



## Watercolor Artists Of Sacramento Horizons

**WASH Newsletter      May/June 2026**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It's May, it's May, the jolly month of May...Are you ready for The Big Day of Giving? May 7th. Please go to <https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/organization/sacfinearts> give what you can. WASH has a matching gift, so everything you helps the goal.

Also, Go with the Flow, open show by WASH. Last day for entries is May 22.

It is the 40th anniversary of the Sacramento Fine Arts center. We are proud to be a part of this organization. Lots of activities are happening this year in celebration. Saturday, May 2 is a paint-in for all members. Bring your paints and challenge yourself to paint any or all of the flower arrangements. 10-2, free, refreshments, oh and a judging at the end of all the works, winner to have their painting hung for the summer.

See you all at the general board meetings!

BJ Taylor

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### **YOUR 2026 BOARD**

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## MEMBER NEWS

Kay Pena provided some images of Juan Pena teaching at the Art Retreat (April 21st, 22nd & 23rd) at the Flower Farm in Loomis. We were supposed to be painting outside but it was pouring rain.



And here are some photos of Juan painting at the PARC River Cleanup at the American River Confluence on April 18th.



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Ed and Sally Bostley were "Couple of the Month" for Rocklin Fine Arts as April Members of the Month. Rocklin has several active couples and occasionally feature a couple as their Member of the Month. Look them up at the Rocklin Fine Arts web site at the Member of the Month tab.

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Barbara Kempe's small watercolor, "Masquerade", above left, was accepted into the 2026 Crocker Art Auction, "Big Names Small Art" (BNSA) exhibit. The Artist Reception will be held at the Crocker Art Museum on Thursday, May 21 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Online bidding will continue until June 7. Barbara also received the award "Best Watercolor" in the current NCA Members show April 28 - May 16, for her painting "Emerald Habitat", on the right.

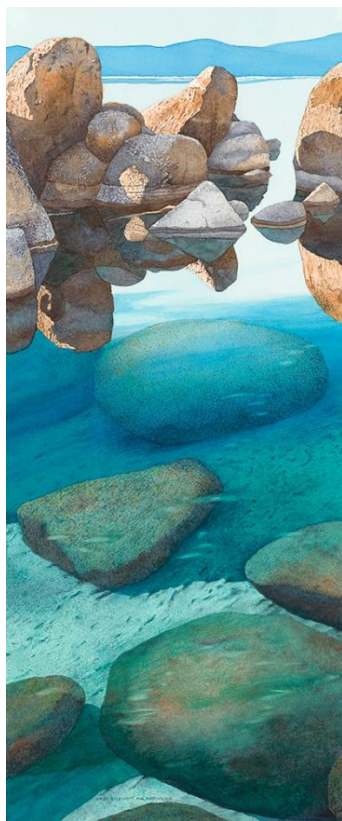


In April, Ronnie Rector visited her daughter down in the LA area to take Bailey's mind off starting an important new job with Universal Studios in 3 days. They drove everywhere and did so much walking: The LA Zoo, the Huntington's gardens, museums and conservatory, IKEA, and the Forest Lawn cemetery in Glendale – where they found the resting places of both Walt Disney and Jimmy Stewart. Ronnie also found an original Bouguereau painting in one of the many beautiful chapels there. Bouguereau is one of her favorite artists, so this was a real treat. Forest Lawn is famous not only for who's there, but for the artwork, statues, stained glass and sculpture collections.

"Virgin of the Angels" 1881  
William-Adolphe Bouguereau  
Forest Lawn Memorial Park Association

Sandy Delehanty's watercolor **"Still Waters, Sand Harbor"** was awarded *The Zimmerman Family Award* in the museum exhibition **Of Mark & Meaning: American Women Artists at the Customs House Museum**, in Clarksville, TN.

American Women Artist is a thirty plus year old non-profit organization of American and Canadian women visual artists with the main objective being to increase exhibition opportunities for women. This year AWA celebrates their tenth museum exhibition as part of the "25 in 25" campaign, an initiative to have 25 museum shows for its members over 25 years. \$36,000 in prizes were awarded to twenty artists, and Sandy says *"I am thrilled and frankly very surprised that my painting was one of them! Just to get a painting juried into this very competitive show was a very big deal for me and to win a cash prize is amazing!"*



*Sandy wants to encourage the women WASH members that have been successful in local shows to consider entering one of the two American Women Artists shows next year. You might surprise yourself too!*

Sandy is also showing in the Kokopelli Veterinary Center, with an open house on April 19 from 9:30 to 3:00. See the postcard, to the left.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome our newest WASH members:

Shirley Hazlett, Sacramento

Japheth Paul, Sacramento

From Nola Smith, Membership Chair

## A Report on the David Savellano Workshop

Provided by Steve Stein, Workshop Coordinator: David began the workshop by asking each person what they struggled with the most. Over the course of the 2-days he worked individually with everyone to address their needs.

Weather was perfect for plein air. On day 1 we painted at the Carmichael Presbyterian Church and on day 2 we painted in the Old Fair Oaks village square.

Some comments from workshop participants:

- David was wonderful (as I knew he would be) and the settings were perfect
- I learned the importance of the value sketch and the importance of connecting the darks in a painting.
- Ask yourself what attracted you to the scene and focus your painting there. Everything else should only be "indicated".
- I especially liked his suggestion to come up with a title before you paint as a way to remind yourself of what is important.



