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# BAA ARTIST NEWS

## June News 2022

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

### *President's Message - Mimi Rossi*



Hello creative humans!

Wow, oh wow! It made my so heart happy to see that we all came together for such an important cause - to help Ukraine citizens! Every art piece donated for the BAA Sunflower Art Silent Auction went home with a happy collector! **We raised a total of \$2256.** 🙌🙌🙌 A check has been sent to the World Central Kitchen on behalf of the Burbank Art Association. Thank you again to all who participated!

I hope you all got a chance to see "Exploring Art with Ms. Jamie's Student Art Show" at the Geo Gallery. It was absolutely precious, and so neat to see how one artist can influence a whole new generation of artists. Kudos Jamie for taking those kids into the spotlight when they have been in the dark the last couple of years!

Coming up and not-to-be missed is Helena Julin's solo show at the Geo, "Destination Eco-Art: A Road to Reason." As some of you might know, Helena uses recycled and repurposed materials in her artworks in some very creative ways. And as a bonus, she has invited two guest artists bring their own vision to the show: Yvonne Jongeling and Stefanie Girard. The show exhibits thru June 11th, which is the closing reception. I hope to see you there!

I feel it is so important to support other artists, especially those in our little group. Thank you to all of those who show up and support your fellow members!

Don't forget - no member meetings in July or August, however, we would still like to plan a couple

of fun things. Unless I receive other ideas, the Board will discuss a possible evening Mixer and a Paint in the Park afternoon. Please email me at [president@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:president@burbankartassociation.org) if you have any ideas!

Mark your calendar for June 15th for our next Membership Meeting. It's the last one until September. As is the new norm, we are planning a hybrid meeting. Those of you that feel comfortable with in-person meetings will have the opportunity to join us at the usual spot – the Burbank Administrative Office Building. Those that aren't quite ready can join us via Zoom. The meeting details will be sent on Monday, June 13th.

*"The object of art is not to reproduce reality, but to create a reality of the same intensity."*

~ Alberto Giacometti  
*sculptor, painter, draftsman, and printmaker*

Happy arting!  
*Mimi Rossi*

## **2022-2023 New Board of Directors**

The Nominating Committee would like to announce the 2022/2023 Board of Directors. At May's Membership meeting, the following Officers and Chairmanships were unanimously elected.

### **OFFICERS**

**President** - Mimi Rossi  
**Vice President** - Jamie Butterworth  
**Secretary** - Keryl Kris Reinke  
**Treasurer** - Jeri Lynn Grover  
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**Financial Advisor** - Marsha Ramos  
**Board Advisor (Past Prez)** - Ren Colantoni

### **CHAIRMANSHIPS**

**Annual Fall & Spring Show Exhibits Chair** – Joanna Lewis  
**GEO Exhibit Chair (Geo Gallery Director)** – Joanna Lewis  
**Programs** – Stefanie Girard  
**Program Co-Chair** – Teresa Green  
**Newspaper Editor** – Karen Sachs  
**Newspaper Co-Chair** – Bryan Mahoney  
**Penstrokes** – Helena Bowman  
**Outside Exhibits** – Joanna Lewis  
**Outside Exhibit Co-Chair** – Stefanie Girard  
**Exhibit Catalog** – Delta Mishler  
**BAA Website** – Ren Colantoni  
**Membership** – Yvonne Jongeling  
**Publicity/Social Media** – Stefanie Girard  
**Hospitality Chair** – Jenny Cirrincione  
**Host/Greeter** – Debra Reynolds  
**Member-at-Large** – Cosette M. Grider

Helena Bowman, who spearheaded the Nominating Committee, would like to thank Yvonne Jongeling and Stefanie Girard for their hard work in getting a great board.

She'd also like to thank new members of the Board for joining us next year -- Keryl Kris Reinke, Teresa Green, Cosette Grider, and Bryan Mahoney.

## ***PROGRAMS - Stefanie Girard & Pam McDonald***

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 7p-9p - Hybrid

### **Room for Improvement Critique Night**

Starting on June's Membership Meeting, we will be hosting a summer workshop called **Room for Improvement Critique Night**.

