

# Lamorinda ARTS ALLIANCE

## NEWSLETTER

May-June 2011

[www.laa4art.org](http://www.laa4art.org)



*Moraga Art Gallery members visit the Easter Bunny at Rheem Center.*

### Message from LAA President

There are many opportunities to support the arts in the month ahead. Several of our LAA artists are participating in the Open Studios at Jack London Square on June 5-6, and June 12-13. On June 14th Allison McCrady will be speaking at 6 p.m. at the Lafayette Studios on marketing our art as part of LAA's Education and Outreach Program. And of course there are always so many wonderful exhibits to see in the Bay Area. Wishing you productive and creative months for May and June.

**Donna Arganbright**  
**LAA President**

### Plein-Air Group

We meet to paint on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. weather permitting. On Tuesday June 7 we plan on visiting Mt. Diablo, an ancient stage for artists of all levels. We can car pool, or meet at a mutually convenient parking spot. All details will be sent to you by e-mail. If you wish to join us please e-mail, or call **Beryl** at [ishbel8@comcast.net](mailto:ishbel8@comcast.net), or 925-253-9488, or **Gina** [Ginainca@yahoo.com](mailto:Ginainca@yahoo.com).

### General Meeting of LAA members

Our next meeting will be at the LAFAYETTE STUDIO; 3506 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette on June 14 at 6 p.m.

The subject is: "LET'S MARKET OUR ART"

Speaker: **Allison McCrady**

We explore productive pathways to energize our painters by introducing them to art demos, art history, and painting methodology. As many of our artists are currently facing uncertainty regarding selling and marketing their work, more than ever they need direction, inspiration, and leadership. So we are including at our next meeting on June 14, a vital topic which is the pulse to our artistic motivation and fulfillment.

Allison is our local Icon, "just a mouse click away", a visionary artist who commands a wide audience by virtue of her own talents, presence and self created systems. I am in awe of her as a local celebrity, with hyper organizational skills, energy, and artistic creative abilities, particularly for LAA members, to learn from her acumen in Marketing Modalities.

Allison is the Director of the 'Allison McCrady Fine Arts Gallery' in Orinda, and her works are shown at galleries and in homes, in Lamorinda, San Francisco, and Internationally.

Please, please come and join us in our welcome to ALLISON. She suggests that you bring with you one of YOUR paintings for her to offer her review and suggestions.

The Format: the speaker, a question time, refreshments, and then the General Meeting.

All members of LAA are welcome; bring a friend or a prospective member. Any questions e-mail, or call, **Beryl** at [ishbel@comcast.net](mailto:ishbel@comcast.net), or 925-253-9488.

**Beryl Glen-Reiland,**  
**LAA Enrichment and Development**

## Lafayette Studio News

### Announcing the Lafayette Studio Summer Class Schedule!

Welcome to summer at Lafayette Studio, where we have a wonderful set of classes to fill your days and sharpen your skills! Drawing, painting and printmaking classes are all available here in the heart of Lafayette, easy to reach by freeway or BART.

New workshops and short classes can fit around your vacation schedule, while longer classes will keep the juices flowing all summer long. Well known instructors William Harsh and Sherry Kwint-Cattoche are joining us with printmaking and figure drawing classes; Bill will be previewing his etching class at a free demonstration on June 8 at 2 p.m.

We have a new perk for locker members; **new and current studio/locker members will receive a 10% rebate on tuition** for each class they enroll in! We hope everyone gets involved in our art community, and takes advantage of this offer. How can you help support us and keep great classes available? If you like us, tell your artistic friends about us! Forward this to people you think might enjoy taking an art class. We don't just offer art classes... we offer an artist community! Join us!

### Summer Classes

[Watercolor: Loosening up!](#) Mira M. White, Instructor July 11, 18 and 25, Mon 9:30-12:30

[Driven to Abstraction](#) Mira M. White, Instructor July 11, 18 and 25, Mon 7-10 pm

[Painting: From Concept to Completion](#) Patsy Taylor, Instructor  
Aug 1 – Sept 5 Mon 7-10 pm

[Abstract Painting in Acrylic](#) Tesia Blackburn, Instructor June 21 – Aug. 30, no class June 28 & Aug. 2 Tues 12–3 pm

[Figure Drawing: Structure and Anatomy Workshop](#) Sherry Kwint-Cattoche, Instructor  
June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19 Tues 4-8 pm

[Summer Figure Drawing: Focus on Foreshortening](#) Jody Mattison, Instructor  
July 26 to Aug 30 Tues 6:30-9:30 p.m.

