring green fabrics, and assembling these pieces is like playing with sunlight. Soon it will be a quilt on my bed, and will look like a field of daffodils, lifting my spirits through the chilly weather of early spring. There's also an abstract textile piece, in yellows, peach, pinks and cadmium orange hanging in my bedroom, so the room will be glorious with fabric sunshine all winter long.

"Light is a thing that cannot be reproduced, but must be represented by something else – by color."

Paul Cezanne

Have you made your studio area, and your 'living' areas bright and cheerful to keep you happy through this darker season? Have you brought out your most cheerful and brightest paintings? Draped a colorful cloth over the back of the couch? Maybe get frisky and paint a cupboard or a wall bright yellow or a warm peach tone? Sometimes we get stuck in bland ... what can you do to bring uplifting colors into your living spaces to increase the feeling of 'light' and warmth during the winter?

And, let's take advantage of these long slow days in the studio to try a new technique, to advance our craft, to get fierce, take courage and do something different! And, to keep our energy high and our spirits up, let's gather our happiest colors, our warm, cheerful, optimistic colors and play with them all winter!

"They call me mellow yellow ..."

\*\*Ponoran\*\*



The Evergreen Court Show will kick off 2019's list of three BAAA exhibits for the year. We will have a show at Black Market Gourmet, plus our annual fall show at Eden Hall. Plenty of opportunities for members to show the community what we can do.

Evergreen Court is one of our longest running shows, though it disappeared off the map for one year when we lost Show Chair Sherry Howk who moved to McMinville twixt Salem and Portland. But we were back in business starting last year.

However, we had a "problem" (we should always have such problems) that wound up discouraging a few artists. Our goal was to fill all the available spaces at Evergreen Court last January and so the call went out. Here is what was said in a quote from the December 2017 Perspective story:

"What we need is for you to show your support for the Evergreen Court show and for BAAA. In the last 4 years we have not filled their walls. Let's do it this year... let's get 2018 off to a great start by filling the walls at Evergreen Court."

Well, you members responded. We filled and **overfilled**. As a result 3 artists could not show some or all of their art. Ouch. But, as I said, that's a predicament with two heads. Yes, the show was **a GREAT success**, but it's never good to turn away a member and their art.

Now, we still want to fill the walls. It looks great

and says great things about BAAA. But this year to **avoid turning any art away**, we will still ask for 3 items from each artist. And, if we have too many we will try to balance everything out. If anything does not get on the walls, I will PERSONALLY collect those items and CAREFULLY take them down to the Artist Loft Gallery, and let you know if any of your art is there. You will be then able to pick it up during hours the gallery is open (Tues – Sat 10 – 5.) (By the way, when I saw what was happening I took all of my own art out of the show.)

This year when you fill out your entry blank (which is in this issue) PLEASE list your items in the order of the ones you most want to be seen, in the event we cannot hang all of your work.

So, assuring you there won't be anyone turned away, let's once again fill the walls at **Evergreen Court from January 6 – March 2**. The residents who live there and those who visit Evergreen Court **sincerely appreciate** our shows.

One last thought – the **reception will be:** Saturday, January 13th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.







Jean was raised in Seattle, becoming an Oregonian through colleges (Willamette studying art with Carl Hall, and OSU,) and marriage. In 1960 she moved to Coos Bay when her pharmacist husband became a partner in the Empire Rexall Drug Store. While raising children (Jennifer, Lee, and Tom,) helping with store gift buying, and display work, etc., she continued taking art classes: oils with Maggie Karl, Sarah Spaugh, Howard Hall, Vicki McKean-Smith; design and pottery with Carol Vernon, pastels with Pat Weaver, and several watercolor classes with Terry McGill, Fred Vassar, Donna Wright, Julie Spence, Liv Drahos, Robin Jenkins, Carolyn LaGrand, and workshops with Ellen Gabehart, Larry Johnson, Nelson Sandgren, Winnie Givot, Scott Johnson, and Angie Granger among others She has taken classes in Seattle, Bend, and at the Sitka Center.

While teaching for the Coquillle School District, Jean and Arlene Roblan put together a booklet, *Art Experiments for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade*, which

was printed by Coos ESD and made available to all teachers in the county. Previously, she had included creative art projects for preschoolers in the parenting booklets and classes which she created and taught at SWOCC for several years. Her mural design was chosen for the First Day Care Center module at the college several years ago. Jean took Art Therapy classes during her studies for her Masters in Counseling, while working as an elementary schools counselor and as a volunteer at Light House Center for Grieving Children (Hospice) used art regularly to assist children to express their feelings, etc.,

Since retirement, Jean has focused on exploring the watercolor medium. She feels the watery effects express the beauty, light, and harmony of nature. One of her goals is to share her love of nature, and to gain skill in capturing the light/glow she sees in living things. In recent years she has been enjoying exploring experimental techniques: pours, limited palettes, and use of liquid watercolor, nature stencils, yupo surfaces, and, lately, alcohol inks all in order to allow more creativity to flow through. Her work has been shown at: Coos Art Museum, Gallery By the Bay, The Artist Loft Gallery, Second Street Gallery, Art By the Sea Gallery, Evergreen Court, Coos Bay Library, Bandon Library, High Tide Cafe, and several other venues. She is a member of the Bay Area Artists Association, Water Color Society of Oregon, and Coos Art Museum.



#### **DECEMBER 10**

#### **ANNUAL GALA**

December is time for the annual BAAA Gala. Date is December 10 at 6 pm. at Black Market Gourmet. See the article with full details in this issue and keep this important event in the front of your December calendar.

