



NEWSLETTER



Art Studio at The Retreat + 1220 Cattleman Drive + 512-948-7661

January, 2021

A friend once said that "Painting Grounds You"

In 2021 Let's hit the "Ground" running with those paint brushes!

Visual Arts 2021 General Meeting Information

Due to the COVID virus our general meetings have been on a hold pattern for the past several months. The club recently surveyed the memberships asking interest to attend a Monthly General Meeting using the "Zoom" app. The response received was 88% positive. With this result our February Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9th. The meeting will begin at 2:00 and there will be a short business presentation, and a special demonstration from Garland Anderson. The demonstration will feature Garland with instructions on watercolor, pen and ink. Garland will actually show our members how he starts his watercolor painting, with drawing, paint mixing and values, paint brushes and supplies he uses, until he completes the painting. Garland is one of our members, who is a superb watercolorist, and has taught beginning watercolor classes within the Visual Arts Club. His next Beginning Watercolor Class will be held on March 3, 4, & 5th. It is a three day class beginning at 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost for Class is \$75. Don't miss this opportunity.

More will be sent out to our membership with the invitation to the "February 9th Zoom Meeting". Watch for your email blast announcement!

Notes from Darrell Hutchinson, President

2021 will still be a challenge regarding how to meet for membership meetings and how to keep the Studio open for more participation under the Covid 19 conditions we now face. We are needing more monitors now that "Open Studio" runs Monday thru Friday, plus "prize awards are drawn for if you monitor". We will have Virtual membership meetings beginning February 9th, and until approval comes from the CA to have "in person" meetings in the Longhorn Room at the Retreat. In Studio Art Classes are scheduled and participation is improving with 8 students allowed in each class (with masks in place and social distancing). We have excellent teachers with art classes that cover so many aspects of art. Go on line; find classes that appeal to you and SIGN UP. Remember: The Open Studio is for use by all members at no charge, and all are welcome to participate, to paint, or to just come in and check out "Art" books. A real plus is: you can learn from others when painting in Open Studio. Plan for a good year ahead and please use our great facility.

Sandy Dolan, Membership Chair

It is my pleasure to be the new membership chairperson. I have been in the VAC since 2005 with 1 year off, and have been active as exhibition chair with Sharon Perdue. At that time, several years ago, we were in charge of getting teachers, making schedules, planning the artists exhibitions. We made all the tags and had at least 4 hanging sites. Your previous boards have done a wonderful job, making tasks more manageable and by involving more members. Yeah! We presently we have 415 members and I will send out reminders the beginning of February to encourage members to renew their membership. I I'm very happy to serve in this capacity. Best wishes for the New Year.

Candy McMains, Studio Manager

A New Year ...A New Start!! It always fills me with enthusiasm when the New Year begins!! It is like a clean white canvas on which you can paint (or glue) any image. You are free to create, design or compose whatever fills you with joy. I would like to invite each and every one of you to come by the Studio to **work during Open Studio**, take a moment to **view the art** displayed in our various venues, **take a class** or **visit our fabulous library**.

We are following all CA mandates in regards to Covid in order to provide you with a clean and safe environment in which to work and participate in classes.

- **Monitors are always needed.** Please take a moment to look over the VAC calendar and sign up to be a monitor. Monitors are needed every Monday through Friday. Any day a monitor is available the Studio is open including those days on which there is a class Teachers are the monitors on any day they teach. If there is no monitor the Studio is closed.
- Every one entering the Studio should **wear a mask, sign in** and **use hand sanitizer** upon entrance. We have plenty of space to spread out and be comfortable.
- **So come on in we are looking forward to seeing you soon !**

Barbara Chenault, Feature Artist Coordinator

- VAC Member, Lilly Naley, is our “Featured Artist” for the months of January and February. Her paintings are hanging in the CA hall across from the CA office area. Please stop by and see these beautiful works of art!

Linda Campbell, Exhibition Chair

New Year! New start! We are hanging art in January in all our venues. For our new members this is a way to show off your beautiful art. All members are welcome to participate. We show our art. We sell our art. We share our art with the community. I encourage all members to watch for emails approximately two weeks prior to hanging to register. The calendar is on the web site so you can plan ahead. I also encourage all members to support their members by going by and looking at these displays. It might encourage you to enter in the next showing.

