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Burbank Art Association
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Encouraging creativity in visual arts and serving the community since 1950

President's Message



Dear Fellow Artists,

We've reached February - midwinter and the midpoint of our association's year. We've had lots of exhibit opportunities thanks to hard work on the part of some of our members: Helena Bowman, Wendy Wallace, Joanna Lewis. I certainly hope you're supporting your fellow artists by attending as many openings as you can and visiting their exhibits independently;

This month we will be calling for volunteers to form a nominating committee to elect our Board of Directors for next year. We will be electing new board members and reelecting those who decide to continue their positions. The Financial Secretary position has been open for some time now. Speaking of the Financial Secretary, we are having trouble chasing down commissions on work sold at our exhibits and events. Let's get those payments in.

We also will be getting ready to solicit entries for our scholarships. Joanna is in charge of that, but we need volunteers for a committee to review portfolios and resumes. Let's not confuse this with the annual prize that we award the best senior work at the BLCAC's Youth Expo in the spring. Stay tuned for more info on that.

For the artist of the month, I chose Augusta Savage, artist, activist, and arts educator. Born in Florida, she was discouraged from creating pieces from clay, which her father thought were "graven images". Fortunately, she was undeterred by family pressure and lack of funds. She was granted a scholarship at Cooper Union. After Cooper, she did commissions (notably a bust of Marcus Garvey) while she worked in a steam laundry to support her family. With bronze being so expensive, she mostly worked in clay or plaster. For the 1939 World's Fair, she created an installation in plaster called *Lift Every Voice and Sing**, which was sadly destroyed at end of fair along with most of the other installations. Models still exist for the piece, one of which I have posted here, along with *Gamin*, one of her most well-known pieces

Your Fearless Leader,
Carol Tensen



* *Lift Every Voice and Sing* is often referred to as the Black national anthem, written by James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson. Here's a link to an a capella version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngFDy52eCZY>

Our February Program will feature artist Pete Morris.

Pete Morris has been known as the "Metro Artist". His demos are always entertaining as well as informative!

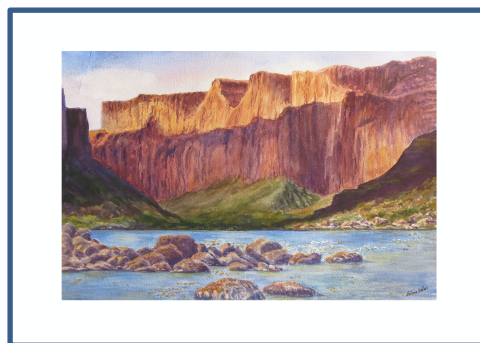
Pete Morris is passionate about watercolor and has been painting for more than 20 years. He works full time as a graphic artist for a silkscreen printing company and paints watercolors during his lunch breaks, on the drive home from work, on weekends and evenings, whenever he can squeeze it in. The result is hundreds of watercolors painted each year. Whenever possible, he paints on location, "plein air", but he also does work in his studio. He is known for his Rte. 66 series, paintings of scenes along the historic highway. Recently, Pete has had exhibits at Vroman's Bookstore Pasadena, Azusa Pacific University, Artshare LA in the Arts District, Archives Bookstore in Pasadena and Sierra Madre City Hall. He posts his ongoing work almost every day on Facebook. Pete has self-published two books. One is called Curbside LA, and is sketches of Los Angeles neighborhoods done to and from work and during his lunch hour. The second is called Riding the Metro and is sketches of people in their environment on Metro trains and buses. Both books are available on the blurb.com website and can be purchased online in their store. Pete's work can be seen on his website, houseportraitsbypete.com. You can see Pete in action by viewing a video entitled Metro Da Vinci on YouTube. You can contact Pete at petemorrisart@yahoo.com.



SCHOLARSHIPS ~ Joanna Lewis & Helena Bowman

We will need a scholarship committee to review applicants and vote on the winners in March. This is an exciting and easy job, requiring only one meeting and some review of materials electronically. We may even do it online! Join us in enriching the lives of Burbank's budding young artists.

