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May/June 2011

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President's Message

Franczeska Bobi Angel (Swindell)

This May has been taken up with the care of a loved one. My dear husband is doing well, but with a hip replacement still needs care.

Inspiration is in the moment. If you ignore it, it tends to disappear. It is one of those things that if ignored, it may not reappear, or lose the energy it originally had. Get it going! Of course, it is now calling the kettle black. I need to practice what I preach. Good luck on your art, summer is the time we need to display and sell.

Until later,
Franczeska Bobi Angel - Swindell

Fun Event For All!

CCWS IS SPONSORING PAINT WITH WINE

Come and paint a 20 foot group watercolor. NO painting experience necessary to participate in this fun event on Sunday June 12th 1-4 pm. at beautiful Vina Robles Winery 3700 Mill Road in Paso Robles. Take home a T-shirt and a matted piece of the painting for \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. For more information: ccwsart.com or vinarobles.com, or call 227-0190

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By Matt Wiener



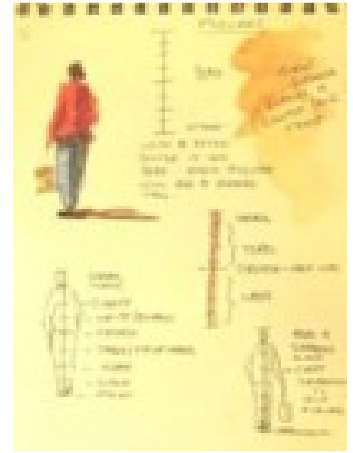
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March Demo Artist Tricia Reichert

At March's demo by Tricia Reichert, a full house at the Ramona Center got to watch a real pro at work. Over the years, Tricia has developed a technique to minimize the difficulty in rendering body proportions. Tricia spent considerable time displaying the transition of a segmented "stick" figure to a full-figured, and very believable representation of a human figure. The teacher that she is, Tricia brought many visual aids to pass around while she demonstrated, and answered numerous questions. Tricia generously donated 2 beautiful, watercolors for our raffle drawing. Thank you Tricia, for your most informative demonstration.



April Demo Artist Carolyn Braun

April's demonstration by Carolyn Braun was a delightful display of soft pastels. A large crowd observed Carolyn's techniques and listened attentively while she shared some of how she went about her work. Carolyn invited the attendees to come forward to watch up-close, and to ask questions. Over the next few minutes, many did move closer, and soon the questions came one after another. Carolyn graciously answered questions and freely conversed with so many of us, that we prevented her from making much progress with her painting! Being the professional she is, Carolyn seemed unfazed by the large group around her, cheerfully conversing as she worked. Carolyn generously donated several of her prints for our raffle drawing. Thank you Carolyn, for a fun and entertaining demonstration.



Members' News & Events

Avila Beach Venue Begins This Month!

Our Avila Beach venue will begin each Sunday starting May 29th through November 20th. For more information call Carol Smith at 489-6985, or Janet Payne at 614-9985.

Gold Coast Art & Frames Artist Reception

Gary at Gold Coast sponsors regular receptions for his gallery artists. The next event is Sunday June 12, 2-5:00. Light refreshments served. Call Gary Brandes at 346-6099.

Last Call AG Strawberry Festival

Strawberry Festival is Memorial Day weekend. Space is available for ECAA members. Call George Rosu @ 805-474-8057

****MEETING REMINDERS ****

The May ***ECAA General Meeting*** is **Monday, May 23rd @ 2:00 P.M.**

The June ***ECAA General Meeting*** is **Monday, June 27th @ 2:00 P.M.**

**The Board Meeting is always @ 1:00 just prior to the General Meeting.
Meetings are held at the Ramona Garden Center in Grover Beach.**

2011 Demo Artist Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medium</u>
May 23	Joyce Pike	Oil
June 27	Hearts fundraiser Paint-Out	Artist's choice
July 25	OPEN	
August 22	Dottie Hawthorne	
September 26	Rosanne Seitz	Watercolor
October 24	Flo Bartell	Encaustic
November 28	OPEN	
December TBD	Christmas Party	

Happenings

Donna Shook at Talley Vineyards

By Craig Trapp


As I walked from the Talley Vineyards parking lot to Donna's opening reception, I spotted a man leaving with a framed painting in his hands; a Shook, of course. This was my first indication a very special event was taking place here. As is usual, Donna displayed beautifully executed watercolors of shells, nautical themes, land/seascapes, and flowers. Also, as usual, the reception was well attended by many of Donna's friends, family, clients, and future clients. Many El Camino Art Association members were in attendance to support one of their own. Talley poured a lovely Chardonnay and a tasty Cabernet for attendees, pairing nicely with the delicious finger foods and candies that were offered. There were many warm greetings, laughter, and picture-taking to go with the many well-deserved compliments on Donna's art. Those of us who have been to other events hosted by Ms Shook, have come to expect this wonderfully warm and friendly



The one and only Donna Shook

atmosphere that just seems to follow our "Sunshine" chairperson wherever she goes. Congratulations Donna, on a beautiful show!

