



BAA ARTIST NEWS

May 2025

*Encouraging creativity in visual arts and serving the
community since 1950*



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President's Message – *Ellie Klein*



Greetings!

This is a busy month for the BAA. We have a beautiful exhibit at the Geo Gallery with over 60 pieces from members Susan Hines and Linda Lamb. If you missed the reception held on Saturday, May 3 (too early to make this Newsletter), be sure to stop by the Geo anytime this month (May 1-30) to see this fabulous show.

On Saturday, May 10, we are having a GEO Parking Lot Sale! This is the first of several BAA fundraisers planned over the next few months. We hope to have many art and other items for sale at great prices. Members, please help by looking around your studios, closets and garages for saleable items to donate to the sale. We would welcome art materials and supplies, art-related items or any other saleable items to add to our tables. Then look around and shop the sale - you are sure to find something else to replace what you brought in! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the BAA budget and future activities. (Please see details elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

Our monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 21 is an important one as we will be voting to approve the nominated slate of officers and chairpersons who will serve on next year's Board of Directors. Thank you to everyone who accepted a nomination to serve on the board either again or for the first time. For newcomers, I think you'll find it to be a very rewarding experience. Then, we can then sit back and enjoy our guest artist, Jeff Stridde. Jeff is an abstract artist, who works in various media, including acrylics, charcoal, pencil and markers. Bring some art supplies and join us as we paint along with him!

We have a couple of "Save the Date" notices for you as well. On Wed., June 25, we will have a restaurant fundraiser at Tequilla's Mexican Restaurant on Magnolia Blvd. A special open exhibit contest will take place in September at the Geo, and on September 20, 2025, the BAA will celebrate its 75th Anniversary! More details on both to follow!

I'll be in touch throughout the month with reminders and updates.

Be well, Ellie

Programs – Jamie Butterworth and Pam McDonald

BAA General Membership Meeting

[Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 7-9pm](#)

Burbank Administrative Building

301 E. Olive Ave, Room 102, Burbank, CA

May Program - Jeff Stridde



Jeff Stridde is a self-taught abstract artist. Seven years ago, he was fascinated by a YouTube video of a palate knife demonstration, and he decided to give it a try and quickly became very comfortable in the strange world of abstract art. Unable to paint a tree, Jeff has become enamored with attempting to express the unexpressible. He attracted collectors and shows almost immediately. Jeff works mainly in acrylics, but charcoal, pencil, and markers are also in the mix.

These days Jeff primarily paints in local parks, using nature as inspiration. As a newcomer to the art world, he strives to not only touch the curiosity of his own untapped creativity but to awaken the same mystery in other people's lives as well.

Jeff is going to paint a few pieces on the spot. He would like us to bring some supplies and paint along with him.







UPCOMING EVENT - Mark Your Calendars!



“Yard Sale” in the Parking Lot!

One Day Only: Saturday, May 10, 9am – 2pm
Geo Gallery Parking Lot

You’ll find a variety of
art supplies, art-related and miscellaneous items at low prices!!
All proceeds from the sale will benefit the BAA general fund.

Items priced to sell!!

Cash or checks only (please bring small bills).

Geo Gallery Parking Lot– 1545 Victory Blvd., Glendale
between Western and Sonora

BAA Spring Show 2025– *Helena Bowman*

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BAA had a spectacular Spring Show this year at the Geo Gallery! There were 43 entries, a well-balanced selection of art making the categories fill up evenly. It was great to have so many new members join us! Judge Julie Crouch was impressed with the quality of the artwork in the show. We had a lovely reception with food and music. Everyone had a grand time. Our Spring Receptions always feel so uplifting! Thank you all for participating!

I'd like to thank everyone who helped in making the show possible. The Take-in crew: Jenny Cirrincione, Yvonne Jongeling, Cindy McHale, Vivianne Bowman and our president Ellie Klein; Johnathon Gallagher for curating the exhibit; Mina Ferrante for designing the reception program and Eloisa Hernandez for preparing the award ribbons; Jenny Cirrincione for the festive reception; and Rob Whitham for the music. Special thanks to Marsha Ramos and GeoSystems, Inc. We are so grateful for your generosity and support.

I would like to congratulate Bryan Mahoney for collecting more points with his win toward advancing to the Honors Division. Other members that are close to the Honor Division are Karen Sachs, Eloisa Hernandez and Vickie Cox. It is so great to see the Honors Division growing.

Planning ahead, don't forget that the **Big Fall Art Show** at the Betsy Lueke Creative Art Center (BLCAC) is coming up in November! Art take-in day is Monday, **Nov. 3, 9am-noon** with the reception and awards on Friday, Nov. 7, 7-9pm. Start planning and painting! Remember, one artwork entry per member.

