



Flourish

March 2021

Upcoming Events on Zoom:

Mar 4, 6:30p, Board Zoom Meeting

Mar 18, 6:30p Zoom Meeting & Demo by Patrick Foster.

Presidents Notes:

What a great month! We were able to welcome three new members in as exhibiting members. There were 15 participants in Artist of the Month! Congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. For those of you who were not at the meeting, Sarah Nguyen was awarded the Meritorious Service Award! I also want to mention two artists who have really taken their art to the next level this last year. In particular, I wanted to call out Kika De Ponte and Jeanne Wardrip. The work you have been producing recently has been really lovely and you have both grown in your individual mediums.

We had an interesting presentation on henna, the possibilities for art were intriguing as a way to add texture and pattern. I cannot wait to see the demo this month. I am curious to see how his work evolves. As a bead maker, I start with an idea and the bead developed from there. There are bead makers who are very planned, they have an idea, they draw it out and then they make the bead. I like to have the idea, and a color palette and let the glass flow. How do you plan your art? I hope to see you all at the general meeting this month! I miss your faces.

Shelly

LOTS of Member News:

1. Congratulations to the NEW EXHIBITING MEMBERS

1. Patrick Woolvin - photography
2. Joseph Bernardas - Oil
3. Rebecca Chang - watercolor

2. Keep Clyde Stout in your thoughts as he recuperates from a difficult & lengthy stay in the hospital.

3. Our sincere condolences go out to Kay Clark for the recent loss of the beloved husband Bob.

Upcoming Shows and Invitations to submit Art

Shelly Woolvin will have online shows on "The Jewellery Show" on Facebook, March 7-8 and April 13-14.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/202104383623506/>

Please - if you have art related news, demos or classes, pieces on display or upcoming shows in April, please email the info to myself or EVA to get the information in the newsletter. We would love to support our fellow EVA members.

Demonstration - Patrick Foster



Patrick Foster will be demonstrating an oil on canvas example of his technique of letting the piece and subject evolve from free-form marks. Emphasis on the early stage.

Patrick Foster is a painter who spent his childhood in Albany, Georgia. He attended Darton College (Albany, Georgia) as well as a year at Columbus College of Art and Design (Columbus, Ohio). Currently he is a member of and exhibiting with the Georgia Artist Guild of Albany (former publicity director). For the last 7 years he has been steadily producing and ever-expanding body of over 350 oil paintings while continuing to work on his business through the [Patrick Foster Studio](http://www.patrickfosterstudio.com/) website, [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/patrickfosterstudio) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/patrickfosterstudio) pages.

Patrick's Artist Statement provides clues to his thought process; "I use painting to both explore and release my emotions: ones I am aware of and those beneath the surface. My work is, in part, both my ongoing description of and path through 15 years of clinical depression . Although each piece is intensely personal in meaning, I try to keep the emotions universal enough for any viewer to identify with. Allegory and story figure heavily in most works, and clues to a personal meaning may be found in my symbols and vocabulary. The *narrative* I pull from the piece is the important part. I draw out the story until I feel it's just discernible, then leave it open enough for the viewer to see their own path into the piece's story. My process is based on looseness of thought and form. Starting with a blank canvas, no plan or idea, I begin making marks. I filter as little as possible, and my pieces are in flux up to the moment I finish."



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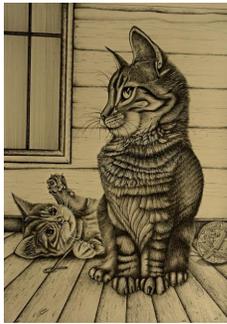
Congratulations to Sarah Nguyen who was awarded our inaugural Meritorious Service Award - For the ingenuity, and energy she contributed to keep the club active and engaged during the pandemic by initiating the Coronavirus Challenge, her contribution to every aspect of our 2020 Annual Show and Sale, in serving on the the Board as Publicity Director AND her role in helping guide the club in our efforts to go digital.

March 31 Last day to Pay DUES

On April 1, begins the \$5.00 late fee and you will miss the Updated directory for 2021.

Challenges: The challenges are going strong! We had 15 participants - that another record. Lets keep breaking our records! Congratulations to the winners!!!!

- 1st place is Shelly Woollvin for "Purple Flowers"
- 2nd place is a tie between Saikat Chowdry for "Play" and Jeanne Wardrip for "Pacific Grove Sunset"
- 3rd place is Natasha Sahay for Stag



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