Burbank Art Association (BAA) have 11 Arlene Helm watercolor paintings left. They are 11" x 14", in a white mat and clear envelope. Will fit a frame with opening of 16" x 20". Available for a donation of \$25 or more to Arlene Helm's Scholarship Fund. Photographs of the paintings are on the BAA website.



CALLING FOR FUNDRAISING PARTICIPANTS

Generous BAA members! Don't forget to bring your 5x7 paintings or drawings to the February meeting for the BCR fundraiser. For those who missed the last meeting, the BAA has been asked to participate in a fundraiser by donating small artwork, similar to the BAFA Secret Art show of the past. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit a local non-profit program, *BCR-A Place to Grow*, which is an after school and adult day care program for individuals with different abilities. Larger finished pieces for a silent auction would also be welcome – let me know if you have something to donate (ellieoklein@gmail.com). The fundraiser event will take place sometime in March - details to follow. Many thanks, Ellie



Our next regular monthly meeting is on Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

Monthly meetings are held from 7-9pm at the City Administrative Services Building, 301 E. Olive Ave., Room 102. Parking is in back or on the side of the building on Olive. Enter in the back of the building on the lower level.

EXHIBITS ~ Helena Bowman & Parisa Talebian

The BAA Juried Spring Show: May 4-30, 2020

Take-In: Saturday, May 2, 9am-12pm

Reception: Saturday, May 9, 4-6pm

Take-down: Saturday, May 30, 9-11am

The judge will be Shannon Currie Holmes from Brand Library and Art Gallery. She is the director of Exhibits there, so polish your boots and clean your brushes and get working!

The details on this show will be in the April issue. But be aware of the small size of the gallery and plan your work accordingly.



GEO GALLERY NEWS ~ Helena Bowman & Parisa Talebian

The BAA Board Show "Salt & Pepper – An Adventure into Monochromatic Art" in January has been taken down. It was interesting to see the different artists working within the color restrictions. I think it was very illuminating. It was a show I enjoyed revisiting several times.

February 3-28: Parisa Talebian's solo show "My Trace" is up.

Reception: February 9, 5-7pm

This will be much more interesting than the Oscars, so come by!

March 2-27:

"Flowers, Petal, & Wings", a group show by Teresa Green, Jeri Grover and Linda Roletti.

Two photographers and a felting artist. Spectacular!

Reception: March 7, 4-7pm

April 1-30:

Pam McDonald will show and sell her marvelous watercolors at "Pam's Potpourri of Paintings #2."

Reception: Saturday, April 4, 5-7pm.

May 4-30: The BAA Annual Spring Salon

June 1-26:

Damian Crowley is putting together his work for a Solo Show! More details later, but keep Saturday, June 13, 5-7pm open for the reception.

Geo Gallery, 1545 Victory, Glendale, CA 91207. Between Western Ave and Sonora Ave. Parking and entrance in rear



Burbank Cultural Arts Commission "Hidden Jewels"

February 7-27, 2020

Reception: Friday, February 7 from 7-9pm

The Betsy Lueke Creative Arts Center is located at 1100 W. Clark Ave., Burbank.

For information, call 818-238-5397 or visit

www.burbankca.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/arts-events/betsy-lueke-creative-arts-center



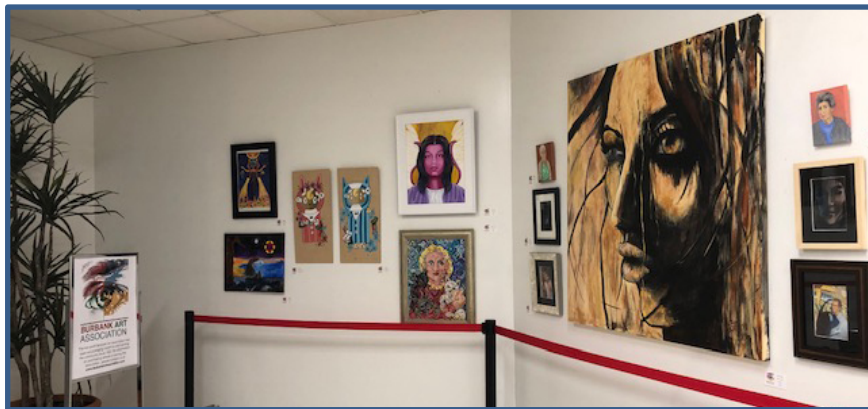
OUTSIDE EXHIBITS ~ Wendy Wallace

Macy's Gallery

The Burbank Macy's Elevator Gallery is a hidden gem behind the furniture section on the first floor (follow signs to elevator/restrooms).

