

Lamorinda ARTS ALLIANCE

NEWSLETTER

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*"Keep your faith in beautiful things;
in the sun when it is hidden,
in the Spring when it is gone."*

- Roy R. Gibson



"Spring of Light" by Natalia Udaltsova, photograph

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Jody Mattison for getting the Lafayette Studio off to such a vigorous start under her management with the offering of numerous art classes. I am hearing very enthusiastic reviews about the Studio.

Mark your calendars for next Fall's Open Studios which will be the weekend of October 22 and 23. George Ehrenhaft will be taking over this year from Natalia Udaltsova. We thank Natalia for her excellent shepherding of the Open Studios for the past two years. We know that it will be in very capable hands this year as well with George taking on these responsibilities.

Have a good, productive February!

Donna Arganbright
LAA President

Plein-Air Group

January 18 was a gorgeous day and presented a gorgeous and serene setting for our attempts to capture on canvas the Buddhist Monastery in Lafayette. The atmosphere enveloped us in puffy horizons and harmony symbolic of James Hilton's "Lost Horizons".

We will continue regularly on Tuesdays, at 10 a.m. Our next site will be in Walnut Creek, at another remote, but suburban Utopia... our thanks to Gina Loenig. The address is Lar Rieu Park, 196 El Camino Corte, Walnut Creek.

Remember, if you want to be on our list for information regarding plein-air paintings, please e-mail Beryl at ishbel8@comcast.net.

LAA Meetings

My apologies for changing the time, and date of our next meeting. We will meet on **Tuesday, March 8, at 6 p.m.**, at the Lafayette Studio. **Jody Mattison**, MFA, the new manager of the Lafayette Studio will be giving a talk to us on color, pigment, and paints, its history in art, and its properties.

Jody has taught extensively on this and related subjects at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, and other art colleges. Ms. Mattison is also offering a two day workshop on Mixing Color at Lafayette Studio on February 19-20.

The meeting will be at the emerging new and best art scene in our neighborhood, the Lafayette Studio. Come and meet Jody, and be part of this scene.

See you there,

Beryl Glen-Reiland,
LAA Outreach and Enrichment

LAA - 2010 Donors

We recognize the following members who made tax deductible contributions to the Alliance in 2010. We encourage all members to add an additional gift to their membership renewal each year. Thank you for your support; gifts of any size are most appreciated.

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Lafayette Studio News

Workshops and classes for February

Figure Drawing for Teens

Instructor David Hill, Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m.
Feb.9 – Mar.9 draped models only

Figure Painting Open Studio

February 13, 1-5 p.m. \$25 pre-register, \$30 drop in.
Email jmattison@jodymattison.com to register

Mixing Color Workshop

Instructor Jody Mattison, February 19-20, Sat/Sun
10a.m. - 5p.m.

Color with Soft Pastels: An Experimental Workshop

Instructor Mira M. White, February 26-27, Sat/ Sun
10a.m.-4 p.m.

Weekly Figurative Expressionist Painting Group

on Thursday afternoons (<http://lafayettestudio.org>)

March Painting Trip to Costa Rica!

[March 19 – 27. Still time to sign up for Costa Rica in March! Two spots left...](#)

Look for schedule of classes at

<http://lafayettestudio.org> or call 925-284-5143

LAA Open Studios – 2011 Countdown

As of midnight on February 1st, only 262 days and 11 hours are left before the start of LAA's Open Studios 2011. It's not too early to start getting ready for October 22 and 23.

George Ehrenhaft
OS 2011 Coordinator

Lafayette Gallery News

“Heart Throb” exhibit continues through March 10. What is your "heart throb"? For the artists of the Lafayette Gallery, it could be the light over Mt. Diablo, a luminous piece of glass, or the perfect shape of metal, paper, or clay. Artists work to perhaps express what they love or capture a moment in time, creating art that will resonate with a viewer and allow them to share the artist's experience.

Join us for "Heart Throb" and see what captures your heart at the Lafayette gallery. The public is invited to the reception on Friday, February 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Come to meet the artists!



"Lafayette Reservoir at Dawn" by Judy Feins

Lafayette Gallery is a 23 member co-op of local artists exhibiting work in many mediums and styles.

Lafayette Gallery

50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette CA 94549
Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 PM.

925-284-2788

Gallery website: <http://www.lafayettegallery.net>

Moraga Art Gallery News

Moraga Art Gallery welcomed two new members in January: Photographer Lucy Beck and Sculptor/Painter Dorothy Gager joined the current show, 2+2=1: two artists, two visions = a singular experience.

Lucy Beck began photographing about five years ago with a class at Acalanes Adult School with Bill Helsel. She also studied with Stuart Schwartz and Matt Schrioch.



"Single Calla Lilly on Black" by Lucy Beck, photograph

"I have always been drawn to the remarkable beauty in flowers," said Lucy. "With my camera, I'm able to bring this fleeting beauty to paper. The camera is a magical tool which makes the ordinary extraordinary."

Lucy is also a voice teacher and has been singing and teaching most of her adult life. She lives in Lafayette with her husband, Joe.



"Didja Hear?" by Dorothy Gager, bronze

Dorothy Gager says, "Making art is my way of dancing. I love the feel of clay oozing through my fingers. I love pastel dust and the joy of putting layer upon layer of rich, pure color."

The show features MAG member Beryl Glen-Reiland and guest artist George Ehrenhaft. Please be sure to stop by and take a look.

Moraga Art Gallery

570 Center St, Moraga 94556
Rheem Valley Shopping Center next to CVS Drugs
Tuesday – Sunday, 12 – 5 pm.

925 376-5407 www.moragaartgallery.com

LAA Website Renewed

Take a look at the renewed LAA website at <http://laa4art.org>. In addition to all previous features, the website now has a slide show of images of artworks created by LAA artists with links to artist's websites, some artist's personal pages and art education information.

If you are interested in publishing your information on LAA website, please e-mail Natalia at udalnata@gmail.com.

Natalia Udaltsova
LAA Webmaster and Newsletter Editor

Sad news

As many of you may already know,

Diane Hurst died on Monday, January 17 of leukemia. We are all saddened by her death. She was a charter member



of the Moraga Art Gallery and a member of LAA since 1998. Among her many passions were photography, organic farming, and zydeco dancing and music. Her enthusiasm and love of life will be missed by all.



Diane Hurst, "Strawberries"

Exhibit Opportunities: *Open Studio in Oakland*

PRO ARTS / JACK LONDON SQUARE

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Plans are in progress for a second annual open studio event to be held at Jack London Square the weekends of **June 4-5** and **June 11-12**.

Sponsored by ProArts' East Bay Open Studio

Location at The Pavilion (formerly Barnes & Noble), Jack London Square, Oakland

Space for 40+ artists (Deadline **February 18**)

Approximate fee for participation \$300

Fee includes required ProArts membership (\$45/\$20 for seniors), ProArts Open Studio registration (\$140), liability insurance (tba), permits from the Oakland Fire and Police (also required), and costs incurred by volunteer organizers of the event.

If interested in participating, please write to **George Ehrenhaft** at wrhotline@aol.com.



"Tahoe Sky" by Natalia Udaltsova, photograph

Your correspondence is appreciated.

We ask you to send any information regarding shows, events, exhibits, or special art projects LAA members might be doing to newsletter editor

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Deadline for submitting materials for the March issue is **February 20**.