In this workshop, you can bring in artwork that you struggle with. We all have one! It can be that something is off, and you can't see it. It could be that your colors aren't quite right. Or, you'd just like some friendly feedback on a piece you love.

We will post artwork on an easel and hear from our "Professional" guest, then open it up to the members to respectfully and constructively offer insight.

Artists can learn and grow from the critique process. It will teach us how to give meaningful feedback and graciously accept others' opinions. Hopefully, we will become stronger and more able to talk about art intelligently.

There is an informational form you can download from our website. Make sure you read it and refer to it when you come to the event.

Join us June 15th, 7p-9p at the Burbank Administration Building (our regular meeting room), with your artwork in hand and your heart in your pocket. We will provide easels and possibly snacks..

This Membership Meeting will be a hybrid.

More details, including the zoom link, will be sent out on Monday, June 13. If you don't receive the link by Tuesday, email us at [news@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:news@burbankartassociation.org), and we will forward it to you.

Here is the [recorded link](#) to last month's meeting.

Our Presenter was **Rush Hamden**, an author-illustrator working in American Comic & Manga-styled graphic novels. In his demonstration, he showed us how he creates a graphic novel page from start to finish.

Here are a couple of links where you can learn more about Rush.

#### **Links:**

<https://rushhamden.com/> <https://youtube.com/RushHamdenArt>

<https://www.facebook.com/RushHamden> <https://www.instagram.com/rushhamden/>

### **We are looking for Presenters for next year's Meetings starting in September!**

If you know an artist who would be a great guest speaker and would like to present/demo their art-making process, please introduce them to our Program Co-Chairs via their email addresses below. Given the current times, it is a challenge to book guests as our Program Co-Chairs aren't out as much meeting new artists.

Here are the emails addresses:

[programs1@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:programs1@burbankartassociation.org)

[programs2@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:programs2@burbankartassociation.org)

## *Show & Tell - Jamie Butterworth*



Now that we have resumed in-person meetings, we have started doing our "**show & tell**" segment again.

We invite one or two members to share their work with us and tell a bit about themselves at the beginning of each meeting to help us to get to know each other a bit better.

If you are interested in doing a "show and tell," email Jamie Butterworth at:  
[VP@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:VP@burbankartassociation.org).

## *GEO Exhibits - Joanna Lewis*

**Save the Dates!**

**May 30-June 24**

**"Destination Eco-Art: A Road to Reason" - Helena Julin's Solo show.**

Artist reception is June 11, 5p-7p.

This Art Exhibit emphasizes the importance of taking care of our environment. Here Helena's collection of artworks focuses on the ocean's delicate ecosystem. The art displayed in the gallery starts with a walk along the Los Angeles River. The birth in the mountains above the San Fernando Valley to Long Beach, where it reaches the ocean. From there, the art fans out into the realms of the ocean: beaches, tidepools, and the open water. Helena uses recycled and repurposed materials in her artworks.

Two guest artists bring their visions to the show: Yvonne Jongeling and Stefanie Girard. Yvonne's famous "LA River Memories" display and Stefanie's tantalizing small works with eco-activism messages.

Please come by and explore the art collection. Be amazed how recyclable materials can be included in art. The reception will be on a beautiful June evening with snacks and drinks. Reception: June 11, 2022, 5-7pm. The Geo Gallery, 1545 Victory Blvd, Glendale, CA 91207.


# Destination Eco-Art: A Road to Reason

## A Solo Show by Helena Julin

May 30 to June 24, 2022

Artist's Reception:  
Saturday, June 11, 2022  
5-7pm.



The Geo Gallery, 1545 Victory Blvd, Glendale, CA 91207 Courtesy of GeoSystems, Inc. 

### Next Up!

#### July 4-29

**Karen Sachs' Soul Expression.** This exhibit will be Karen's first curated show giving her Soul Expression participants a chance to show the fantastic artwork they have been working on for the past two years. The artist reception is July 9, 4p-7p. Members are encouraged to attend.

