



Flourish

March 2022

Upcoming Events on Zoom:

March 3rd, Board Meeting

March 17th, 6:30p Monthly Meeting and Demo at FPC

Dues need to be paid. \$5 late fee after March 31st

President's Notes:

Last month I wrote about motivation. This month I would like to address the topic of fun. That's right, fun. Making and appreciating art should be enjoyable, fun. Becoming an artist is quite a journey and sometimes it drags us down with disappointment and self-doubt. But we are driven to do it to express ourselves; to release what drives us. With all that said, we should be having fun.

One of my biggest reasons for taking this volunteer position to be president of EVA is to inject more fun, encouragement and growth to the group. To that end, for the month of March we are introducing the Mural Hunt. It's an opportunity to involve your friends and loved ones into the joy of art and have a little fun. The details are below, but basically, we want you to get out, find some of the glorious murals around us and snap a selfie with the mural and upload it to our Facebook page. Get out there and have some fun!

Carole Cameron
President

Dues are Due!

Dues are due, late payment Fee of \$5 starts on March 15th. You will no longer receive the newsletter or be eligible to participate in Artist of the Month or the Annual Show, until dues are paid in full.

Help Needed!

We need a lead for the Annual Show! We are looking forward to holding the show in person this year, but we need a lead for the show. You don't have to do everything, we just need an organizer to make sure things get done. Email Carole if interested.

March Mural Hunt

Gather up your friends and family, get in the car, on the bikes, scooters and find some of San Jose's wonderful murals. Here are links to view and find the murals:

1. [San Jose Murals and Street Art | FindMASA](#)
2. [Downtown Murals – San Jose Downtown \(sjdowntown.com\)](#)
3. [ShowDocument \(sanjoseca.gov\)](#)
4. [Looking for San Jose's best murals? There's a map for that \(mercurynews.com\)](#)
5. [Urban Trails: A Downtown San Jose Street Art Route \(bayarea.com\)](#)

Take some selfies and upload them to the EVA Facebook page.

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Let's have some **FUN** ! I'm sure we are going to have some extraordinary and delightful pics. Let's do this!

If you aren't on Facebook, (well maybe you should, just for EVA), send one to the EVA email.

Member News:

Shelly Woollvin has her next Art Bead Trunk Show in the Facebook Group Glass Open Market On March 21 - 22.

Have a show coming up? Want to show off your latest creation? Win an award? Email Shelly to share your news.
Shelly@perledivetro.com

Plein Air



Shrubby spot at Grant Ranch

At our last outing, we had a wonderful day painting and complaining about the number of shrubs in our subject area. Join us on March 11 at 10 AM, place TBA. Contact Julie at eastvalleyartists@gmail.com.

March Demonstration

Demonstrator: Stephanie Metz. Stephanie will be demonstrating sculptural needle felting: creating three-dimensional, solid forms by poking at loose fluffy wool with specialized needles.

Stephanie Metz's innovative work in felted wool fuses sharp wit, thoughtful observation and careful craftsmanship in an unusual material to blur the line between art and science, natural and unnatural, organic and man-made.

Stephanie Metz was raised in the California Bay Area and received her BFA from the University of Oregon; she lives with her techie husband and two sons in San Jose. In January 2020 she debuted her first solo museum show *Stephanie Metz: InTouch* at the de Saisset Museum at Santa Clara University. She has been featured in San Jose's Content Magazine, Adobe Inspire Magazine, American Craft and 500 Felt Objects. Her work has been exhibited across the U.S. and internationally. Awards include grants from the Belle Foundation for Cultural Development, the Center for Cultural Innovation, and in 2015 she was honored as an Artist Laureate by SV Creates. She has taught at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina and Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Tennessee.



Stephanie states, "I use the unusual material of felted wool to create sculpture reminiscent of biological specimens: a sampling of notable, mysterious objects collected and presented as items of wonder. My sculptural forms borrow from anatomy, blending and sampling from soft, weighty folds of flesh, clean-cut architecture of bone, complex systems of plant growth, and the precise geometry of seed pods and cocoons. From far away my sculptures appear hard, smooth, and cold like marble, but closer observation reveals the opposite: a visibly soft, warm, textured surface. With my art I aim to provoke surprise, fascination, curiosity, and engagement-- the phenomenon of wonder".

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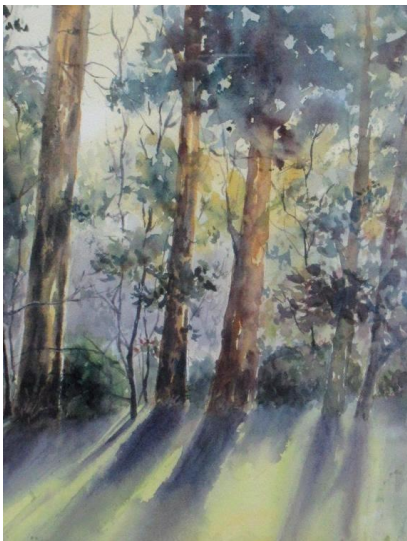
February Artist of the Month

First place: Hadi Aghae, Judicious Gathering.



Second Place:

Candy Yu, Light Through the Forest



Second Place:

Carole Cameron, Colored Pencil



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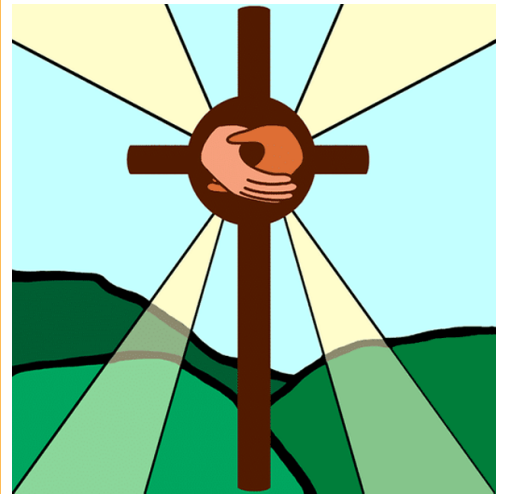
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