[Beginning and Continuing Oil and Acrylic Painting](#) Hilary Lambert, Instructor

June 15, 22, 29 July 6, 13 Wed 9:30-12:30 p.m.

[Printmaking Processes: Etching beginning and continuing](#) William Harsh, Instructor  
Wed, June 22 – Aug 10, 2 -5 PM

[Expressive Figure Painting Group](#)  
No instructor Thur. ongoing 3:30-6:30 p.m.

[Drawing with Confidence](#) Patsy Taylor, Instructor  
June 24 – Aug 12 Fri 9–12 noon

[Landscape Painting from Studio to Plein Air](#)  
Patsy Taylor, Instructor  
June 25 – Aug 13 Saturdays 9-12 noon

[Atelier Afternoon... drop in and paint](#)  
Jody Mattison, Instructor  
7/23 – 9/10/11 Sat 3–6 p.m.

[Portrait Drawing Basics](#)  
Sherry Kwint-Cattoche, Instructor  
Sun: 1:00 to 5:00 pm July 10, 17, 24

### Weekend Workshops

[FREE Etching Demonstration with William Harsh](#) Wed June 8, 2-4 p.m.

[Figure Painting Open Studio](#)  
Jody Mattison, coordinator, no instruction  
Sun monthly, 1-5 p.m.

[Expressive Figure Painting](#) Lin Fischer, Instructor  
June 12, Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

[Painting Workout](#) Patsy Taylor, Instructor  
June 18-19 Sat/Sun 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

[Experimental Soft Pastel Techniques](#)  
Mira M. White, Instructor  
June 25-26 Sat/Sun 10 AM – 4 PM

[Abstraction From Nature](#) Tesia Blackburn, Instructor  
Fri-Sun July 29-31, 11 am to 5 pm

[Mixing Color Workshop](#) Jody Mattison, Instructor  
Sat-Sun Aug 27-28, 11am – 5pm

### Studio Locker Membership

For artists who want a studio environment, you can store some supplies at the studio and work there whenever there is not a class in session. Fee includes rolling cart storage, a limited amount of space to store several works-in-progress, and studio time.

Membership, \$75 monthly, three month minimum. Members receive a 10% rebate on class tuition. For information go to

<http://lafayettestudio.org/locker-members/>  
or email [jmattison@jodymattison.com](mailto:jmattison@jodymattison.com)

## LAA Open Studios 2011

October 22 - 23.

This year LAA celebrates its sixteenth Open Studios. Sign up promptly to join this LAA's premier event. To encourage early registration before **July 1**, LAA offers **10%** discount. Regular registration fee is **\$60**, if registered before **Aug. 15**. After this date late registration fee is **\$85**. **Sept.1** is absolute deadline.

This issue of the LAA Newsletter contains a registration form. You can also download the registration form from LAA website:

[http://laa4art.org/OS\\_2011\\_Registration.doc](http://laa4art.org/OS_2011_Registration.doc).

## Lafayette Gallery news



"Turquoise Trim" by Nancy Hartley, oil on panel

Sun Kissed, just what we've all been waiting for! The Lafayette Gallery's newest exhibit, "**Sun Kissed**", opens on **May 24**. Bring some sunshine into your day, come and see our freshest sun kissed work, everything from vibrant paintings, glittering jewelry, to glowing ceramics, all reflecting the vitality of the summer sun. Our gallery will be filled with the brilliant light, color and energy of the season of sunshine. Please join us in the celebration of summer.

As a part of summer celebration, this exhibit will also include two outdoor **artist markets** on **June 19** and **July 16**. The artist's markets will be an extension of the "Sun Kissed" exhibit, with an in depth display of art work by some of our artists. Enjoy the energy and vitality of summer sunshine, come to the Lafayette Gallery, and take home some of that sun kissed feeling.



"Beach Chums" by Jeannette Baird, acrylic on canvas

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 p.m.

925-284-2788 <http://www.lafayettegallery.net>



"Ginkgo Shadows" By Linda Yoshizawa, monotype collage

## Moraga Art Gallery News

“Off the Wheel, Off the Canvas”



Ceramics by Donna Arganbright

Moraga Art Gallery Member Donna Arganbright and Guest Artist Sharon Tama will be featured in its new show, **Off the Wheel, Off the Canvas, June 7 - August 13**. The public is invited to view Arganbright and Tama's art along with gallery members' work at the show's opening reception, **June 11, 3 - 5 p.m.**

Donna Arganbright produces a line of original, functional stoneware, mostly wheel-thrown. Her work includes dinnerware as well as sculptural vases, figurative vases and ceramic baskets.

