



Friends of Sumi-e

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Presidential Pearls of Wisdom from Kathy & Alice

Dear Friends,

Shinnenkai was a wonderful way to begin our year together. Appreciation was shown for our senseis and our boards. Members were given a cup with the new logo, and we shared time seeing longtime friends and meeting new ones. Now we are on to February with Takashi's workshop on fabric painting and getting our ducks in a row for the March Exhibit. It's all exciting.

For Washu-Kai members the end of January is the end of our membership drive this year. If you have not already done so, please turn in your \$10 dues to Keiko Kitano.

Thank you all.
Warm regards,
Kathy

Dear Friends of Sumi-e,

I hope the year of the Rabbit is starting well for you. Our Shinnenkai celebration at Gaye's home was lovely. Thank you, Gaye and Ron, for welcoming us into your beautiful home. We ate and drank and shared wonderful conversations. It was a beautiful day. We all received a beautiful commemorative mug with our new logo as a gift. We have saved the remainder for those members who could not join us.

Our last Workshop was in November. Cindy, you handled those mops so well - I loved trying to create with them. We all got to paint BIG! It was so much fun. Thanks Cindy!

Next up our workshop will be on Saturday, February 4th in room 104. It will be led by Takashi Sensei. Also, we are meeting on Wednesday February 1 for an open painting experience. And of course, Tuesday Painters still meet at lots of places around town. So many creative opportunities are available.

Respectfully,
Alice

Lots Happening in the New Year 2023

Workshops are the 1st Saturday of the month from 9am to noon in Room 104, Casa del Prado and via ZOOM, as announced.

Tuesday Painters meet every week, alternating ZOOM and plein air on-site 9:30am-noon; ZOOM week 12:30 pm to share. Watch for weekly email notices.

Open Studio the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9am to noon, Room 104. Bring your art materials and inspiration and join fellow/sister artists for a morning of sharing and painting inspiration. Lots of camaraderie and no rules!

Friends of TakaSumi-e's final solo exhibition is March 25-26; Washu-Kai is invited to participate as guest artists. More information follows with this Newsletter!

Cherry Blossom Festival is March 10-12 at the Japanese Friendship Garden.

Potential community outreach at the Japanese Friendship Garden on the 3rd Tuesdays in April, May and June. Watch for more information.

Elections for Friends of Sumi-e will be held at the May 2023 meeting/workshop. Consider how you can serve the organization and volunteer!

Summer sumi-e workshops for UC Berkeley student(s) and others are in the development stage. If you'd like to be involved, contact Gaye (ralsgal@gmail.com).

Shinnenkai

Shinnenkai, attended by 25+ members, was a hit! A casual brunch in warm winter weather was enjoyed by everyone – indoors and out. The traditional Kampia toast was officiated by Mitzuko Kawamoto ((Shuko). Each member attending received a beautiful memento of our new organization. If you were unable to attend, pick yours up at the next in-person gathering.



February Workshop

Textile Art (Fabric Painting) with Takashi Sensei

Saturday, February 4, 2023 | 9:00 AM to Noon

Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park & Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85939919988?pwd=M2gvc3dYazRZNnI0VEc0d1ZEMUs0dz09>

Meeting ID: 859 3991 9988 | Passcode: 992858

Our February 4th workshop is led by Takashi Sensei. Bring your fabric painting materials for a morning of FUN! The workshop will be in-person in Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park and via ZOOM for those of you who live out-of-town or have other travel-related issues. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy Takashi Sensei IN PERSON, to learn more about textile art in the Japanese Brush Painting style and to be with your fellow/sister painters. You can enter the results of this wonderful workshop in the Textile Corner of the upcoming Friends of TakaSumi-e Annual Exhibition in March! Here is a short list of supplies & resources (suggested):

MATERIALS LIST:

- Fabric paints, or tempera or poster paints mixed with textile medium in various colors
- Old brushes

- Mixing plate(s)
- Water container
- Paper towels
- A piece of cardboard to put between the front and back of your garment to prevent “leakage”
- Plastic sheet or old newspapers (for a work surface to protect the table)
- Something to paint on
 - Old shirt or blouse
 - Old sweatshirt or jacket
 - Pants or skirt
 - Placemats and/or napkins
 - Tote bag
 - Something else creative!
 - Scarf or bandana/kerchief

RESOURCES:

Michaels, either in-store or online (www.michaels.com) My research showed little or no product available in-store

Joann Fabric, either in-store or online (www.joann.com) My research showed little product available in-store

Amazon (www.amazon.com)

FABRIC ART REQUEST TO MEMBERS AND GUEST ARTISTS

After three long years without wearable art, the March show will include a Fabric Art Display and Sale! To keep things simple, we will not have a fashion show. The committee members (Keiko Kitano, Sue Landers, and Kathy McMillen) welcome your contributions of sumi-e style painting on fabric, including but not limited to T-shirts, dresses, hats, scarves, hand/tote bags, placemats. Items can be offered for sale or for display only. We would appreciate receiving the items pressed and ready to hang, though an iron will be available if needed. We will provide price tags and hangers. Items must be submitted on Friday along with a completed description and pricing form (see the form provided in the Exhibition Instructions). E-mail Keiko (kitano@sdsu.edu) if you have any questions.

Upcoming Workshops

March: March 4, 2023, 9AM to Noon in Room 104, presented by some of our Fearless Leaders, ***Our Famous 3-Ring Circus***, consisting of Stretching/Mounting, Matting and Framing. We all need a refresher course so come prepared to learn or re-learn each of these important elements of preparation of your masterpieces for the Friends of TakaSumi-e Art Exhibition.