I'd also like to answer a question I have been asked regarding the "extra shows" we have at the Geo Gallery. "Can I enter a piece in a free Geo show and still have it in another later show?" The answer is: "Yes. Any art entered into a "Free Member Show" at the Geo Gallery can be entered to a BAA art competition show. The rule for Spring and Fall (or

any judged) shows is: You are not allowed to enter any artwork in more than one BAA competition, i.e., pieces entered in any previously judged BAA show may not be entered into another judged BAA show. Please ask me anything you are uncertain about. Happy to talk to you.
~Helena

Congrats to the Winners of the 2025 BAA Spring Show

Honor Division:

Best in Show: Debra Reynolds for “Uluru”

1st Place - Jeri Lynn Grover for “Tahquitz Falls Hike”

2nd Place - Pam McDonald for “Chief”

3rd Place - Teresa E. Green for “Mom’s Calla Lily”

Honorable Mention – Ellie Klein for “Tuscany Toast”

Open Division:

Best in Show: Katy Bishop for “Lavender Blooms”

Landscape:

1st Place – Patricia Hollis for “City of Rocks”

2nd Place – Trish O’Brien for “Roots of Newport Beach”

3rd Place – Vivianne Bowman for “The Wild Garden”

Honorable Mention – Salem Cole for “Morning Catch”

Still Life/Floral:

1st Place – Diana Ljungaeus for “King of Apples”

2nd Place - Linda Lamb for “Happy Faces”

3rd Place – Susan Hines for “Summer Veil”

Honorable Mention – Leena Avanesian for “Colors of Joy”

Life/People:

1st Place - Mimi Rossi for “Coming for You!”

2nd Place – Leticia Lacy for “New Shades”

3rd Place – Bryan Mahoney for “Freedom Soars Amid Darkness”

Honorable Mention – Kathryn Ballard for “Smokey’s Ghost & Kittah”

Honorable Mention– Mary Fleming for “3 Figures”

Abstract/Contemporary:

1st Place – Marianne Graff for “Merry Moonscape”

2nd Place – Yvonne Jongeling for “In Het Hart van de Bloem”

3rd Place – Joanna Kos for “Fire”

Honorable Mention – June Fung for “Out of this World”



Lavender Blooms - Katy Bishop
Open Division
Best in Show



King of Apples - Diana Ljungaeus
Still Life/Floral
1st Place



Uluru - Debra Reynolds
Honor Division
Best in Show



Merry Moonscape
 - Marianne Graff
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Tahquitz Falls Hike
- Jeri Lynn Grover
Open Division
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New Shades - Leticia Lacy
Open Division
Life/People

BAA Candidates for the Election of 2025-2026 Board and Chairmanships

The Nominating Committee has assembled the following slate of candidates for the Board and Chairmanships position for 2025-2026 year. We thank the following members for accepting the nomination for the positions noted.

Officers:

President – Karen Sachs
Vice President – Ellie Klein
Secretary – Dave Hanson
Treasurer – Kathryn Ballard
Financial Secretary – Carol Tensen
Financial Advisor - Marsha Ramos

Chairmanships

Exhibit Chair (Fall and Spring Shows) – Helena Bowman
Geo Gallery Exhibits – Cindy McHale
Geo Gallery Co-Chair – Stefanie Girard
Newsletter Editor – Pam McDonald
Newsletter Co-Editor – Margaret Norton
Membership Chair – Mimi Rossi
Program Chair – Stefanie Miller
Program Co-Chair – Jamie Butterworth
Scholarships – Joanna Lewis
Outside Exhibits Chair - Joanna Lewis
BAA Website Chair – Mimi Rossi
Social Media Chair– April Cowgur
Social Media Co-Chair – Chance Raspberry
Hospitality Chair – Jenny Cirrincione
Host/Greeter – Debra Reynold
Penstrokes – Enedina Kerrigan
Advisor – Ellie Klein
Member-at-Large – Teresa Green
Historian – Jeri Grover

Helena thanks the Nominating Committee for their hard work:

Mimi Rossi, Pam McDonald and Ellie Klein.

GEO Gallery Exhibits – *Cindy McHale*

Linda Lamb and **Susan Hines** will present their show in May 2025.

This show is now at the GEO Gallery "**A Slice of Life in Color and Black and White.**" You can visit the Geo Gallery during business hours (Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm) at 1545 Victory Blvd. in Glendale, CA.



Mimi Rossi will have a solo show in June entitled "**Freedom**". The Opening Reception will be on June 1, 2025, from 4:00 – 6:30 pm.