Donna Shook's show continues until the end of June. Talley Vineyards, 3031 Lopez Drive, Arroyo Grande, is open daily 10:30-4:30.



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May Demo Artist-Joyce Pike

JOYCE PIKE is a sixth generation Californian who is listed in all the major art publications and directories such as: "Who's Who in American Art", "World's Who's Who of Women," and, "The National Biographic Society." Joyce has given workshops in Europe, Mexico and throughout the United States and been featured in many art publications such as "Art of the West Magazine", "International Artist Magazine", "The Artist Magazine", and "Fine Arts Collector".



She has received numerous major art awards and is a published author of three art books and forty five one-hour videotapes on painting floral still life, landscapes, seascapes, marines, and portraits.



Joyce resides on the Central Coast, which is one of her principal sources of subject matter for her combinations of realism and impressionism. (Content courtesy of joycepikefineart.com)

Visit Joyce on the web at:
www.joycepikefineart.com

June-Hearts Paint-Out

This is your opportunity to paint Hearts together as a club. There will be plenty of canvas and watercolor paper available for all. If you have already painted Hearts, you can paint more, if you still have not, this is your opportunity to contribute to El Camino's Student Scholarship Fundraising. You may also drop off any completed Hearts or pick up some canvas or paper to take home. In addition, you can come by the Ramona Garden Center just to nosh and see what gets created. Regardless, you can't paint Hearts, and not have fun. SEE YOU THERE!

"Do not worry about your originality. You could not get rid of it even if you wanted to." – [Robert Henri](#).

El Camino Artists in Action

By Craig Trapp

El Camino Art Association's mission of promoting art, especially with local teens, is a mission **Jim Farmer** has taken personally.

Near the end of last year, Jeff Lahr, art instructor at Paulding Middle School in the Lucia Mar School District, asked if anyone would be interested in assisting his painting classes. Jim quickly volunteered. To date, Jim has assisted with 2 classes and is planning more.

On April 21st I accompanied Jim to Paulding Middle School to observe his assisting the watercolor class. On this day the class was painting *en plein aire*. You can imagine a group at this age would be a challenge to keep focused, but all the students were intent on learning how to use their watercolor while painting the day's subject; a tree. It was a joy to see these students relating with Jim, responding to his suggestions, and experimenting with, what was for many, a new form of expression. Mr. Lahr commented to Jim that the students were better behaved than usual, and attributed that to Farmer's presence.

These classes are relatively short, less than an hour, but many of the images were fully composed and painted. At the end of class, some did not want to put their brushes down. (Most of us can relate to the frustration of having to stop just when you get rolling!) It was obvious Jim enjoyed the opportunity to work with the students, and the students obviously appreciated Jim's expertise. Quite a few of the students thanked Jim personally for his assistance.

These middle school students are potentially future El Camino Art Association Student Scholarship winners. Jim Farmer, thank you for encouraging our local youth with your selfless giving of your time and talents.



ECAA's Jim Farmer sharing his ideas



Instructor Jeff Lahr makes a point with a student while Jim takes another look at the subject

Hearts Desire

Scholarship Fundraiser

Update



Thank you! Thank you all who have picked up materials and have already turned in painted Hearts. You have already turned in many terrific one-of-a-kind Hearts, but the Hearts are beginning to sell, so the Student Scholarship Fund needs your help to keep up our supply for the existing locations as well as the additional locations yet to be determined. You've got to admit, they *are* fun to paint!

More materials will be available at the May and June General Meetings. Remember, the **June 27 General Meeting is dedicated to a Hearts paint-in.** Plenty of canvas and paper will be available for you to stretch your creative envelope painting Hearts.

Thanks again for all your good work. Keep painting Hearts! Remember, 100% of the proceeds go toward the Scholarship Fund. Craig 805-260-1829.

Hearts are currently available for purchase at the following locations:

Arroyo Grande Farmer's Market, in the Village, Sat 12-3

Halcyon Store, 936 S. Halcyon Rd. Halcyon, Mon-Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5

Bill Senna's Insurance Services, 1404 E. Grand Ave. AG, Mon-Fri 8-5

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Our Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement is to promote art and encourage support of the artists in our local communities. Of special interest to the Association is encouraging upcoming young artists to continue to develop their artistic talents.

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