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EVA Newsletter - Engaging Visionaries & Artists


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**January 2020 Meeting**

**Featured Guest Artist - Nancy Duesing Takaichi**



Nancy is an award-winning Plein Air painter that will be joining us to discuss this technique which blends creativity and nature.

Nancy was born in Cincinnati and majored in Art at DePauw University. She apprenticed for New York artists Jack Bealand and Jane Frelicher. She interned at Fischbach Art Gallery and Franklin Furnace Art Books. Nancy had a 30-year career in high tech as a corporate events planner, marketing communications, and newsletter editor. She returned to painting in 2012 and is represented by Gallery 24 in Los Gatos, CA.

**Artist's Statement**

I'm hooked on plein air painting. There is an immersion that happens by being in the scene- the light, the air, the sounds and the scene itself envelope me. It is immediate and I can intimately react to not just what I see, but what I know to be true. I'm not interested in panoramic scenes; I want to parcel it down to what portion of the scene speaks to the enormity of it. I look for the story of what makes this place unique, and so often it is about the light. Living in Northern California, sunlight is a big part of any scene I paint and is a fascination of mine. I'm also interested in subject matter that is in transition. Weather seasonal, or permanent changes caused by development, I feel compelled to record history in paint.



Lanvie Outlet, 12x12"

**Meeting Agenda**

Please join us for the 1st meeting of the year. Along with the featured artist, we will be judging the 1st art challenge of the new decade! We will discuss the naming of our newsletter. More details on page 3! We look forward to seeing you!



**Calendar of Events**

- Jan. 2nd @ 6:30 pm - Board Meeting**
- Jan. 16th @ 6:30 pm - Artists' Meeting**  
Regular Monthly Meeting
- Feb. 20th @ 6:30 pm - Artists' Meeting**  
Regular Monthly Meeting
- Mar. 19th @ 6:30 pm - Artists' Meeting**



**Art Challenge 1st Quarter 2020**

**DOTS, SPOTS & POLKA-DOTS**

You still have time! Don't miss your "spot" in this quarter's challenge. The project is due on **Jan 16, 2020!** No limit in submissions, and we know everyone will be "spot-on" with their pieces!

## Membership Dues - Reminder

**Deadline For Membership Dues is March 31st!**

- \$35 Individual
- \$45 Family (all living at the same address)
- \$10 Student (must be at least 12 years old)

As of December 29th, nearly 40% of our yearly membership dues were paid. Thanks to all of you who have paid up. Getting your dues in early makes it easier to plan demos, hands-on activities and get our year off to a rip-roarin' start—well, at least to a productive and encouraging one.

Please send your checks to:

**Julie Cline, 3510 Whitman Way, SJ, 95132**  
**or bring them to a meeting.**

You can even contact me ([juliacline@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juliacline@sbcglobal.net)), and I'll tell you how to send your dues in *via Venmo*.

Use whatever method works for you. You get a lot of value for your \$10, \$35, or \$45 from EVA!



## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT Your Name Here

For 2020, EVA would like to make the artist spotlight a regular part of the newsletter.

Our goal for 'The Spotlight' is to help you share your work and yourself to the members. Do you have new work you want to share? Have you learned a new technique that you want to promote? Are you a new member to the group and would like to introduce yourself and your work?

If so, please email us and let us know! Do you want to nominate someone for a spotlight? We would love to hear all about who it is and why.

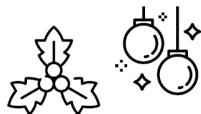
We have 11 spots for this year. The spots will be filled on a first-come, first spotlighted basis.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to showcase yourself and your art!



## 2019 Holiday Party

A **BIG** thank you to Jennifer Wool & Robert Johnson for a fun event!



photos courtesy of Candy Yu



## Membership News

We are excited to end the year with 52 members in the EVA organization. We are looking forward to continuing to grow the membership and doing more things together as a group in the future!



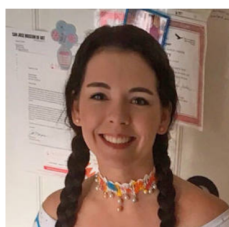
We added 9 new members in 2019!

