

THE LOCAL COLOR

Encouraging the creation and enjoyment of art.

PRESIDENT'S WORDS

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There's a Lot to Talk About

First of all, I'd like to thank all of our members who have stuck with us this year. Your Dues have been an act of faith; and to those who have donated extra support we are incredibly appreciative.

The Gallery has been closed since March 16th. The closure complies with Alameda County orders. The FAA is NOT an essential business in the bigger world. In our world, the FAA has been essential for many of us. The Gallery has been a beautiful exhibition of our creative spirits. The Studio was a joyous place to gather, share, and create art; and the Shop an opportunity to sell our work and pay the rent! For more than 60 years we have been buoyant and bountiful.

Today is a different story. Yet, despite the shelter in place, business closures, and forbidden gatherings, we are still being creative. We have restored the Studio activities in the virtual world and it seems to work. In fact, quite a few of us look forward to visiting together, seeing each other's studios, and watching the art come alive. Twice a week, members meet up through Zoom to hang out, do their creative thing, and discuss their work with each other. A special thank you to Helene Roylance, who does double duty as treasurer and Zoom Master. (In honor of past traditions, we try to donate \$3 per meeting to the Gallery!) Please feel free to gather a group of friends and meet up on Zoom any time – we no longer have to worry about conflicts.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT than we have ever done before . . . A small group of dedicated members has moved our Shop on-line. You can shop on-line, pay on-line and arrange curbside pick-up. This sounds so simple, doesn't it? *Building the shop, populating it with photos, prices, names, etc. has taken HOURS.* Hours of work have been put in, and are on-going, by Mia Balangue, Helene Roylance and Mary Bobik. Carol Ramos has stepped up to do the curb-side pick-ups. Our volunteers are enthusiastic and excited about it this project. We will be putting more items on sale as we get them.

FINALLY, the On-Line shop is now the *FAA's ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME*. If we are to survive, we will need to net approximately \$2000 a month. Thus, our first line of promotion is YOU. You all have friends, relatives, acquaintances, Facebook followers, neighbors, etc. Let them know we are on-line: a safe way to shop to get locally created and unique gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, National Sister Day (Aug. 2), special presents for no reason, and something fun for yourself.

Last, donations are always welcome and tax deductible. Despite the grant we have received, and sales from on-line, we cannot hang on to our brick & mortar Gallery if we cannot pay our rent, utilities, etc. You can donate on-line also.

If you have any questions or good ideas, please feel free to ask me: fremontartgallery@icloud.com

Thank you for playing, as always—Denny

GIVE TO THE GALLERY

You can increase donations for Fremont Art Association by doing your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com

Choose Fremont Art Association as your charity.

GALLERY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Well, I don't have the usual lighthearted report of what's happening at the gallery, because the gallery is closed and we are all plodding through staying at home as much as possible to remain healthy during this pandemic. And yet, even though the gallery is closed, there is still a lot of activity for Fremont Art Association.

Have you checked the website to see the Online Shop? There are dozens of items for sale and the Online Sales Team is working on adding more. The online sales offer curbside, no-contact pick-up, thanks to Carol Ramos who goes to the gallery to facilitate these.

If you're bored at home, have you turned to the Fremont Art Association website to see what our fantastic webmaster, Mia Balangue, has put up to give us something to see or do? If you go to the website (FremontArtAssociation.org) and then find "Click [HERE](#) for an escape, a distraction, or inspiration," you will be at "Through the Screen" which takes you to dozens of different things to see and do: virtual tours of museums all over the world, classes, articles about art and artists and so much more. I clicked on the Jelly Cam from the Monterey Bay Aquarium and our kitty, Molly, was fascinated with the graceful jellies as they moved across the screen.

And more good news: we recently received an ARTSFUND Grant for \$1,900 from the Alameda County Arts Commission. This grant is especially appreciated at this time and we send a huge "Thank You" to the Arts Commission.

Please, everyone, stay home as much as possible and keep yourself and those around you healthy by wearing a mask!

Mary Bobik
Gallery Director

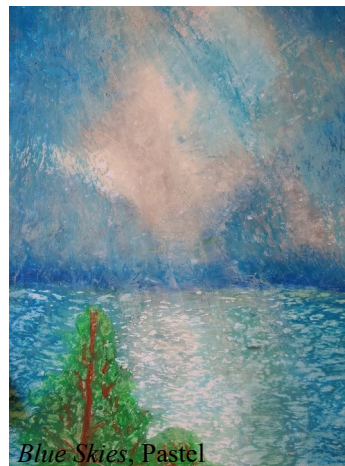
Making Art During Shelter-in-Place

Below is a small selection of art submitted by our members.

