



FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION

FOOTNOTES

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FEBRUARY 2020

Happening at Foothills

February 6

“Old Masters” Show
Take-in 11am – 4 pm
(See page 4 for details.)

Members Meeting & Demo

Social 1:30 pm
Meeting/Demo 2 – 4 pm

March 5

Expanded Media Show
Meeting & Demo 6:30 pm

April 2

Annual Members Juried Show
Meeting & Demo 6:30 pm

Gallery at Porter Hall

4910 Memorial Drive
University & La Mesa Blvd.
(619) 464-7167

Gallery Hours

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday thru Saturday
(Closed Sunday and Monday)

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February Demonstrating Artist

Susan Binford

Susan Binford who will be the demonstrating artist at the Foothills February 6th meeting (2-4 pm) tells us, “I am a San Diego artist who discovered my unique style through experimentation and hard work. My purpose as an artist is not to imitate nature but to reveal a deeper connection to our natural world. I work in various media including oil, acrylic, and watercolor. Frequently I use textures to add dimension to my works.”

Susan began painting over 20 years ago and has had instruction by prominent artists including William DeShazo, Carol Cottone, Reed Cardwell, and Pia Stern. She is noted for her use of textures and for her experimental approach to painting.

During her demonstration, Susan will be doing a technique she calls base underpainting using a base painting in acrylic that creates a cracking in the surface.

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Message from the Chair...

Yay! We've progressed into the new year. What a nice jumpstart we had in January with Gabriel Stockton as our demonstrating guest artist in January. His demo at our members meeting was fully packed. He shared his thoughts and methods behind his preferred 'en plein aire' watercolor works. After Gabriel plans his subject and composition, he starts putting it to paper with a quick and loose sketch by holding a 2B or 4B pencil at the back end (like a drummer's drumstick) to lay things out on rough 140 lb (though his preferred is 300 lb) Arches or similar paper. When the overall layout is ready, he draws in some details by holding the pencil closer to the point for control. Then, it's time for doing his light watercolor washes on the paper, filling in bigger sections, then onto the smaller sections. His approach is to go from the lightest values paint mixes then onto gradually darker, being careful not to overwork a given area, adding layers of a mix of color values into somewhat still damp areas to allow the magic of watercolors to take on their inherent color and value play. It was apparent that Gabriel finds both peace and energy in his passion and enjoyment of creating masterful plein aire artwork scenes. During his demo, he did a quick sketchbook value and composition color study of our inviting Porter Hall Gallery, and then he moved to carry out his planned study scene onto a sheet of 140 lb paper. What a fun afternoon it was, with so much being covered and shared with us... Thank you Gabriel!

Our annual holiday fundraising sale was a big success in December. Thank you for making your generous donations of surplus artwork supplies, frames and equipment (the tables were full). I hope you found some great bargains to take advantage of.

Do limber up your brush because in the next few months we have a lot on the calendar. In February, we have the "Old Masters" show coming up. I always look forward to this show, it is so much fun! Carrying on with our new tradition tradition,

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February Featured Artist at the Foothills Gallery

Betsy Brown



Betsy Brown, a long time East County resident, is a fine artist with a creative talent in water color media and collage. Her repertoire includes paintings of animals, floral arrangements, and Hawaiian ladies in dresses in collage.

Betsy's work, highlighting design and color harmony, has been described as whimsical, romantic and dramatic. She has won numerous awards and has juried many art shows. She uses portions of her old paintings to create greeting cards that are sold from her studio. Despite a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, she has continued painting.

Betsy has lived in El Cajon since 1967. She graduated in 1952 from San Diego State College (which is now SDSU) with a degree in art. She is a member of the Southwestern Art Association, Foothills Art Association and East County Art Association. She is currently living at The Good Samaritan Retirement Center.

Organizations that Betsy belongs to include the Foothills Art Association, East County Art Association, Southwest Art Association, Wordell Critique Group, and Maries Painters

***Betsy's artwork will be on display at the Foothills Gallery from February 7th to March 4th.
She invites everyone to her Artist's Reception on Saturday, February 8th at 1:00 pm.***

Member News, Activities, Events, and Programs

Mandy Toliver, who has done a terrific job the past few years serving Foothills as coordinator of our guest artist demonstrations, will be retiring from the position. Rustin Holtec has graciously volunteered to fill the position. We welcome Rustin and thank Mandy for a job well done!

Betsy Brown, who is the February Featured Artist, has been awarded, by the Foothills Board, a Lifetime Membership Award to Foothills for her long commitment to our organization.

Foothills supports the arts community in a variety of ways. One way it has done so for the past few years is to sponsor awards for fine art shown at the San Diego County Fair. This past month, the Foothills Board passed a resolution to once again participate in the fair's award sponsorship program.

Copies Welcome! Start Painting Now

February's "Old Masters" Show

Submission: Thursday, February 6th (11 am to 4 pm) at the gallery

The "Old Masters" February show has always been a favorite at Foothills. All members are invited to enter this unique exhibit of reproductions of the old masters.

To qualify, your artwork must be a reproduction of an old master's work at least one hundred years old. You may change the size and medium of your reproduction to your liking. Your artwork must show your signature followed by "d'après" and the name of the original artist. This year, please submit a 4"x 5" or 5"x 6" photo of the original which we will hang next to the painting. You can print the photo from a computer image or from a book or magazine.

1 st Place	\$50.00
2 nd Place	\$30.00
3 rd Place	\$20.00

Peoples' Choice Award - Presented in Memory of Teresa Shaffer

The "Peoples' Choice Award" will be presented at the March members' meeting. Create your now on your "Old Master" and we'll have wonderful show in February!