- Anne Carvalho - *Joined in January*
- Kira White - *Joined in January*
- Deb Jackson - *Joined in August*
- Tatiana Yaksick - *Joined in September*
- Laurie Yaksick - *Joined in September*
- Perri Jacobs - *Joined in October*
- Pamela Kabbes - *Joined in October*
- Kumar Rajnish - *Joined in November*
- Natasha Sahay - *Joined in November*

## Annual EVA Awards - 2019



**Artist of the Year**  
Hadi Aghaee



**Most Frequent Participant**  
Denise Deiloh



## Field Trip

Anybody up for a field trip as a group?  
 Field trips for inspiration or to volunteer?  
 Please let us know!



## Meeting Minutes

No board meeting in December.  
 Please check out this space in February for news and updates.





## Art Shows, Fairs, Festivals, & Flea Markets



EVA wants to hear from you! Are you participating in an upcoming Art Event, and want to be highlighted in the newsletter? Please email us by the 3rd Monday of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

Also, EVA will be working on a 2020 directory of upcoming events in N. California to help facilitate the participation of EVA members. If you have any useful event information (best shows to participate in, event organizer contact info, etc.), please email [eastvalleyartists@gmail.com](mailto:eastvalleyartists@gmail.com) with 'Art Show Info' in the title.

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 4 - De Anza Winter Flea Market - 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Lot A & B, Cupertino
- Jan. 5 - Alameda Point Winter Antiques Fair - Alameda Point at Main Street, 2900 Navy Way, Alameda
- Feb 8 - Palo Alto Spring Flea Market - Palo Alto H.S - 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA
- Mar. 28-29 - Belmont Handcrafted Originals Art Fair - 1049 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont
- Apr. 24-26 - Menlo Park Sidewalk Spring Art Stroll - Santa Cruz Ave between El Camino Real & University Dr, Menlo Park
- May 2-3 - Mountain View A La Carte and Art - Downtown, Castro Street, Mountain View



### Call to Action

*Help us make the newsletter even better!*

As you can see, our newsletter has gotten a bit of a refresh for the new year and decade. We worked hard to design it to match our beautiful logo by Sarah Nguyen.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletters over the years. A BIG shout out to Judi Sherwood for providing a wealth of resources and insights that were extremely helpful in the redesign.

Now we need your help! This newsletter is for members about members. So, please bring your ideas, news, etc. to the meetings or email us @ [eastvalleyartists@gmail.com](mailto:eastvalleyartists@gmail.com).

#### Ways you can help and get featured!

##### 1. Name the Newsletter!

We need a name for our new rebranded newsletter! We will be voting on a name at the January meeting. Here are some ideas to get the creative juices flowing:

- **The Muse** - (in Greek and Roman mythology) each of nine goddesses, the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne, who preside over the arts and sciences.
- **Inspiritus** - A Latin phrase meaning "into life", "into soul", or "into breathing"

##### 2. Artist Spotlight

- Free advertising! Don't miss out!

##### 3. Art Shows

- Are you participating? Do you know of an event that is a great place for inspiration? Let us know!

##### 4. Other Member News

- Anything else worth noting?

##### 5. Art Tip of the Month

- Got a good tip? Please share it with the group.

What else would you like to see in the newsletter? Please bring your ideas to our monthly meetings or email us!

### Letter from the President



Happy New Year! I can't believe we are already in 2020! I would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to help run our club this coming year. We have a great mix of experienced and new members, and I can't wait to see what this year brings!



### Other Member News

Hadi Aghae's Acrylic painting "**Godz 2nd Mistake (Part 7)**" is now on display in Santa Clara at Triton Museum's "**Salon at Triton**" Exhibition until January 26, 2020.

Do you have some news you would like to share? Some ideas for this section:

- Your art is being showcased.
- You are teaching a class or attending a class that others would enjoy attending.
- You are volunteering and need more volunteers.

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### Art Tip of the Month

*If you lose passion about the piece you are working on, quit, and move on to something else.*