



Torrance Artists' Guild

P.O. Box 1494, Torrance, CA 90505

February 2019

Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 pm



Olga Krimon

Demonstrator

On Tuesday, February 12th we welcome Olga Krimon as our demo artist of the month. Olga will be completing a live figurative demo with model Abby Attig, discussing composition and the use of color is expressing movement and emotion. Born in Odessa, Ukraine, Olga received her academic art education in Kazan, Russia. Her early influences were the Russian art titans Repin, Serov, Brullov, Levitan, and Kramskoy, and later she discovered Sargent,



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Statement of Purpose

The Torrance Artist's Guild is a non-profit corporation organized to cultivate art skills, promote awareness and encourage appreciation of art in our community. It is chartered by the City of Torrance in cooperation with the Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department. Meetings are held regularly on the second Tuesday of the month.

General TAG Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 12th
7:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center Auditorium, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance
Board Meeting: TBA

Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, Feb. 28th

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Zorn, Sorolla and Cecilia Beaux. After moving to the United States, she developed her skill through drawing classes with Glen Orbik and painting classes with Jeremy Lipking. She continues to refine her craft through independent studies and daily practice. Over time, she developed her own style, grounded in fundamental principles of academic realism, with a sensitivity to subtle value and color transitions, and yet painting with a bold energy of movement and expressive brushstrokes.

Olga's Figurative and Still Life Paintings are recognized by the Portrait Society of America, winning 1st place in the 2016 International Drawing Competition, as well as the American Art Collector Award of

Excellence for the Oil Painters of America Western Regional Competition in 2014. She was also a finalist in 2015 and 2016 Art Renewal Center International Salon Competition.



President's Message

Penny For Your Thoughts

Torrance Artists' Guild is fortunate enough to have several venues to display our art. I encourage all of you to use them. I know the older members may be wearing a bit thin on using these venues but it is a chance to be noticed in the community and also to get those paintings out of your house! For the newer members I have included a list of Chairs for you to contact elsewhere in this newsletter. The venues we currently have are The City Clerk's Office, Environmental Services Office, Katy Geissert Library, and The Armstrong Theater.

Last week we were offered a golden opportunity to show 20 artists in the National Watercolor Society in San Pedro. The TAG response was underwhelming with eleven submissions. I hope you will be able to see this regional exhibition featuring

five local art clubs. The reception is March 7th and the exhibition opens on February 7th. (see info elsewhere in the newsletter). I realize we did not get enough notice from NWS this year. Next year I hope we will be given more.

Our monthly competitions continue to thrive. Someone commented on how the quality has improved and, indeed, it is getting harder to choose a winner.

It is good to see how many new members are winning places as well. As I looked out from the dais last month I saw several new faces. It will take me a while to learn all your names, and I may not remember them, but I look forward to getting to know you all.

Penny

January 2019 Competition Winners



Maria Crean



Mercedes Guzman

Gold

- First Place: Maria Crean
 “Forelle Pears and Blueberries” Oil
 Second Place: Doug Castleman
 “Airshow Fortress” Oil
 Third Place: Bobbie Davison
 “Pastel Parrot” Pastel

Silver

- First Place: Mercedes Guzman
 “Radiance” Oil
 Second Place: Dennis Sullivan
 “The River’s Edge” Pastel
 Third Place: Vickie Myers
 “Hee Haw” Collage
 Honorable Mention: Leslie Chavez
 Untitled Encaustic
 Honorable Mention: Pat Hershberg
 “The Adobe Homestead” Pastel
 Popular Choice: Doug Castleman

Maria Crean TAG Artist of 2018



Maria Crean

Maria Crean was awarded as TAG’s 2018 Artist of the Year recognizing her multiple competition awards for her beautiful artwork over the year. Congratulation, Maria!



The 2019 TAG Board of Directors was sworn in at the January meeting. From left to right: Penny Kastagir, Al Hagan, Maria Crean, Richard Whitehorse, Sylvia Smullen, Sue Kuuskmae and Lynn Attig.



Mercedes Guzman was honored for her many years as TAG newsletter editor. Mercedes did a wonderful job presenting our information each month.

David Wolfram will have a one-man show “*My Favorite Marshin*” at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center in Torrance from February 26 to April 5. The reception will be held Saturday, March 2 at 1:00 pm. The center is located at 3201 Plaza del Amo, Torrance. (310) 782-3989.

Chairs for Free Art Display Venues in the City of Torrance

City Hall

Vickie Myers
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Environmental Services Office

Georgeann Dumkrieger
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Katy Geissert Library

Jeffrey Lambert
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Armstrong Theater

Susan Schilling, sschilling@socal.rr.com

If you would like to hang your work in any of these venues please contact the Chair.

National Watercolor Society presents its 2019 Regional Showcase February 7th-March 24th featuring art from San Pedro Art Assoc., Pastel Soc., South Bay Watercolor Soc, Torrance Artists' Guild, Pacific Art Guild.

Reception March 7th 6 - 9pm.

Gallery Hours

Thursday and Friday 10am -2pm

Saturday and Sunday 12pm - 4pm.

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TAG artist **Leslie Chavez** currently has a painting in the National Art Education Association virtual studio gallery exhibition in Alexandria, Virginia.

website: www.arteducators.org

Destination: Art Upcoming Classes

Paint-Ins

Come join us for a day of uninstructed painting. Everyone works on their own projects with their own supplies. A great time to learn and share together. Tuesdays, 10 AM – 3PM. Drop in, no registration, \$15 each or \$10 for Associate artists.

Pastel Painting with Fran Nichols

Pastel Workshop

Fri, February 15, 2019 \$85.00

A Smorgasbord of Art Techniques with Vickie Sekits

Feb 27–Mar 27 \$185.00

Evening Watercolor Class

with Louisa McHugh

Watercolor Class

Feb 27–Mar 27 \$185.00

Visit their website to see all upcoming classes and workshops

Destination: Art offers a variety of art classes and workshops to provide our community with quality instruction, a comfortable environment and support to improve technique and knowledge. Destination: Art continues to hold classes in pastel, oil painting, watercolor, mixed media and drawing.

Instructors are award winning artists, and classes are kept small, granting students the best learning opportunity. If there is an art skill you wish to learn please provide the information by contacting Destination: Art. (310) 742-3192 www.destination-art.net LocalArtists@destination-art.net

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Gallery Hours: Th, Fri, Sat 11am - 5pm

Sunday Noon- 5pm