

Art Docents of Los
Gatos, Inc.



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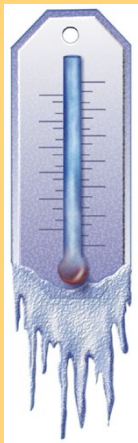
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Los Gatos Art Docents Annual Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party is a time to catch up with our friends, introduce our new docents fresh from training and to honor some of the docents that have been with the organization for many years. Here are the docents that will receive pins at the party:

5 year pins: Jaleh Hobson, Ann Myers, Carol Webb

10 year pins: Nancy DeFever, Kay Duff, Elizabeth Greer, Jeanie Kane

35 year certificate: Colette Lackovic

Join your fellow docents at our annual potluck luncheon to celebrate our new trainee's graduation and enjoy the season.

Hosted by Jackie Cannizzaro

Tuesday December 14th

11:30-2:00

\$5.00 contribution can be made at the door

Contact the office if you have any questions about what to bring.

Ham, Turkey, Rolls, Coffee and Tea will be provided



President's Message

Join us at the Holiday Party to honor our long time docents and our new docents.

Dear Friends

Thank you to all of those who gave their time this month to go into the classrooms to give presentations. I know this is a busy month preparing for the holidays and I appreciate the time everyone gives to the Art Docents. It certainly is time well spent.

I am so looking forward to the holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 14th. Thanks to Tessa, Traci, Banu and Renate for the work they have been putting in to make this a successful luncheon and thanks to Jackie for opening her home for us to celebrate together.

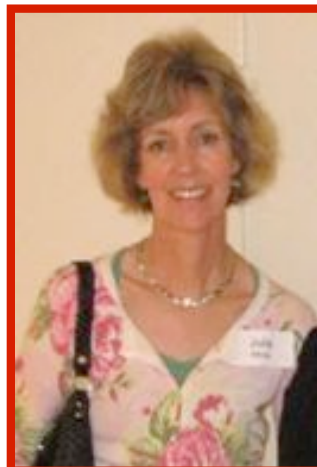
We will be honoring our graduates from the training class at the holiday luncheon. Thanks to Jackie and Ellen for their dedication each week teaching and guiding our new docents so they are ready to go into the classrooms in January.

Hope to see you at the luncheon next Tuesday @11:30 at Jackie's house.

Wishing you and yours a happy and peaceful time over the holidays!

Julia

Best Wishes
Julia Moss
President



Continuing Education

Ellyn Belinski, Ria Van den Heuvel, Amy Carroll and
Elaine Cardinale

**Los Gatos Museum and Art Docents of Los Gatos
co-host**

art: in FOCUS Lecture 1/13/2011

at Fisher Middle School Library 6-9 p.m.

COST: \$10. members, \$15.00 non-members

As part of an on-going collaboration with the Art Museums of Los Gatos, Art Docents of Los Gatos will co-sponsor the lecture:

“Factor XX: A Female Response”-- Women Artists Talking about Art.

This interactive lecture will be moderated by San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art’s Executive Director, Cathy Kimball.

Several local Bay Area artists of renown will be speaking about their art in conjunction with a group show currently at the downtown Los Gatos Tait Ave. Museum, Dec. 9-January 21st.

A quote from the website: (www.FactorXX.com)

“Being an artist is much like being in a state of in-between. Each day in the studio presents an uncertain adventure, with the electric possibility of an “aha!” moment and the day-to-day reality of simply arriving. The eleven women in Factor XX are united by their commitment to the in-between state of their studio practice. As contemporary artists creating abstract work, they embark on uncharted territory each time they enter the studio. What will happen? What will be made? What will it look like? The energy of these inquires is found in tension of the clean and hard edges found in the work of Jenny Balisle, Mel Prest and Nancy White and the organic chaos in the work of Lorene Anderson, Amy Trachtenberg, and Lea Feinstein. Drawing on the historical traditions ranging from the energy of abstract expressionism to the structure and intentionality of minimalist and conceptual art, the Factor XX artists are inspired by nature, materials, chance and perception. And while their perspectives are certainly influenced by being a woman, their ideas transcend gender and describe an experience that is completely human.”—Susan O’Malley, Curator, SJICA

More Continuing Education

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events in January and February:

Guest speaker from San Jose Museum of Art:

Don't Miss!!

JoAnne Northrup, Head Curator, speaker for our **JANUARY 11th meeting @ 9am**, Speaker at 10am. RE: upcoming Exhibit of Mapplethorpe Photography

MUSEUM VISIT in February (date/time TBA)

sign-ups at January meeting for:

Robert Mapplethorpe Portraits

@ San Jose Museum of Art



Wrap up from November Tours and Lectures

The Continuing Education committee organized a trip into San Francisco for our November "outing". The de Young Museum currently has the second installment of fabulous paintings from the D'Orsay Museum in Paris. This exhibit was of "Post~Impressionist" artists, and it included amazing works of Van Gogh's, Gauguin, Monet, Cezanne, Toulouse Lautrec and more.

We went on Friday, November 19th, and we enjoyed the added bonus of the de Young's "Friday Night Soirees", which had French~themed music, cocktails & food. There was also a wonderful holiday craft, jewelry & Art sale. We had a large group caravan into the city. Many people brought along friends, husbands & family and we all had a blast! The best and most special part was that we had our own "Sustaining Member", Wendy Palmer, lead us on an incredible docent tour of the exhibit. Wendy is a docent at the de Young Museum, (for which she had to train for 3 years), and she was surrounded at all times by no less than 20 people. There were many folks (outside of our group), who were straining to hear her words of wisdom the entire time! We owe a special thank you to Wendy and also to our own wonderful, Frances Barnes, who helped enormously with many of the logistics! We are all so glad it worked out so well!