Watch for information coming out for the 2021 Meet the Teachers Event coming to you in February.

We are still hoping to have an art sale in April. COVID restrictions may still apply. The board is working on ideas to make this happen.

We encourage you to continue creating your art by using our open studio and taking classes offered by our teachers who work very hard to bring you exciting and fun lessons.

Bonnie Dennis, Secretary and Sunshine Chair



If you know of a member who needs or would appreciate a note of sympathy, condolence, congratulations, or gratitude please contact the **Sunshine Person!** Email bonniedennis@suddenlink.net, or call or text 512-966-7781 so that Bonnie Dennis can send some Sunshine.



Peggy Simme, Vice President

I am wearing a different “hat” for 2021. The position of Vice President is a new one. I am very excited to be paving the way and developing the position into one that will benefit the Visual Arts Club. As your VP, I invite you to call or email any time with questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new members as we venture into a new year.

We have a terrific Board that is planning many new activities and events, as well as old standbys for you to enjoy, and to help you grow as an artist.

Check the website, read newsletters, and read those email blasts to keep abreast of what is going on. It IS going to be an exciting year. Welcome!!

Jane Hogan and Dorothy Jowers, Education Co-Chairs

Happy New Year to all.

Year-end 2020: 104 members enjoyed taking a total of 32 classes during the September through December 2020. Congratulations to all the teachers who taught during this time. We appreciate both our teachers and our members who enjoy learning and creating new works!

New Year 2021: 20 teachers have signed on to teach in 2021 (13 veteran and 7 new teachers). We have planned a great variety of classes adding new topics in watercolor, pastels, alcohol ink, oil/acrylic painting, collage/mixed media, calligraphy, Zentangle, Chinese Brush, and are launching an online Zoom class in Sketching.

- The **Meet the Teacher Art Exhibit** will be shown in the VAC studio from January 19 through March 15. Members and prospective members are welcome to visit the studio M-F, 9AM – 4PM, to see the wide variety and amazing works by our teachers.
- The **February 9 VAC General Meeting** will be held on Zoom. The Education portion of the meeting will feature an online demonstration of an art technique. Garland Anderson Jr will be demonstrating the painting of a Live Oak Tree using watercolor and pen. Members will be sent an advance materials list so that they can participate with Garland in a paint-along.
- Members can **find information about classes** on the VAC Website under the *Classes & Workshops* Tab, and specifically under the *Calendar* Tab (for specific courses), through periodic Education Co-Chair emails, and by checking the binder of Course Descriptions on the Studio Monitor’s desk.
- A new opportunity for VAC members is a **Monthly Art Challenge** which will be launched as a 30-person online SIG using Facebook starting in February. This group is designed for members who want to challenge themselves to produce artwork each month. Inspired by a given image, artists will be encouraged to develop an artwork in open media. Details will be communicated in an email later in January.
- **Class Registrations:** Registration for January and February classes is on the VAC Calendar; payment is by member check to “SCTXCA” given to the teacher on the first day of class. Starting with March classes, registration will occur on the CA VBO Ticketing system. Payment is via credit card online.
- We encourage all our VAC members to **keep creating and growing** in their artwork!
- As always, the class schedule is on the following page for your convenience.