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## EXHIBIT NEWS

**WASH FAC** *Go With the Flow*  
Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons  
**48th Annual Open Exhibition**  
Show Opens June 16th - July 11th  
- Judge - Jeannie Vodden -



Leah Hagans - / See

- Online Entry Deadline - Friday May 22nd, 5:00 pm
- Accepted Art Posted Online & Emailed May 29th
- Receiving Friday June 5th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Receiving Saturday June 6th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

[www.washsfac.org](http://www.washsfac.org)

Second Saturday Reception and Awards  
Saturday, July 11th - 5:00 - 7:00  
5330 Gibbons Dr. Carmichael, CA 95680  
Pick up Artwork at close of Show on July 11th



Upcoming Exhibition  
May 15th - August 9th  
Harris Center for the Arts  
Bank of America Gallery  
10 College Parkway  
Folsom, CA

## NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA ART CLUB

Kathy Levenson, Chair of the Sacramento/Sierra Chapter of the California Art Club, provided the following regarding this great group.

The California Art Club, Sacramento/Sierra Chapter is looking forward to these upcoming chapter activities and local events. Members and non-member artists are welcome.



Join artists on a spring day by a scenic lake located within the American River Parkway. The pond offers picnicking and wildlife viewing in a peaceful, tree-lined setting. Paved trails gently slope toward the American River. Comfortable picnic tables with gazebo and restrooms available. Painting scenes include tree-lined pond and river, beach and shoreline, sky, boulders, and trees. Wildlife abounds with lots of various birds. Bring a picnic lunch and we will gather at noon to visit, eat, and share our work (optional).

Visit this [webpage](#) for more information. This event is free except for parking. Currently, Eventbrite says this event is sold out, if you are interested in joining, please contact our team directly at [Sacramento@CaliforniaArtClub.org](mailto:Sacramento@CaliforniaArtClub.org).

### **Lake Tahoe Art Retreat Update:**

Our Chapter has organized an art retreat at Lake Tahoe at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center for August 23-27, 2026. A little gem on Lake Tahoe. The setting is fabulous! Shoreline, trees, distant mountains, kayaks, boats, cabins, sunsets, and of course the cool clear blue waters of Tahoe!

This event is filled and there is a waitlist. For more information please visit: <https://www.californiaartclub.org/event/lake-tahoe-artist-retreat-august-23-27-2026/>

If you're on the waitlist, we don't yet know when and if more spots will become available. California Art Club is handling the registration process and will be in touch as rooms become available.

### **Recent Chapter event:**

**On March 25, 21 artists visited the Crocker Art Museum's Exhibition, "The Sense of Beauty."** We were honored that Elaine Adams, Executive Director and CEO, and her husband, Peter Adams, former CAC President from 1993 – 2022, made the trip up from Pasadena to join us. What a wealth of information they provided! And what a fun day! The show was great. Many of us realized that we need to visit the Crocker more often. They have many outstanding pieces in their collection, including many landscape paintings by former CAC members (e.g., Edgar Payne, Franz Anton Bishcoff, Marion Wachtel, etc.) At lunch a few of us brainstormed ideas for more

chapter outings and activities. These included some ideas for museum visits, places to paint, and future retreats. We welcome everyone's input for activities so tell us your ideas!

### **Upcoming Outdoor Painting Opportunities by Other Organizations**

- **May 9:** Placerville Arts Association will host the 2026 Plein Air Art Competition at the Greenstone Country Barn at [2900 Stagecoach Road](#) in Placerville, CA. You can enter at this link by April 15: [PAA, Second Annual Plein Air Art Competition](#).

### **Paint-Outs**

Below are websites where information on paint-outs are posted:

- Placerville Arts Association <https://www.placervillearts.com/paa-paint-out>
- Yolo Arts Association <https://yoloarts.org/art-ag-project/>

Thanks in advance for your feedback, and meanwhile, have a wonderful time painting!

Email: [Sacramento@californiaartclub.org](mailto:Sacramento@californiaartclub.org)

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### **WASH CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

WASH general meetings are the second Monday of every month. We do not meet in July, August or December.

The meetings for Jan., Mar., May, Sept. and Nov. start at 1:30 p.m. The meetings held in Feb., Apr., June and Oct. start at 7 p.m.

The meetings are always at the Sacramento Fine Arts on Gibbons in Carmichael. This info is also included on the Calendar page of our website, along with the zoom link to join the meetings (this is a blue button at the top of the calendar).

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Website: <https://washsfac.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WASH.WatercolorArtistsofSacramentoHorizons>

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### **Notes from your Newsletter Editor:**

The WASH Newsletter is published and emailed to all members in January, March, May, July, September and November. The deadline for the July/August Newsletter will be June 20. Photos are especially appreciated. Thank you!

And about this latest issue: Yes, it's a bit different. Microsoft will no longer be supporting Publisher, a program I've used for over 15 years for newsletters, postcards, posters, etc. Bummer. Since my laptop decided to upgrade to 365 this past weekend, I scrambled to get all this wonderful newsy news into a Word document. Please bear with me; we'll get it right!

Ronnie Rector