April: April 1, 2023, 9AM to Noon in Room 104, presented by Fawn Norrup

May: May 6, 2023, 9AM to Noon in Room 104, presented by Iris Lowe

June: June 3, 2023, 9AM to Noon in Room 104, presented by Deborah Pennell

Friends of Sumi-e Website

Our webmaster, Ron, is reminding us that the new Friends of Sumi-e website, although in its infancy, is up and running! If you are so inclined, go to www.friendsofsumi-e.com and check it out! You will notice that it is too similar to the Friends of TakaSumi-e website and does not currently reflect all of what Friends of Sumi-e has to offer, so Webmaster Ron is reaching out to you for a Team to reimagine the site going forward. This is another opportunity for Washu-Kai and Friends of TakaSumi-e to work together on a project to share with the world the beauty of Sumi-e! You can contact Webmaster Ron at rlingley53@gmail.com.

Community Happenings

From “Fungi Finds at Mission Trails Regional Park” This fungus, among others, can be found at Mission Trails Regional Park. Look for it when hiking or sketching/painting.

Turkey Tail (*Trametes versicolor*)

The Turkey Tail (*Trametes versicolor*) fungus is a small, tough bracket fungus that grows in tiered layers on dead wood - mainly hardwood, such as beech or oak.

The turkey tail forms semi-circular caps around tree trunks. The caps are thin and tough, with very clear, velvety, concentric rings of color. Colors are variable mixes of brown, yellow, grey, purple, green, and black, but the outer margin is always pale - either cream or white. The caps are often layered together, forming tiers.



Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation
invites you to view the current exhibition.

In Nature's Realm

*Fine Art created by
Gloria Moeller, Natasha Papousek, Rhonda Epstein,
Sandeep Dhar & Susan Weinberg-Harter*

January 3 - February 10, 2023

Reception: Sunday, January 15, 2-4 p.m.



*Elegant Egret
by Rhonda Epstein*



*Warbler in the Reeds
by Susan Weinberg-Harter*



*Bobcat on the Trail
by Gloria Moeller*



*Spring on the Oak Grove Trails
by Natasha Papousek*



*A Burst of Iridescence
by Sandeep Dhar*



“The Kimono Reimagined” Mesa College Fashion Program/ Visions Museum of Textile Arts

Through Friday, February 24, 2023 | 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

Inamori Pavilion

The Kimono Reimagined project is a collaboration between Visions Museum of Textile Arts (Liberty Station, San Diego) and San Diego Mesa College Fashion Program. Nineteen teams composed of a fashion student and a stitcher from the Visions Museum of Textile Arts community worked together to redesign and reconstruct kimonos, obis, haoris, and sashes to become a fashion garment. Each garment contains some element of stitchery and/or embellishment created by the stitcher using hand or machine techniques. (Information from www.niwa.org)

San Diego County Fair

Enter Your Masterpiece in the Fair’s Fine Art Competition



Adventure awaits next summer, as happy campers are invited to “Get Out There!” to explore the great outdoors and get s’ more of what life has to offer!

The **2023 San Diego County Fair** opens Wednesday, June 7 through Tuesday, July 4 at the **Del Mar Fairgrounds**.

This theme celebrates the diversity of outdoor experiences our region is known for—from pines to palms, cactus to coast. Summer camp has never been so much fun! We’re thrilled to kick-off 2023 with entry information for the **Exhibition of Fine Art**.

This highly competitive and extremely popular juried competition featuring both 2-D and 3-D entries. The artwork includes a wide variety of drawings, paintings, mixed media, sculptures, ceramics and more. Open to artists ages 18 and older, this competition awards more than \$18,000 in cash and prizes each year. The art exhibit is an opportunity for artists to have their artwork viewed by a large number of art enthusiasts who visit the exhibit each day. Selected artwork remains on display in the East Grandstand for the duration of the San Diego County Fair.

The entry office is open Monday–Friday from 10am–4pm, with extended support until 7pm on entry deadline date. Should you have any questions or need help with online entry or photographing and uploading your photo, you may reach out to us at entry@sdfair.com or (858) 792–4207.

It is important to support the ASIAN BRUSH PAINTING portion of the Fine Art Competition. Please consider entering one or more of your masterpieces.

www.sdfair.com/p/participate/entry/fine-art

Friends of TakaSumi-e Annual Exhibition

The invitation is to all members of Washu-Kai and Friends of TakaSumi-e.

We're heading down the final road to the 2023 Friends of Taka Sumi-e Annual Student Exhibition (and sale) ("The Show") scheduled for March 25-26 in Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, from 11 AM until 4 PM, celebrating the Year of the Rabbit. We hope you've all been dreaming, painting, stretching, matting and framing that masterpiece that has been rumbling around in your head.

We are asking that if you plan to participate in The Show you reply to this Newsletter via e-mail (ralsgal@gmail.com) by March 4th so that final paperwork can be created for use on Friday, March 24th, when we set up The Show. If you do not reply, we will assume that you will NOT participate this year.

So,

- a. Please **read and follow the "Exhibition Instructions" also attached to this email** carefully.
- b. Print out and **share the attached Show Flyer** with all your friends, family, co-workers, classmates, in-laws (and anyone else you can think of who would enjoy our Show) and/or share on your social media.
- c. Remember **you must be a member in good standing (2023 dues paid) by March 4th to participate in The Show**. Print out and mail in the Membership Form and your dues (\$10), if necessary.
- d. Volunteer and be involved with The Show production. Contact any Show Team Leader for more information. There are **lots** of small ways to help (sorry, all the big, hard stuff is spoken for).
- e. **Plan to have a fun weekend** with your brother/sister sumi-e painters, sharing our passion with the public.

Thank you for reading this portion of the Newsletter and we look forward to all being together March 25-26 to celebrate the joy of sumi-e!

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Gaye Lingley (ralsgal@gmail.com), Show
Team Leaders