#### **JANUARY 17**

#### **ALCOHOL INKS**

The Artist Loft Gallery's own Mixed Media Maven, Ilese Levitt, will be here to lead us in a dynamic beginner's workshop in using alcohol inks. It's a popular new medium so why not come out and give it a try.





There were over 20 members present for our November meeting, including new members Thelma Fairchild, and Cindy Pinnock. It's always exciting to see guests at our meetings, especially new members.

The program was given over to member and newsletter editor Graham Wickham who gave us some background on how the Suzuki method of teaching young students to play a musical instrument could be used in critiquing the work of fellow artists.

He gave an informative introduction using a painting sent to him by his daughter in order to demonstrate how to use the method for honest but always encouraging and constructive critiquing. Many of the large number of artists attending submitted their

work for evaluation, and even the new members attended and submitted their work for critique.



photo by Archi Davenport

After the first work, by Charles Edmunds, Graham had the members take over in trying out the method. It was obvious that all present were respectful in their remarks about all the art presented, in the spirit of to use the Suzuki method.

We were challenged to look at the artists' works and give only positive feedback, followed by encouraging ideas on how to make the workgrow - a lesson well received.

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This association of artists is obviously very knowledgeable and supportive of each other. It was impressive how perceptive and lovingly the help was given to each one of us. But it was not only helpful, it was fun and refreshing for me, and I'm sure others felt the same way. To want the very best outcome for others is a high calling, so thank you Graham for giving us another tool to express our support of each other on our chosen paths as artists.

#### FOLLOW UP/QUOTE

Crtitique from older artist Leon Golub to younger artist 40 years ago about one of his works

"Get rid of three-quarters of this and keep the quarter you haven't painted yet"

From the *New Yorker* 

AH, THE GOOD OLD DAYS



If you have a show or exhibit of your work coming up in the next few months PLEASE let us know so we can include it in the Perspective – just email grwick@gmail.com and we will be sure to share it in the newsletter.



#### **BANNER BANK - NORTH BEND**

Victoria Tierney - through December

#### **EVERGREEN COURT**

Carol Turner through December

#### **GALLERY BY THE BAY**

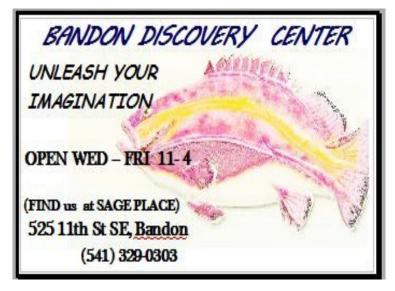
Charles Edmunds through December

# COMMUNITY GALLERY (Oregon Bay Properties -North Bend)

"Location! Location!"

Janne LaValle – featured artist through

December





#### UMPQUA VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

Submission Deadline: **December 10, 2018**Umpqua Valley Arts Association has an open call for artists for our upcoming exhibit titled: LIKENESS. This juried exhibit explores representational art. Representational art strives to depict reality, but does not need not look precisely like the object represented. For example, Impressionist artists built up small patches of color to create, representative paintings of gardens, people, and locations.

Representational artwork offers the possibility of connecting with those parts of us that are most human. In addition, Representational artwork can make us pay attention to our surroundings as well as to ideas and relationships. We all have a story to tell. EXHIBIT DATES: January 18 - March 8, 2019 Entry Fees: For 1-3 Artwork entries - \$25 fee for non-members, and \$10 for members.

To submit go to <a href="https://uvarts.com/call-to-artists/">https://uvarts.com/call-to-artists/</a> and click on "click here to submit for LIKENESS"

#### PACIFIC PARK GALLERY

Pacific Park Gallery has a continuing call for innovative artists. They are inviting local artists to submit their work for jurying, in order to select exhibitors. Contact Janne LaValle PO Box 635 Lakeside, Or 97449



#### **ARTIST LOFT GALLERY**

# **CREATING MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE PAPERS** - with Ilese Levitt

Dec.12 1 - 4 pm

You will create unique textured papers with wax paper, tissue paper, paint, and other ephemera. These papers can be used in cards, journals, altered books, and your mixed media art. All materials provided. \$30 class fee.

DROP IN THE ARTIST LOFT GALLERY AT 367 ANDERSON COOS BAY OR CALL 541-756-4088 TO SIGN UP

#### ART BY THE SEA - BANDON

Dec. 19 – **Collage Group** There is no specific instruction, just bring your own project, materials, and ideas to share. 1-3:00 \$5 fee

PLEASE NOTE – FOR DETAILS ON THESE CLASSES CALL OR VISIT THE GALLERY - (541) 347-5355

#### **2019 EVERGREEN COURT ENTRY FORM**

#### PART 1. Give to BAAA Registrar

Clearly PRINT your information as you want it to appear on labels

Artist's Name				
Phone Number		Email		
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Title 2		Medium		Price
Title 3		Medium	Medium	
Title			Medium	
Signature				
PART 2. Tape one	of these labels to the			
ART PIECE 1	ART	PIECE 2	ART PI	ECE 3
Artist	Artist	Artist	<u>:</u>	
Title			9	
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PART 3. Bring this for	rm to pick up your ar			
Artist (Print)				
ART PIECE 1	ART P	PIECE 2	ART PIECE 3	
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Liability of Bay Area Artists said work(s) are in the possess BAAA shall not be responsibly venue.	sion of BAAA. It is recomm	ended that The Artist main	ntain their own in	surance on their works.
I authorize Signature of Artist			to pick up	my artwork.

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#### **SHOW CHAIRS**

Eden Hall Show, (Sept-Oct)
Wendy Burger - Chair

Evergreen Court Show, (Jan - Feb)
Graham Wickham – Chair;
Co Chair – Jean Boynton

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NEXT
MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 10
6 PM @ BLACK MARKET GOURMET