



# Las Juntas~East Bay Artists Guild

*A Group of Committed, Dedicated Local Artists*

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## January 2024 Newsletter

### MEETING DATES:

#### BOARD MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 11th 7:00  
pm via ZOOM

#### GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 27th 2:00-  
4:00 pm

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
3051 Putnam Boulevard  
St. Mark's Room,  
Pleasant Hill*

**CALLS FOR ART – all info  
received for opportunities to  
display at other venues will be  
sent as separate e-mails.**

#### EBAG Officers & Directors

- Lorna Lyle, *President*
  - Vacant, *Vice President*
  - Lia Germain, *Secretary*
  - Valerie Zito, *Treasurer*
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- Kelly Marinello,  
*Education Director*
  - Vacant, *Exhibition  
Coordinator(s)*
  - Joo Chase, *Newsletter Editor*
  - Phyllis Couillard,  
*Membership Chair /  
Newsletter Editor*
  - Vacant, *Community Outreach,  
Publicity Director*

### GENERAL MEETING —

*Aude 2023 and Happy New  
Year! 2024!*



### Members Art — Show & Share

Let's kick off 2024 being inspired by each other's creativity! Bring any number of art pieces to January's meeting (new, old, unfinished, sketches, doodles, etc.) to show and share with the group. If you want to discuss your process, ask for feedback, or just share your art, great! -Kelly-

### A Message From the President, Lorna ...

Welcoming the new year in art, I anticipate the joyful discoveries and moments of “flow” too. Challenges and reflections are part of this creative journey. Our talents and the journey itself are valuable gifts. In the guild, we share our work, seek answers, and find inspiration. It's a community that enhances skills and also fosters friendships. I'm grateful to be on this artistic journey with you. Your enthusiastic participation is encouraged. Invite non-member

### A Message From the President...(continued)

artist friends to our meetings and spread the creative joy. Share our website '[eastbayartistsguild.org](http://eastbayartistsguild.org)' to showcase our activities. Wishing you good health and fulfilling artistic experiences!

### Messages From the Board...



#### *Thank you - Valerie!*

*Valerie retires from her position as Treasurer this year. Thanks to her hard work so far, everything in our guild has run smoothly. She's retiring, but we'll still see her and her art!*

#### **Membership Renewal Time!**

Please send in your dues by January 31<sup>st</sup>!

#### **Board of Directors Election Time!**

Please consider joining the board and help us grow! Watch your email for more details...

*“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up..”*

*~Pablo Picasso*

## Messages From the Board...(continued)

### Member's News



Raf Podowski won two awards for wood carving at the Pleasanton Tri-Valley Woodcarvers Club Annual Woodcarving Show. Raf's 'The Seahorse' won first place in the sea creatures' category, and he also won first place for 'The Scarecrow' in the fantasy figure category. Congratulations!

See more of his art on his website: [www.rafpodowski.com](http://www.rafpodowski.com)  
For all members, if you have something to celebrate, please contact us.

## CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS / VENUES

### Pleasant Hill Senior Center



A new show called 'Abstract' will run from January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to March 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will stop by the Senior Center and see many shows in 2024.

Watch your email for the call for art along with a list of our themes for this year so you can start creating new pieces to show!

## CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS / VENUES (continued)

### St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Celebration Center

Our current show will run from December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, through February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. *Watch for the call for art!*

## Other Art Groups / Events and Galleries

### Main Street Arts Gallery, Martinez- "CWA Member Show - 2024 Smaller Paintings"

The California Watercolor Association is pleased to announce the art acceptances for the CWA Members Show, *Smaller Paintings*. This show opened January 4<sup>th</sup> and runs through February 25<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.mainstreetarts.net/>

### Accra Art - "Borderless"



Embracing our shared roots in arts and culture, we reject divisive borders and reclaim our unity, transcending geographical constraints for a collective reimagining of identity and mutual value.

This show opened January 5<sup>th</sup> and runs through February 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Opening Reception: Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/accra-art-borderless-tickets-769804555147?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

## Other Art Groups / Events and Galleries (continued)

### aRt Cottage Presents: "Watercolor."



This show features watercolor work by Bay Area artists. All participating artists, please bring an appetizer. Drinks and music are provided by the gallery.

The show will be open from January 3<sup>rd</sup> - February 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Reception: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 4 pm  
<http://artscottage.blogspot.com/>

## Guidelines for monthly newsletter submissions:

- Submissions are due by the **22nd of the month**, to ensure timely inclusion in the next month's newsletter (sent the 1st week of the month).
- Submissions after the 22nd are still welcome and may be sent out as a separate announcement via email to the members. Send email submissions to [eastbayartistsguild@yahoo.com](mailto:eastbayartistsguild@yahoo.com) for inclusion.
- Images and flyers for your future art events are always welcome.

Thanks for reading...

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