

DEMONSTRATOR

JOANN FORMIA HIGHLIGHTS

Joann Formia says she finds painting to be a never ending journey. She declares she will never know everything about painting, regardless of the medium. Joann recently received a statement via e-mail, "Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." This question is always present to this versatile artist.

Joann has had the pleasure of painting at Manzanar National Monument with Henry Fukuhara, as well as trips to Mt. Carmel in Utah to paint with Milford Zornes. Joann also specializes in commissioned watercolor renderings and black and white drawings of properties for local realtors, given as gifts to their clients.

In addition to attending Mt. San Antonio Jr. College as an Art Major, Joann Formia feels fortunate to have had classes or workshops with the following notable artists: Jim Burns, Dayrl Bryant, Joseph Stoddard, Tom Fong, Milford Zornes, Chris Van Winkle, Carole Barnes, Eric Weigardt, Marciano Martinez, Dale Laitinen, Hal Lambert, Henry Fukuhara, George James, Al Setton, Quinton Bemiller.

Joann served as Exhibition chair for Watercolor West 2005. She also serves as publicity and memberships chairs for Mid-Valley Arts League. Joann currently is member of many art associations, including Watercolor West. Joann has been entering competitions since the early 70's. She has won many awards throughout the years. Her work may be seen in exhibitions, private collections, and corporate purchases. To learn more, visit her website at: <http://www.joannformia.com>

WINNERS

For March

Carol Dahlquist

won the Demonstrator's Award

**Carol Dahlquist &
Gayle Stratford**

won the Popular Vote Award

Nancy Harter

won the Demonstrator's Painting

Jeri Elis

won the Opportunity Tickets Prizes

Congratulations!

BOARD MEETING

The April meeting will be held on 4/19/2006,
at 9:30 am

at the home of Otha Grant

659 Baltic Ct. Upland 985-6961

All association members are welcome.

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Meetings are held at 9:30 A.M.
on the second Wednesday of
each month.

Next Meeting: April 12

**Central Park
Community Center**

11200 Baseline Road
Rancho Cucamonga
(northwest corner of Milliken & Baseline)

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2006 DEMONSTRATIONS

January 11 -Martha Cowan - oil

February 8 - Dory Grade - acrylic

March 8 - Tom Fong - watercolor

April 12 - Joann Formia - watercolor

May 10 - Susan Sprigg - oil

June 14 - Don O'Neill - watercolor

July 12 - Justine Limpus Paris - figure gesture

August 9 - David Fairrington - oil

September 13 - coming

October 11 - Judy Webber - watercolor

November 8 -Frances Hollinger Frazier

December 13 - Al Seton

2006 ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

Artwork of the Month can always include 2- dimensional or 3- dimensional art pieces pertaining to the category. Specific rules are posted at the monthly meetings. The deadline for submitting work is 9:30 a.m.

January - Artist's Choice

February - Landscapes

March - Still Life

April - Seascapes, Lakes, Rivers

May - Florals

June - Artist's Choice

July - Structures: buildings, houses, bridges, etc.

(can be paintings, drawings, or sculptures)

August - Artist's Choice

September - Animals, Birds

October - Portraits & Figures

November - Miniatures

December -no exhibit

LAURA BARNES

Laura Barnes grew up in Pearl River, New York, where, as a child, she was able to visit many of the major museums of New York City. Trips to the Metropolitan Museum of Art were counterbalanced with nature trips to upstate New York and Canada. By the time Laura and her family moved to Orange, California in the early 1970's her foundation for art appreciation had already been formalized.

With her combined appreciation for nature and the influence of the works of Henri Matisse, Vincent Van Gogh and Rembrandt vans Rijn, Laura began her formal art training at Chapman University. Laura received her Bachelor of Arts degree and continued her artwork while supporting herself at various day jobs.

Acrylic works reflect her support for causes like the Nature Conservancy and a variety of animal rescue shelters and related organizations. Her photography highlights many of the natural ecosystems of California. In 2005 two of her pieces were accepted into the Contemporary Fine Arts Competition at the Millard Sheets Gallery. One of them sold. Her works have helped to open new categories for the inclusion of additional artists which were previously unable to show their fine art works. Laura participates in other shows such as the 2 Sisters in Claremont, and the Orange Art Association show. She is a member of that association as well as the Associated Artists of the Inland Empire.

Following her creative path Laura continues to expand the themes of her work from her days with the Whittier Art Association and her "Blue Women" period up to today's works in which her "Nature and Spirituality" themes present a bright and hopeful future.



SALES TABLES

For April

Dot Wilkes - jewelry

Their are still tables available for the April meeting. Please call Shirley Bonneville @463-6259 to reserve a table or for more information.

Due to scheduling within the facility, please give one month notice if you would like to reserve a table.

COOKIES

For April

Rita Jones, Elizabeth Carr, Karen Werner, Jerrie McClusky, Martha Lou McCool.

NEW MEMBERS

Gary & Erma Williams
Howard Snider
Jeri Ellis
Eileen Leonhardt
Mary Popp
Jesus Alvarado

Welcome!

MEMBER NEWS

... **Sylvia Megerdichian** will be featured at a solo show at the Claremont Community Foundation (205 Yale Ave., Claremont) from April 7 - April 30, 2006. Sylvia will be showing works on paper and wood. The artist reception is Friday, April 7, 2006, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Gallery hours are M-F, 9am - 5pm.

... **Sandra Crowley Kramer** has some work being shown in "Feminine Wisdom", now through April 22, 2006, at the Cal Poly Pomona Downtown Center (300 West Second, Pomona).

BARGAIN PLACE

The new "Bargain Place" is off to a good start! At the March meeting, everything sold quickly. Remember, you can purchase unwanted art-related items for a bargain. Proceeds go to the Associated Artists. One artist's junk is another artist's treasure!

Members may donate their used or unwanted, **pre-priced** art supplies to the monthly meetings. At the end of the meeting, if your item did not sell, please take it home with you. The Associated Artists will not store these items.

GIBSON SENIOR CENTER

Changing of the paintings at the Gibson Senior Center will be on Wednesday, March 29, @9:30 a.m. This is a great way to publicly show your art. Just come to the Gibson Senior Center in Upland with one or more paintings, and they will be hung for four months. Many members have sold their work at the center! This is just one of the benefits of being a member.

ARTBOX STUDIO 2006

April 22, 2006

Judy Webber will present a Still Life Watercolor Workshop.

For more info, contact Sylvia @909-981-4508.

UPCOMING EVENTS

... At the Associated Artists May meeting, the demonstration will be a portrait of a Member, whose name will be drawn at the April meeting. The winner will have pictures taken by the artist, and will need to be present at the May meeting.

... There will be interest-sign-ups for a possible **Laguna Bus trip** at the April meeting. The bus trip will be held on Wednesday, July 27.

... The **Annual Fall Show** preparations are beginning to take place. This year's Theme Category is: "Route 66". You may enter one work of art into this category. Look for articles regarding the Fall Show in future newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION APRIL 2006 -MARCH 2007

Note: Membership begins annually April 1 to the following April 1. Date: _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email address _____

Regular Membership - \$25.00 (Must pay \$2.00 at each regular demo meeting).

Special Membership - \$39.00 (includes one year's cost of most demo programs).

Please enclose this form with check payable to : Associated Artists c/o Karen Werner
13432 Garcia Ave. Chino, CA 91710

Check one: New Renewal