#### August 6-26

**"Bugged!"** At The Geo Gallery! Something bothering you? Get it out on canvas for our free All Member Show in August 2022. Hone in on your insect art, anything SPY-related, or any subject that bugs you. Bring your bug-themed artwork ready to hang on August 6, 10a-1p. Reception TBD.

#### And then we have ...

**September** - April Cowgur's solo show

**October** - Jenny Cirrincione's solo show

**November** - Joanna Lewis' solo show

**December** - Poster Contest, hosted by Marsha Ramos

#### More Geo Future Planning:

Please start thinking about Quilting.

Quilting is a beautiful and complicated art, as many of you know. I encourage everyone to do some research and try it. It takes a lot of time and effort, so we are giving you plenty of time to develop a quilt OR quilt-like project.

I will be doing a piece with all the pretty paper I have been buying for no apparent reason for *years*. I can't wait! But I will have to, as we are scheduling this for Spring 2023.



This leaves you a whole winter and holiday season to work on your patterned fiber art. I won't say NO to painting, but try painting strips and then weaving them or sewing them together to keep in the Quilting Style. It can be metal with stitching - I want variety, but I also want us to try fiber and fabric art. Go! Let the finger pricking begin!

Joanna

## ***Scholarships Season - Jamie Butterworth & Joanna Lewis***

For the past several years, the Burbank Art Association has awarded scholarships to graduating Burbank high school seniors.

The Scholarship Committee has done at it again!

Each year we select two Burbank high school seniors to receive college scholarships. They have to be planning to continue their studies of painting/drawing, design, photography, sculpture, ceramics, or animation/digital art in college.

### **AND THE WINNERS ARE!**

We had six applicants this year and were happy to select John Burroughs High School senior and one of our own BAA members, Evelyn Bresee, as the winner of the Arline Helm \$500 Scholarship and Providence High School Senior, Sebastian Sunga, as the winner of the Charlotte Jones \$500 Scholarship. All of the six applications were impressive, but these two students' work stood out.

- **Evelyn** plans to attend Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in the fall, focusing on sculpture and jewelry design.
- **Sebastian** will be attending Otis College of Art and Design, continuing his studies of digital design and concept art.

Congratulations to these two outstanding young artists!

If you participated in the May meeting, you got to meet Evelyn and see some of her work as she did a "show and tell" for us. We're hoping Sebastian can join us in June. Meanwhile, here are a few of Sebastian Sunga's artwork for you to enjoy!

#### **Photos of Sebastian Sunga artwork:**

[Sebastian Sunga, "A Pause In Time", Digital, 2601x1732, 2021 - Sebastian Sunga.jpeg](#)

[Sebastian Sunga, "Escapism", Digital, 6000x4000, 2021 - Sebastian Sunga.jpg](#)

[Sebastian Sunga, "Isolation", Digital, 1080x1350, 2021 - Sebastian Sunga.jpg](#)

[Sebastian Sunga, "Just Draw!", Digital, 7200x4100, 2022 - Sebastian Sunga.jpg](#)

[Sebastian Sunga, "Reckless", Digital, 1000x1500, 2021 - Sebastian Sunga.jpg](#)

[Sebastian Sunga, "Regret", Digital, 1080x1350, 2020 - Sebastian Sunga.jpg](#)

[Sebastian Sunga, "Teen Years", Digital, 611x733, 2022 - Sebastian Sunga.jpg](#)

Unfortunately this year's scholarships exhaust our memorial funds from Arline Helms and Charlotte Jones. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship in your name or in the name of someone you would like to honor, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jamie Butterworth at [VP@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:VP@burbankartassociation.org).

Lastly, Jamie would like to send a big thank you to the scholarship committee: Joanna Lewis, Stefanie Girard, Yvonne Jongeling, and Kevin McCants!

Jamie

## *Penstrokes - Helena Bowman*



We welcome all our members to send and share information on any exciting art stuff they would like to share. These could be personal accomplishments or events you think we would be interested in. Send photos too!