January-March Classes 2021 - Updated 1-7-20							
Class Descriptions & Supply Lists can be found on SCTXCA Website in VAC Calendar							
Note: Art Instructors' BIOs can also be found on SCTXCA VAC website							
Questions: Contact - Jane Hogan hoganjs2@msn.com 508-320-8022 or Dorothy Jowers dali_too@yahoo.com 512-240-5608							
Class Name	LVI	INSTRUCTOR	DATES	TIME	Regis Opens	Regis Closes	COST
January-March Classes							
VAC Board Meeting - VAC Studio			January 5, 2021	9:00 - 11:00			
Paint Fast, Loose & Bold Brushstrokes	All	Sally Doran	January 14, 2021	9:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	January 8, 2021	\$50
Adventures in Art	B	Candy McMains	January 15, 2021	10:00 - 12:00	December 14, 2020	January 8, 2021	\$0
Intro to Collage	B	Candy McMains	January 15, 2021	1:00 - 3:00	December 14, 2020	January 8, 2021	\$0
Drawing II	I	Lucy Oxberry	Jan-18, 25, Feb-1, 8, 15 & 22	1:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	January 15, 2021	\$165
Painting Acrylics, Step by Step	B	Lucy Oxberry	January 21, 2021	9:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	January 15, 2021	\$55
Basic Pastels 101	B	Nancy Taylor	January 27, 2021	9:00 - 12:00	December 14, 2020	January 22, 2021	\$35
The Morning Sketch - Online Zoom Class		Hogan & Jowers	Feb-1, 8, 15, 22, Mar-1, 8, 15 & 22	10:00 - 11:30	December 14, 2020	January 29, 2021	\$75
VAC Board Meeting - VAC Studio			February 2, 2021	9:00 - 11:00			
Little Miss Magnet	B	Candy McMains	February 3, 2021	9:00 - 12:00	December 14, 2020	January 29, 2021	\$25
Paint Fast, Loose & Bold Brushstrokes	All	Sally Doran	February 4, 2021	9:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	January 29, 2021	\$50
VAC General Meeting - Online Zoom Format			February 9, 2021	2:00 - 4:00			
Calligraphy	B	Paul Taylor	Feb-10 & 17	9:00 - 12:00	December 14, 2020	February 5, 2021	\$75
Texas Wildflowers with Pastels	B, I	Nancy Taylor	Feb-10, 11 & 12	1:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	February 5, 2021	\$75
Beginning Watercolor I	B	Kaki Bassi	February 17, 2021	1:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	February 12, 2021	\$10
Beginning Composition	B	Tom Garney	February 18, 2021	1:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	February 12, 2021	\$35
Collage: In the Style of...	All	Candy McMains	February 19, 2021	9:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	February 12, 2021	\$45
VAC Meet the Teacher - Online Video & Teacher Showcase			February 23, 2021	11:00			
Painting Acrylics, Step by Step	B	Lucy Oxberry	February 24, 2021	9:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	February 19, 2021	\$55
Portrait Painting	All	Sally Doran	Feb-25 & 26	9:00 - 4:00	December 14, 2020	February 19, 2021	\$100
Beginning with March 2021 Classes, Registrations will be purchased on the CA Ticketing Sytem							
Beginner Watercolor	B	Garland Anderson Jr	Mar-3, 4 & 5	9:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	February 25, 2021	\$75
Drawing III	Adv	Lucy Oxberry	Mar-8, 15, 22, 29, Apr 12 & 19	1:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	March 4, 2021	\$165
VAC General Meeting - Lonestar Room			March 9, 2021	2:00 - 4:00			
Pastel Light & Shadows	I& Adv	Mary Olivera	Mar-10, 17, 24 & 31	9:00 - 12:00	January 18, 2021	March 4, 2021	\$50
Spring Zentangle	All	Kerry Dashnaw	March 10, 2021	1:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	March 4, 2021	\$45
Beginning Oil/Acrylic Painting	B	David King	Mar-11 & 12	9:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	March 4, 2021	\$75
Beginning Watercolor II	B	Kaki Bassi	March 17, 2021	1:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	March 11, 2021	\$10
Painting Acrylics, Step by Step	B	Lucy Oxberry	March 18, 2021	9:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	March 11, 2021	\$55
Color Theory	All	Sally Doran	March 19, 2021	9:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	March 11, 2021	\$55
Basic Pastels 101	B	Nancy Taylor	March 24, 2021	1:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	March 18, 2021	\$35
Watercolor Tuscan Windows & Doors	B	Terry Fierle	Mar-25 & 26	9:00 - 12:00	January 18, 2021	March 18, 2021	\$35
Beginning Watercolor Flower	B	Lisa Fittipaldi	Mar-25 & 26	1:00 - 4:00	January 18, 2021	March 18, 2021	\$50
April - June Classes							
Painting Acrylics, Step by Step	B	Lucy Oxberry	April 1, 2021	9:00 - 4:00		March 25, 2021	\$55

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