Library Committee Message

We have many wonderful VCR tapes in our library. The problem is that few of us still have VCR machines. We would like to convert the tapes over to DVDs so that many more of us can enjoy them. This would also free up needed space in the library. Does anyone have the equipment to convert these tapes? Would anyone like to take on this project? This would also be a perfect job for your teenager who might want/need community service hours. Please contact us if you can help us with this project.



Romare Bearden Collage

Thank You!

Thanks to docent Muffet Brown, we have enough collage materials for the second-grade hands-on portion of the Romare Bearden lesson in March. Over the past few months Muffet has clipped "textures" from magazines, gift bags, security envelopes, etc. and we now have quite a supply. Thanks again, Muffet!

Art Docents of Los Gatos, Inc.

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Student Art Work from the Art Show



Office Update – Frances Barnes

Thank you January Docents

Most classes have been filled! Just a few openings remain. Please check them out and let me know where you can fill in:

BLOSSOM HILL

First grade:

Land/Sea/City-scapes

Monday, January 10

11:15-11:40: Ms.Hsia

Thursday, January 13

1:25-1:50: Ms.Walker

1:55-2:20: Mr. Martin

Fifth grade:

American Art 1900-60

9:00-9:30: Ms. Anderson

DAVES AVENUE

Kindergarten: Animals

Monday, January 24

8:30-8:50: Ms.McCulloch

9:00-9:20: Ms.Dariano

First Grade:

Land/Sea/City-scapes

Wednesday, January 19

8:40-9:05: Ms.Halliday

LEXINGTON

Second grade:

Texture (cats)

Thursday, January 27

10:15-10:40: Ms.Haworth

10:45-11:10: Ms. Heuser

4th GRADE DRAWING WORKSHOPS

More scheduling to come

Daves Avenue School

January 13: Ms.

Schroeder

lesson #2 lead docent needed, 1:00-2:00

January 20

lesson #3 lead docent needed, 1:00-2:00

Lexington

January 7, 14,

and 21: Ms. White

from 11:00-12:00 assistant needed.

Docents in the Classroom



Native American Indian Art Lesson, 4th Grade

Making Our Own Honoring Circle

By Michelle Abene

In the 4th Grade Curriculum, we study Native American Art. In addition to the lesson, I enjoy presenting the children with a “hands on” lesson; a chance to make their own Honoring Circle. Once I present the Honoring Circle Poster to the children, by Sarah Bates, and discuss how it includes items from nature, I tell them we will make our own Honoring Circle of items found in nature around Los Gatos. I present them with a hand woven basket I have filled with leaves, sticks, lavender, flowers, rocks, feathers, pomegranates, lemons, etc, and other items from nature found around my home. I walk from child to child with the basket, and each child takes an item from the basket. I explain how we are going to carefully place these items in a circular format to create our own artwork, Honoring Circle. The students line up with their item (feather, rock, etc) in hand and gingerly place the item on a designated place. In one class, we used an empty desk as our “canvas”. In another class, we used the floor as our “canvas”. As the children placed the items, the artwork of the Honoring Circle began to take shape. The children were astounded and fascinated how they could create something so artful. Once done, and all the items were placed, the children came up by table group to admire their creation.

I took a photograph and emailed it to the teacher. Then, I disassembled the Honoring Circle and placed all items back in my basket. I explained how all the items will go back to nature, as I found them, to respect nature.

One of the teachers said he was going to put the photo of their Honoring Circle on the overhead projector and the children would be able to embellish the art with their own designs later on in the day.

Art Docents of Los Gatos, Inc.
Schedule of Events 2010 – 2011

Subject to Change. Verify date/time/place with the office.
(Revised 9/10/10)

General Meetings - Tuesdays

9:00 am – 10:30 am - approx. Docent Office
September 14 Prospective docents welcome
October 12
November 9
December 14, Holiday Party
January 11
February 8
March 8
April 5
May 10, Art Show Set-up

Executive Board Meetings

Tuesdays: 10:00 am – 11:30 am - Docent Office
October 5
November 2
December 7
January 4
February 1
March 1
March 29
May 3

Board of Directors Meetings

Weds: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm - Docent Office
Oct. 13
January 12
March 16
April "Five Year Plan Meeting" (TBD)
May 25

Training Meetings - Wednesday

9:00 am – 11:30 am - Docent Office
September 22 September 29
October 6 October 13
October 20 October 27
November 3 November 10

Palette Deadlines – Weds. (12midnight)

September 8	October 6
November 3	December 8
January 5	February 2
March 2	March 30
May 4	June 8

Other Important Dates

Art Docent Tennis Tournament

Friday, October. 15

Main Street Burger and Willow Street Wood Fired Pizza

Fundraisers: Wednesdays:

October 13	January 12
March 9	May 11

Holiday Party – Tuesday, Dec. 14

Art Show – May 11-18

End of Year Party – (tba)

Last Day of School – June 16



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Los Gatos Student Art Work

Important Dates

Holiday Party

- Tuesday, December 14

Executive Board Meeting

- Tuesday, January 4
- 10:00 am, Docent Office

Palette – October Deadline

- Wed. January 5
- (midnight)

Louise Millman, Editor