

Art Docents of Los
Gatos, Inc.

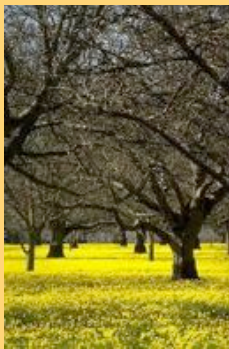


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ART SALE
FUNDRAISER To
Benefit
the Art Docents
of Los Gatos,

Invitations will be going out soon for our first annual Art Sale Fundraiser. If you would like to participate in the show and sale please contact Jennifer Kretschmer at jen@jkretschmer.com

Information regarding the requirements can be found in last month's Palette, March 2011. You can still volunteer for the event, sign-up sheets are in the office.



Plein Air & Morning Rotary selects Art Docents as charitable recipient.

Join the festivities Jun 1-4

Painting outdoors, or “en plein air”, began in 19th century Europe, when Englishman John Constable and the French Barbizon painters sought to depict everyday subjects in their natural setting. Using sketches made directly in the field, these Realists inspired the impressionists, who sought to convey light with color. Today, painting from life is a pursuit that continues to challenge the finest artists in the world but it is a style that is honored and celebrated through numerous Plein Air events that are held across the US.

On June 1-4, 2011 the third annual Los Gatos Plein Air fine art show and silent auction will take place. Los Gatos Plein Air 2011 is a juried art show featuring some of the most talented artists that paint in the plein air tradition from across the United States. This year 80 artists applied to participate in Los Gatos Plein Air. 35 artists chosen by a respected juror will be going out into our community and painting in this historic tradition using a variety of mediums; including, oil, pastel, and watercolor. Fri June 3 is the VIP Gala where artists join guests (could be you) at an evening for first viewing and purchase opportunity for the art. Ticket price (\$75) includes music, wine and dinner.

On Sat June 4th the free public showing and silent auction in LG Town Plaza (post office) is all day. There all the original & framed art created this week can be purchased in the Town Plaza to a backdrop of live musical performances and wine. Everyone can mingle with the 35 selected artists while viewing iconic settings of town and the Bay Area as depicted on canvas. Each artist will have 3 works on display for silent bidding. They will also be demonstrating the plein air tradition.

Los Gatos will be bustling when selected Artists arrive and meet their host households (could be you). Wed Jun 1 their blank canvases are officially stamped as selected participants. Now artists hit the road to explore the area and find opportunities for painting on the subsequent days. There is much buzz around town as easels are set up and the public can watch works in progress.

On Fri artists turn in one painting for auction at the VIP Gala (you could be there) at California Cafe, 6:30-10pm, Fri Jun 3. This evening event gives art lovers a chance to meet the artists and first opportunity to bid on the art while enjoying food, wine and live music. If the past auction prices are any indicator, the art works sell at very attractive bargains and they come beautifully framed. What a great way for original works of art to find their way into your home while helping charity - it's a win-win at both the VIP event and the free public showing. Tickets to the charity Fri eve VIP Gala (\$75) may be purchased from Cookie, 395-7775, crazikitti@aol.com.

Perks for volunteers: have a few hours, an evening or half a day? Come mingle with the artists while performing a variety of volunteer tasks. Here is a chance to have fun with like-minded folks and meet some new friends in our artistic community. Art Docents has been chosen as one of the charitable recipients of this event. So our volunteer help sometime over the June 1-5 week is welcome. To volunteer contact Pam Murphy 354-2246, pm5496@yahoo.com. Their website is <http://lgpleinair.org/>

The weekend is presented by Los Gatos Morning Rotary with the blessings of LG Music & Arts. This fundraiser benefits Art Docents of Los Gatos, Montalvo Arts Education and the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Foundation. Carol Waitte 205-8668 and Pam Murphy 354-2246, Co-Chairs

President's Message



Dear Friends

It really feels now that spring has finally arrived. After the soaking of rain last week everywhere is lush and green and everyone is happier now the sun is shining.

Now that spring is here that means we are preparing for the annual Art Show. There are sign-up sheets in the office for everyone to come in and help mount the artwork in readiness for hanging at the show. Just to remind you the Art Show is going to be at Van Meter this year and the dates are 11-18 May.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the students of Los Gatos. You are so appreciated by everyone. We are on the final stretch now with presentations finished. We now have Kindergarten Foil Workshops, 5th grade Digital Photography Workshops coming up. We also have French and our new Spanish lesson for 7th/8th graders and also new this year is the mechanical drawing lesson being taught in an 8th grade science lesson. Please remember to sign up for these in the office.

The guest artist program is coming in May. Lori Krein will be visiting Van Meter and Blossom Hill. Lydia Dehn will be at Lexington and Ted Fullwood will be at Daves Avenue. Look out for details in this newsletter.

On a sad note I would like to extend our condolences to Beth Robb who sadly lost her husband, Tom, last week. Beth has been an active docent for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this time. Beth has asked for donations in her husband's memory to Michael J.Fox Foundation at <http://www.michaeljfox.org>. By mail: The Michael J.Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church St. Station, PO Box 780, New York, NY10008-0780; phone: 800-708-7644.