Send in before the end of each month to Helena at [helenasbowman@gmail.com](mailto:helenasbowman@gmail.com). The email subject should read: "BAA Penstrokes"



**Lusine Saakyan** was an art vendor at the 4th Annual GiniFest, an Armenian Wine & Spirits Festival held at the Castaway in Burbank. She sold several pieces of her beautiful artwork.

She is also featured in the online magazine [shoutoutla.com](http://shoutoutla.com). Here is the article link where you can read all about Lucine and her work:

<https://shoutoutla.com/meet-lusine-saakyan-art-education-teacher/>

FLOWERS 4 PEACE and PROSPERITY accepted her piece "Centered" in their Red Bluff Art Gallery 3-D Virtual Exhibit.

You can see her artwork at [www.lusinesaakyan.com](http://www.lusinesaakyan.com).

An Honorable Mention was given to **Debra Reynolds** at the Valley Watercolor Society May meeting for her extraordinary watercolor of the Swiss Alps.

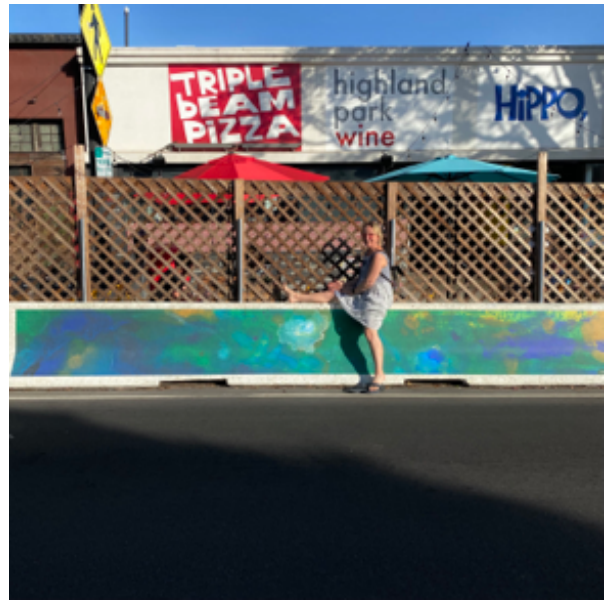


BAA member **Marcy Mahoney** took a small break from painting to practice her other art - writing - and recently published her first novel! "Archwilde" is, according to one reviewer, "a story set in troubled times, with characters that kept me wondering what was going to happen next," full of mystery, murder, magic, and romance. The novel and her website ([www.archwilde.com](http://www.archwilde.com)) launched on May 17. BAA member Bryan Mahoney, Marcy's husband, designed the cover art for the book. "Archwilde" is available in trade paperback [on Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and all ebook formats.

The K-Rail has been wrapped with **Yvonne Jongeling's** painting LA River Memories in Highland Park on the 5900 Block N. Figueroa Street / East Side (Triple Beam Pizza to Flask / Ave 60 - Ave 59).



Sixteen artists participated in this project to beautify the neighborhood.



We are very excited to hear that three of our members, ***Carol Caley***, ***Paula Quasarano*** and ***Yvonne Jongeling*** are in the California Colors exhibit at the Creative Arts Group Gallery in Sierra Madre.

Exhibit Dates: June 6-July 9

The opening reception is on Saturday, June 11, 6-8p.

Creative Art Group Gallery  
108 N. Baldwin AvenueSierra Madre

**You're Invited!**

**Exhibit Dates**  
**June 6, 2022**  
**through**  
**July 9, 2022**

Karla Bartholomew  
Carol Caley  
Robin M. Cohen  
Mims Ellis  
Babs Fine  
April Drew Foster  
Karen Hansen  
Kathryn Hansen  
Yvonne Jongeling  
Salpi Kerasimian  
Kelli Kunkle-Day  
Margee Luper  
Debbi Swanson Patrick  
Paula Quasarano  
Jean Richardson  
Harriet Sherry  
Sabine Steinmetz  
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# California Colors