"I love making pieces that people can use. I work in porcelain and have begun working with several new glazes which I am finding very exciting," said Donna.

Sharon Tama joins Moraga Art Gallery for this show with her acrylic paintings. Her subject matter ranges from human portraiture, to animals, to the wonders of



"Soulful Reflections" by Sharon Tama, acrylic on canvas

nature. "It is both rewarding and exhilarating for me to explore the vast world of subject matter, color, and emotion," says Tama. "My paintings reflect a slice of time in the midst of a conversation, for example, or an intriguing moss-encrusted twisted oak, or perhaps the quirky personality of a much-loved dog."

Photos of the work of both artists can be viewed at <http://moragaartgallery.com/coming-soon/>.



"Coastal View", kiln-formed glass and rock, by Nancy Slack, won an honorable mention at the ADAS Spring Show April 29. Sold.

**Moraga Art Gallery** is a collective of 18 established, local artists and artisans. The public is invited to visit, Tuesday – Sunday, noon – 5 p.m. MAG is tucked in a corner north of CVS in the Rheem Center in Moraga.



"Blue Bicycle" by Dorothy Gager (Moraga Art Gallery), won an honorable mention at ADAS Spring show April 29

### 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](http://www.moragaartgallery.com)

## ProArts East Bay Open Studios: 43 artists @ Jack London Square!

During the ProArts East Bay Open Studios, 43 local artists from Bay Area will be showcasing their art at Jack London Square in the Pavilion Building (formerly Barnes & Noble).

The artists will feature a diverse range of art, including acrylic and oil paintings, watercolors, jewelry, photography, mixed media, sculpture, woodwork, glass arts, printmaking and pottery.

This spectacular event will be open two weekends: **June 4 & 5, and June 11 & 12, 11 am - 6 pm at 98 Broadway, Oakland, CA.** The public is invited to view the original art and make a day or weekend of it!

Check out our website for more artist information: <http://artospection.com/jls/>.

Six LAA artists are involved in the JLS EBOS event: Maggie Lucas-Hill, Sadie Cuming, Linda Yoshizawa, Arlynn Bloom, George Ehrenhaft, Wenda Pyman.

## LAA Open Studios 2011

October 22 - 23.

### What's New in Open Studios 2011?

- New Open Studios Venue: The Lafayette Gallery. Across the street from Chow's, the Lafayette Gallery will serve as an OS site. There's room for more than ten artists to set up displays on the plaza in front of the building. If you're looking for a site, designate the Lafayette Gallery as your studio. Don't be left out. Reservations will be honored in the order received.

- New site for the Open Studios Central Exhibit. Along with Whole Foods we're moving into central Lafayette. The annual Open Studios art exhibit will take place in Jody Mattison's refurbished Lafayette Studio, just steps down the esplanade to the left of Whole Foods. Jody's space, well-lit and inviting, is perfect for an art show put on by Open Studios participants.

- New location for OS Reception. We'll hold our gala opening in the Lafayette Studio. All will be welcome to mingle with the artists, drink, eat, and of course, relish dozens of splendid works of 2D and 3D art.

**43 ARTISTS @** [artospection.com/jls/](http://artospection.com/jls/)  
THE OLD BARNES & NOBLE

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
11AM - 6PM

**EAST BAY OPEN STUDIOS**

Miriam Abramowitsch	Nicole Dixon	Micaela Marsden
Rosemary Allen	Karen Eagan	Ruth McMillin
Sherrod Blankner	George Ehrenhaft	Elisabeth Michel-Meyrueix
Arlynn Bloom	Susan Emerson	Malcolm Nicoll
Valerie Brown-Trout	Bernice Gross	Pat Patterson
Mary Burger	Diane Jacobson	Celena Peet
Sheila Cain	Pamela Keilson	Wenda Pyman
Debbie Claussen	Ruth Koch	Brenda Reinertson
Hélène Côté	Jenifer Peake Kolkhorst	Rita Sklar
Sadie Cuming	Christy Kovacs	Maryly Snow
Christine Chabiel Dargahi	Richard Leon	Arlene Risi Streich
Brendah DeBow	Margaret Lucas-Hill	
Jeanne V. Diller		

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*The Moraga Art Gallery participated in the Moraga Faire to build better community awareness of the Gallery in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center.*

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## **Your correspondence is appreciated.**

We ask you to send any information regarding shows, events, exhibits, or special art projects of LAA members to **Natalia Udaltsova** via e-mail: [udalnata@gmail.com](mailto:udalnata@gmail.com).

**Deadline** for submitting materials for the next July Newsletter issue is **June 20**.