Please join me at the General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 5th. Meet and greet at 9:00am. Meeting starts at 9:15am. We will have a demonstration of the Kinder Foil as well as a run through of the 5th grade Digital Photography Workshop to remind everyone how fun and easy these classes are to lead. We will also hear about upcoming Continuing Education opportunities from that committee.

This is such a busy time of year for Frances - there are many sign-up sheets in the office so please take time to sign up and make her life easier. We appreciate Frances so much for all she does.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday, April 5th.

Best Wishes

Julia Moss

President

Sign up to
help with
Guest
Artists at
the schools
this month.



Annual Student Art Show 2011

Location: Louise Van Meter School

Planning for the Annual Student Art Show 2011 is well underway! The art is scheduled to arrive to the office soon and will be ready for mounting. Please plan to come into the office starting the week of April 18 through May 6 to help mount the art on the pre-cut paper sheets. This is a great opportunity to spend some time enjoying the art while catching up with other Docents. Please sign up if you haven't already! Sign-up sheets are available in the Art Docent office or you can call or email Frances if you can't make it in. Also, sign-ups for working during the Art Show will be available at the April General Meeting.

The Art Show this year will be hosted by Louise Van Meter School. We are looking forward to the new location for this year. The Art Show may look a little different at first but all the elements of the previous shows will be present. The Scavenger Hunt will work the same as last year. Special panels representing specific art elements or principles of design will be strategically located around the room. All of the scavenger hunt cards will be found on one of these special panels. We'll be asking the students to try to figure out which element or principle their scavenger hunt card looks like and then find the right panel. This will enhance the students' experience and get them to think about the elements and principles, all while keeping it fun and simple!

We would love to have one more docent shadow us during the set-up and during the art show so they could take the event next year. This is one of the student's favorite events and it is a fun event to plan and set-up. So don't be shy, just let us know!

Important Art Show Dates:

Mounting Art: April 18 – May 6 in the docent office
Set-up: May 10 – Van Meter Multi-Purpose Room
Evening Reception: Thursday May 12, 5:00-8:00 pm
The show will be open on the following days and times:
(visitors are asked to check in at school office)
May 11 through May 17, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday May 18, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday May 18, 1:00 pm Art Show tear down

Thank you in advance for your help!

Karen Harlan and Mary Leonardis
Art Show Co-Chairs



Lots to Do in the Classroom: Office Update

Print Presentations may be over, but we still have several obligations to fulfill for the LGUSD which means lots of opportunities for docents. Please take a look at what's available below or come in the office to sign up. Thanks!

Guest Artist Series: docents act as host by introducing artist to classes as they arrive for pre-arranged visits. Sign up to help in the Art Docent Office.

Van Meter: Friday, April 8. Artist: Lori Krein
Blossom Hill: Monday, May 16. Artist: Lori Krein
Daves Avenue: Thursday, May 19. Artist: Ted Fullwood
Lexington: Thursday, May 26. Artist: Lydia Dehn

French Art History at Fisher School: docents show slides, set-up a "salon", and supervise a "Jeopardy" style game.

The French-language classes have docents already, but you can still go to observe. Ms. Dunphy, art teacher at Fisher, would like this lesson for one of her classes on Thursday, April 21 from 10:30-12:00. Docents needed.

Spanish Art History at Fisher School: docents show slides. 8 classes total; dates to be announced.

Mechanical Drawing at Fisher School: 9 classes total; dates are May 3, 4, 5, & 6. We have hired a professional art teacher for these classes so one docent is needed per class to act as observer/helper. No skills or prep necessary.

Kindergarten Foil Sculpture: docents lead the students as they make sculpture out of pre-cut pieces of foil. All classes will be in June; come to the general meeting Tuesday, April 5 to see a demonstration.

5th Grade Digital Photography: after giving a quick presentation on the Eiffel Tower, docents supervise the students as they take photos of architecture around their schools, and download and edit on their laptops. Classes will be in late May. Come to the general meeting Tuesday, April 5 to see a demonstration.



Bearden Workshop Collages



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

Subject to Change. Verify date/time/place with the office.
(Revised 3/2/11)

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
November 17

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: in Focus Lecture at Fisher Middle School:
Thursday, January 13th

Tour of Robert Mapplethorpe Exhibit:
Thursday, February 10th

Tour of Bouquets in Art:
Tuesday, March 15th

Art Show – May 11-18
Set up and General Meeting: May 10 at Van Meter Multi-purpose room.

End of Year Party/Art Sale Fundraiser – (tba)

Last Day of School – June 16



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Los Gatos student art

Important Dates

May General Meeting

- Tuesday, May 10

At Van Meter Multi-Purpose Room

Art Sale Fundraiser

- April 30 & May 1

Board of Directors

- Wednesday, May 25

Executive Board Meeting

- Tuesday, May 3

- 10:00 am, Docent Office

Palette – February Deadline

- Thursday, May 5

- (midnight)

Louise Millman: editor