Macy's show "Portraits" is now up.
Casual reception Sat. March 7, 2-4pm*

**Dates are always dependent on Macy's calendar and subject to change.*



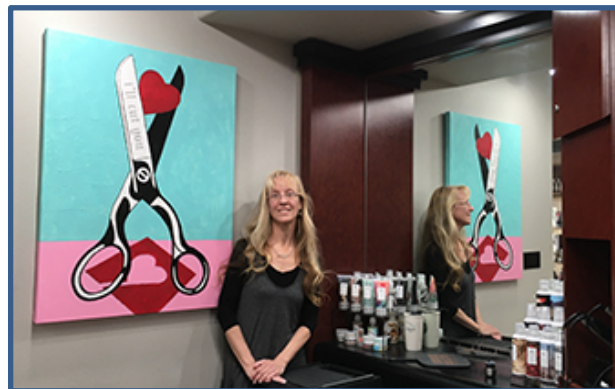
PENSTROKES✍ Sharon Dellamarie

- ✿ Vivianne Bowman is getting ready for art shows this spring. Very fun!!
- ✿ At the January meeting Janet Devaney donated many Art magazines and Art Instruction books courtesy of Paula Zinn, a friend and fellow artist who recently passed away.
- ✿ Christine Mallouf is exhibiting at the Betsy Lueke Creative Arts Center Instructors' Show, and is having a gallery show in May. She is also teaching classes at the BLCAC.
- ✿ Sad News: The San Fernando Valley Art Club is closing, so if you have friends in that group, invite them to a BAA meeting. (Anonymous)
- ✿ Jamie Butterworth is teaching her kids' art classes four days a week this semester – two days with homeschoolers and two days after school at public schools in Burbank.
- ✿ Jeff Folschinsky's play "Triangles" is being performed by Force of Nature Productions at the Generation Dance Studio and Theater in March.
- ✿ Teresa Green was asked to photograph the Rose Parade on January 1st for the Burbank Tournament of Roses group. Her photos are posted on the BTOR website under History, for the 2020 float named "Rise Up." Go to the bottom of the page to see Parade Day and post-Parade photos. Teresa also purchased a memorial vase which was placed on the float in honor of BAA member Kathy Phipps, who passed away last year.
- ✿ Susan Spohr is finishing the third order of custom painted china for a customer in Taiwan. She is also creating three pieces in clay for the Beatrice Wood Gallery.
- ✿ New member Debbie McBride (welcome!) is doing china painting with Susan Spohr. She is making miniature ceramic houses for an order placed in November, and is making angels from porcelain for pendants. She is also enjoying figure drawing classes at the BLCAC.
- ✿ Jeri Lynn Grover is going RV camping in Quartzite AZ. She's going to take "a bunch of photos of the desert, buy lots of beads, and have a campfire with friends and family." Sounds great, Jeri!
- ✿ Pam McDonald has a display of her work at the Impulse Salon in Burbank. The paintings are of her trip to Africa, and other travels. Pam was as well juried in "The Hidden Jewels Exhibition" at the Betsy Lueke Creative Art Center. The exhibit runs for the month of February.

❁ Stefanie Girard was invited to create a display at the Glendale main library of her recycled creations including her new mixed-media art collages all the way back to projects that were featured in her book, *Sweater Surgery: How to Make New Things with Old Sweaters*, and lots more! An interesting retrospective of upcycled design!

Also, Stefanie Girard was invited to display her art in her first solo show in the lovely Karizma Hair Studio at 780 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Please feel free to stop by and check out the show. Can't make it out to Thousand Oaks? Here is a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcPf-GjNPyc>



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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:

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