**Gallery Exhibition**

**OPENING RECEPTION**

**Saturday, June 11, 2022 6-8 p.m.**

Join us for refreshments  
and our awards presentation

**CREATIVE ARTS GROUP GALLERY**

108 N. Baldwin Avenue, Sierra Madre  
626-355-8350 creativeartsgroup.org



## **BAA TEACHERS**

We have several members who also teach. If you are a member who teaches art, conducts workshops, and/or have attended one that you think your fellow BAA Members would enjoy, send an email by the end of each month to [news@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:news@burbankartassociation.org). Here are some upcoming classes and workshops you might want to attend:



### **Burbank Park & Rec Summer Classes**

Burbank Park & Rec Summer Classes start the week of June 6.

Here is their recreation guide.

<https://www.burbankca.gov/web/parks-recreation/playmore>

### **Yoga and Art @thepark with Lucine Saakyan**

Are you looking to do something different on Sunday mornings?

Every Sunday in June and July, Lucine Saakyan will lead yoga and art sessions at Pacific Park

from 9a-12noon.

If you are interested or want more information, reach out to Lucine at:  
lucineteravagyan@gmail.com.

### ***Paint What You Want Zoom Class with Keven McCants***

Kevin McCants is starting a 5-week, one 2hr session per week, "Paint What You Want" zoom class. Work in oils, watercolor, pastels, or just a drawing.

You can work on any new work you'd like to paint or a painting you'd like to fix with the help of a trained eye. Together we will go through your process and introduce different techniques so you can produce more influential works of art. Emphasis will be placed on drawing corrections, tonal enhancement, color coordination, and theory.

The class will be for adults and teens.

You can visit <https://gbamsoonoyeah.wixsite.com/kevin-mccants-art> to see works created by current and former students, and you can see visit [kevinmccantspaintings.com](http://kevinmccantspaintings.com) to see Kevin's artwork.

For more information, class structure, and times email Kevin at [umcleball4u@gmail.com](mailto:umcleball4u@gmail.com).

### ***Fun & Play while learning about YOU!***

Join Karen Sachs at any of her upcoming creative play workshops.

- Soul Expression (June 5, 1p-4p) [Sign up here](#)
- Paint Your Essence (June 19, 1p-3:30p) [Sign up here](#)
- A Little Love Chat & Art (various June dates & times) [Sign up here](#)

All events are online via Zoom. Go to her website for more information and registration:  
<https://paintyoureissance.com/workshops/>.

### ***Art Classes for Kids by Jamie Butterworth***

Jamie Butterworth continues teaching her **Exploring Art kids classes (K-7)** through the end of May. Kids can join at any time, so please share with anyone you think may be interested...[Exploring Art](#).

And, NEW for ADULTS!! Jamie has decided to do an **Adults Exploring Art** class on the second Monday of each month on Zoom at 8 PM. She's offering a seven-week series based on the elements of Art. It will be like a typical fun paint night, except each class will be focused on a different element of Art, so participants are learning the language of Art as they learn to paint. This is ideal for beginning adult artists or anyone who wants to have some social time while painting. For more information and registration, visit Jamie's website here [Adults Exploring Art](#), or

[www.JamieButterworthArt.com](http://www.JamieButterworthArt.com).

<http://www.jamiebutterworthart.com/exploring-art-spring-2022.html>.

## ***BAA Sponsors***



Carter Sexton Artist Materials, a family-owned business since 1944, is located at 5308 Laurel Canyon Blvd. in North Hollywood. They always have artists working at the store and the staff are friendly and full of tips and advice. No matter what you're looking for, if they don't have it, they will do their best to find it for you. Be sure to stop into Carter Sexton the next time you need art supplies. Tell them you are a BAA member and thank them for their sponsorship. For lots more information, visit their website at <https://www.cartersextan.com/>.

The Burbank Art Association is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization. Our mission is to stimulate and encourage creative expression and showcase our members' talents. Artists of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join—sponsorships and donations to the BAA help 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](http://www.burbankartassociation.org).



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