Hetal Anjaria



The View, watercolor and ink

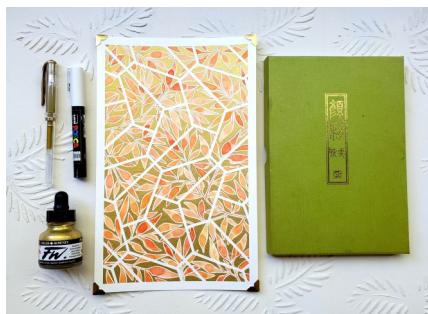


Blue Skies, Pastel



From my Garden, watercolor and ink

Mia Balangué



Nancy Benton



Beach Day, acrylic



Cool Guy, acrylic



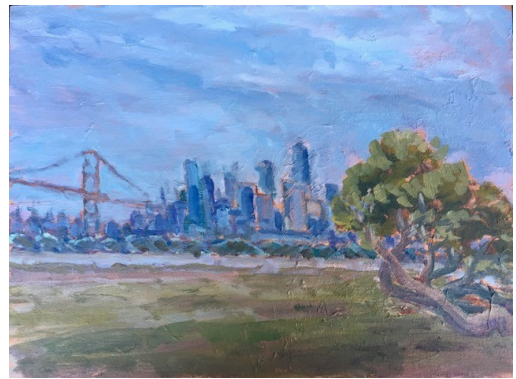
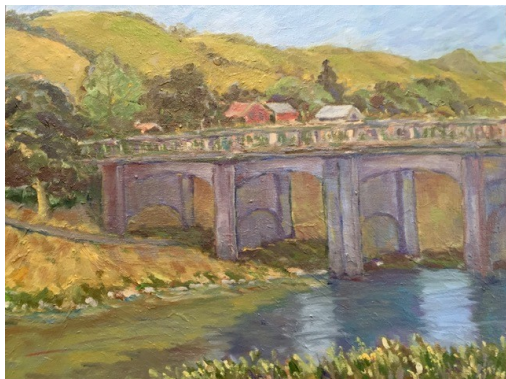
Green Rail, acrylic

Lou Cuneo

Reimagined vintage projectors that have gone towards the light.



Attila Cziglenyi

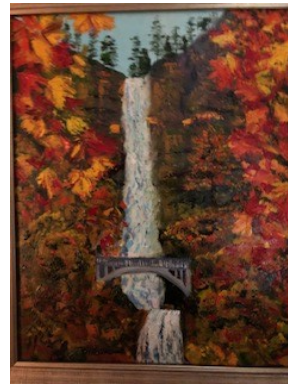


Adriane Dedic

Commissioned textile.



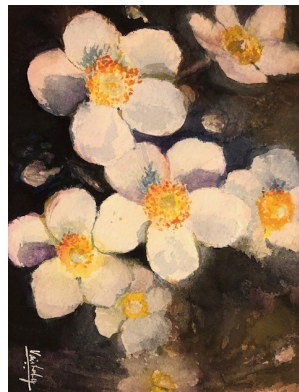
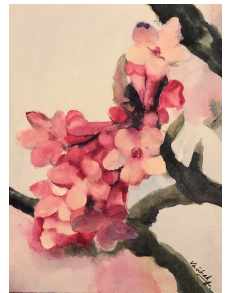
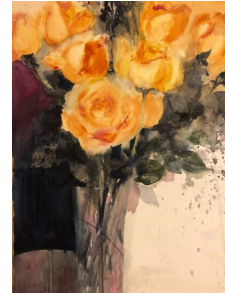
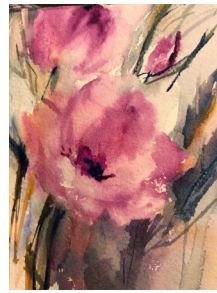
Marie Felix



Dmitry Grudsky



Vaishaly Jaikrapash



Lina Melkonian



Meditation



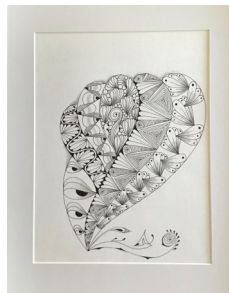
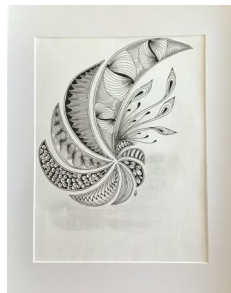
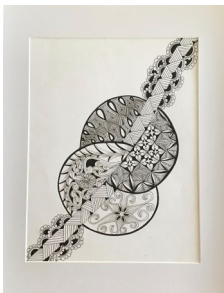
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Farshid Namei



The Legend, oil

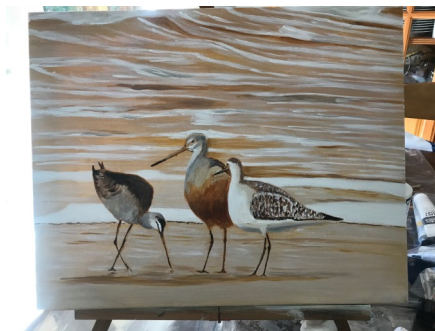
Parul Parekh



Denny Stein



Christine Wilson



Update on Annual Juried Show

Unfortunately, there will not be an annual art show for 2020. After discussion with the board and the committee chair, Nancy Benton, it was decided that the annual show will be put on hold for 2020 and resume in 2021. We regret that this decision had to be made but, there was too much uncertainty due to the current situation. Thank you for understanding.

CALL FOR ENTRY

The Pacific Art League is taking submissions for the 99th anniversary exhibit, Beyond 20/20. Submission deadline is Friday, August 11 and the entry fee is \$100. You can go to pacificartleague.org for more information.

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Board Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of month at 3:15pm. All members welcome.

Committee Chairs

FAA is a cooperative, dependent on the time, dedication and financial support of volunteer members. If you would like to help out, please reach out to the chair of a committee.

Annual Juried Show-Nancy Benton
Artist of the Month-Marsha Boone
Calendar-Barbara Cronin
Digital Photo Club-Cooksey Talbot
Hospitality/Receptions-Farshid Namei
Programs-Carol Pulliam
Property & Equipment-Gene Bobik
& Gene Arrillaga
Thursday Fiber Artists-Melba Vincent
Tuesday Painters-Donna Arrillaga
Workshops-vacant