Member News (continued from page 4)

Jeanne Rechtsfertig, our gallery sitters coordinator, is gathering information in an attempt to understand why some members have not fulfilled their member responsibility to periodically sit the gallery. If you have not yet volunteered to sit, because you feel you need more knowledge and training, you can contact **Jeanne Rechtsfertig** at (805) 440-9407 or foothillsartgallery@gmail.com and she will help you with what you need.

Duke Windsor has a solo show “Radiance” at the Sparks Gallery (530 Sixth Ave., Gaslamp Quarter) running through March 1st. Painting with gold leaf which gives a vibrant effect, he says, “I hope people feel the warmth in the paintings and that it makes them think of something happy.”

Mission Trails Park Visitors Center is currently showing the works of painters Elaine Harvey, Jami Wright, Victoria Marquez, Pat Dispenziere and photographer Otto Kruse. The show runs through February 14th.

FEBRUARY MEETING/DEMO

Thursday, February 6

Social 1:30 pm

Meeting/Demo 2:00 – 4:00 pm

The Member Meeting/Demo in February will be held in the afternoon in consideration of members who cannot drive at night. Evening meetings will resume in March.

SAN DIEGO DRAWING GUILD

Wednesdays (10 am - 2 pm) at the gallery

\$2.00 fee and participants are encouraged to bring their lunch

For information: Gary Dyak at ggd2@cox.net

LIFE DRAWING GROUP

First & Third Mondays (2-4 pm) at the gallery

For information: Carol Kubie at 619-303-0821

FRIDAY PAINTERS

Fridays (1:30 - 3:30 pm) at the gallery

For information: Skip Mills at sundeanxv@att.net

Message from the Chair *(continued from page 2)*

we will be awarding the People’s Choice winners with cash (or check) awards again this year as a tribute to honor Teresa Shaffer (our past member who had led our group for many years). The extra fun part is there’s no entry fee for this show, and the winning prizes are \$50 for 1st Place, \$30 for 2nd Place and \$20 for 3rd Place. So please, paint or draw away and you may be one of our People’s Choice winners.

Then, in March we’ll have our Expanded Media (almost anything goes…) Show, so let loose with your creative expressions and have a blast coming up with something unusual and extraordinary for your entries.

And, let me catch my breath… …in April, we have our biggest awards show of the year… our Annual Members Juried and Judged Show. This show always has a big, exciting turnout with great recognition of your amazing artwork creations.

In January, our gallery Featured Artist wall was amazingly adorned with a collection of work by our Drawing Group members (via Gary Dyak’s leadership). I stood back admiring their works in awe, all the while thinking, “How’d they do that? That can’t be done using colored pencils and graphite.” But, they did. What an amazing group of artists they are. It makes me proud that they’re part of our Foothills world.

For February we have a very special treat, Betsy Brown, our own award winning master from the East County, will be our Featured Artist in the gallery. Not only will we get to see and enjoy a wonderful collection of her typical bold and brilliant works, but we will be honoring Betsy with a Foothills Art Association Lifetime Membership as a way to thank her for all she has done for our community to promote fine artwork over many years and recognizing her as the master that she is. Please take the opportunity to meet, congratulate and thank Betsy at her Featured Artist Reception on Saturday, February 8th at 1 pm at the gallery.

I hope to see you all soon. In the meantime keep drawing and/or painting away with your passion for creativity and then share your works with us at our gallery.

Scott Trimlett, President



(Shown above: Gabriel Stockton, demonstrating artist at the January 9th Members Meeting)

Footnotes Seeks New Editor

by Linda Michael, Editor

I find it hard to believe that I have been the editor of Footnotes for the past nine years. It has been a thoroughly wonderful experience and I have enjoyed putting each monthly issue together. But, it is now time to pass the baton to a willing volunteer, and so, I have submitted my resignation to the board.

We are looking for a new volunteer who has some computer savvy, organization, and a sense of literary and graphic creativity. Footnotes is published every month and is emailed or sent by the postal service around the 15th of the month to all Foothills members. So, the candidate must be able to adhere to this schedule. Each issue does take a number of hours to produce, so it is not a small job, but neither is it an overwhelming job. I've found it to be an extremely rewarding job.

The new candidate will not have to strike out alone. I will pass on my knowledge and my records. I will be available to assist until the candidate is comfortable in the position.

If you might be interested in this job, one which is vital to the functioning of the Foothills Art Association, please contact me, Linda Michael at (619) 463-4580 or linda.michael@cox.net.

Foothills' Entry Form

"OLD MASTERS" SHOW – FEBRUARY 2020

Title _____

Name _____

Medium _____

Phone _____ Cost _____ +Tax

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Annual Membership Form

*The Foothills Art Association welcomes your membership.
We strive to provide local artists with opportunities
to expand their experience and to show their artwork.
To join or renew, print and complete this form.
Mail it with your annual dues to the address below.*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

<u>Enhanced Membership</u> (includes hanging/selling + website gallery)	\$ 40.00
<u>Active Member</u> (includes hanging/selling privileges)	\$ 30.00
<u>Associate Member</u> (excludes hanging/selling privileges)	\$ 20.00
<u>Junior Member</u> (under 18-years old)	\$ 15.00

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Updated Info _____

Are you interested in volunteering to help with Foothills' activities? Yes ___ No ___

My signature below releases the Foothills Art Association and all persons connected with the exhibiting and handling of works of art submitted by me from any responsibility for the loss or damage by fire, theft, or other hazards connected with the exhibiting and handling of those works.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print and complete this renewal form, and mail it with your check to:
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