FREEDOM

EXHIBITS JUNE 1 - JUNE 28, 2025



Solo Art Show by M. Rossi

Opening Reception

Sunday June 1st 2025, 4p-6:30p

The Geo Gallery

1545 Victory Blvd. Glendale, CA 91201

Monday - Friday 9a-6p



mimirossi.art

A free press helps maintain
the balance of power in government.
50% of sales will go to support
The Committee to Protect Journalists and
The Student Press Law Center.



Thank you to the Burbank Art Association and The Geo Gallery

If you are interested in future show opportunities contact Cindy McHale
at cindymchale@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events – *Joanna Lewis*

Youth Art Expo Winner 2025 - Karl Reiser

12th

Nakashima

John Burroughs High School

Karl's entry in the annual Youth Art Expo at the Betsy Lueke Creative Art Center was the winner of the BAA's award for best senior entry. BAA V.P. Joanna Lewis was pleased to present Karl a certificate and a \$50 Carter-Sexton gift card from the BAA board. Karl loves to draw and plans to continue studying art after graduation. Congratulations!



Brand 53: Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper

This is a BIG show of works on paper. Deadline May 11th

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Media Fee: \$10.00

Work Sample Requirements:

Images | Minimum: 0, Maximum: 3

Video | Minimum: 0, Maximum: 3

Total Samples | Minimum: 1, Maximum: 3

Go to this [website](#) to learn more.

Jackalope Art Festival

Date: Sat. May 31st and Sun. and June 1st

Time: 11a - 6p

FREE ADMISSION

Our [BAA Booth](#) will be on **Orange Grove**, north of San Fernando Blvd.
We will be doing demos and meeting the people, so come by and see us! Support local artists at this fun community event.



**MAY 31 -
JUNE 1, 2025**

**11AM-6PM
FREE ADMISSION**

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Contact Joanna at joannamlewis@gmail.com to be a vendor or if you have questions.

Penstrokes – Jeri Lynn Grover

Our members have been busy...

April and *Chance* are visiting family in Providence, Rhode Island.

Helena Bowman is busy gardening, mainly pulling grass. She is waiting for the flowers to return next spring. Then the garden will look like Renoir's Garden.

Vivianne Bowman is catching up on "old-and-new" Textile Artworks and working on a Velveteen Bunny toy for a friend's new baby.

Diana Ljungaeus is enjoying her new art studio in her back yard.

Teresa Green is working on the float again this year. If you are interested in helping out, please let her know. Re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Kathleen Parry just returned from a family visit to the Sacramento Area where she attended the "Mad Tea Pary" in Oakland, for which she put her artistic talents into creating a whimsical costume and hat. A fun time had by all.

Karen Sachs is in 3 online shows with KBM Art Gallery. Two of the shows-Lucky Green and Pastels. She is showing an art piece never shown before. Lucky Green: Ink Blot I-acrylic Ink on Paper.

Jeri Grover went tent camping in Yosemite and enjoyed a few waterfall hikes and enjoying lots of nature.

Dave Hanson is delighted to say that Mindfulnest (at Magnolia and Lima) is selling several of my "Chickens With Issues" mosaics.

At work at Los Angeles Medical Center, *Enedina Kerrigan* organized a team to compete in a Clothes Drive Contest. Her team won by donating 675 lbs. of clothes. All clothes donations are for patients.

Open call for artists: to be exhibited at the Afrofuturist Art Fair at Buena

Open call for artists to be exhibited at the Afrofuturist Art Fair at Pacific Vista Library June 10th 2-4PM.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to the **City of Burbank** and the **Burbank Arts Commission Grant 2025**, Through Stonehaven Studios LLC for engaging community artists in the first...AFROFUTURIST ART FAIR. See flyer below.

STONEHAVEN STUDIOS & SYLLBLE STUDIOS present the first annual

AFROFUTURIST ART FAIR

Sounds By
Justen Ross
& Johnny Tsunami

Visuals By
Fabrice Gurrier,
Tyra Grove, & MORE!

2-4 PM

Tues, June 10th

**Buena Vista Branch
Burbank Public Library**

300 N Buena Vista St, Burbank, CA 91505

**Celebrating The Multimedia Launch of
BLACKTOPIA: PART II**

Book Signing by Bairton Brown + Kyle Hinton



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The Burbank Art Association is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization.

Our mission is to stimulate and encourage creative expression and provide a showcase for our members' talents. Artists of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join. Sponsorships and donations to the BAA help to fund exhibits, awards and student scholarships. Your gift will have a tremendous impact by keeping our organization thriving and serving its community. If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, please contact us through our website at: www.burbankartassociation.org.



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