



Friends of Sumi-e

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Greetings Friends of Sumi-e,

Summer is flying by after our successful June show and there are lots of events to look forward to in the Fall. Please note details in this newsletter about our September gathering/potluck which is always a good time for sharing food and stories. Then in November we will have a field trip by chartered bus to Oriental Art Supply in Huntington Beach where we will be treated with a painting demonstration and opportunity to shop before having lunch and returning. Please note details which will be forthcoming re: reserving your spot by the end of August. The Friends of Sumi-e Board has decided to fund the majority of the field trip expense, so a payment of \$25.00 per person should cover expenses. With workshops in August and October and another show November 14th and 15th I hope you are all ready to enjoy this year to its fullest!

Still learning,

Sylvia

JUNE EXHIBIT & SALE A RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBIT

It was a beautiful and peaceful exhibition and sale! Many thanks to everyone who participated and worked together over the weekend to make it a success. Pictures to follow . . .

Kathy & Team

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you haven't already, please be sure you've renewed your membership. The form is available on the website – www.friendsofsumi-e.com.

AUGUST WORKSHOP SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST | 9:00AM TO NOON ROOM 104, CASA DEL PRADO, BALBOA PARK

Bring your favorite brushes and paints along with bleedproof Dr. Martin's or Sakura white and some metallics. We will spend the morning playing with painting on colored paper. Another approach of expressing yourself with sumi-e strokes. **PAPER PROVIDED**

Sarah Barnes and Kathy McMillen



FIRST WEDNESDAY ORIGAMI GANG
Wednesday, August 5, 2026

.The Origami Gang is taking a break this month.



FIELD TRIP TO TRYNN WOODEN SPOON GALLERY

Join Sylvia on a trip to Trynn Wooden Spoon Gallery!

Wednesday August 5

Depart from 70th St. Trolley station parking lot at 9:30 am

Drive to the gallery in Guatay (30-40 minute drive) carpooling with those who show up.

After a visit admiring hand carved wooden spoons (which are also for sale) and checking out the Hissing Camel art collection (at the same location) we will return home with an option of stopping in Alpine for lunch for those interested.

Please contact Sylvia by phone, text or email if you want to join or have further questions.

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JUNE WORKSHOP

We had a nice turnout for our June workshop and those in attendance were able to get help in preparation for the June Exhibition. Those who were ready to go found other things to paint or sketch and helped those getting their artwork ready.

FIELD TRIP TO ORIENTAL ART SUPPLY

Saturday, November 7, 2026

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Friends of Sumi-e sponsors an exciting Field Trip to Oriental Art Supply (OAS) for our November Workshop! For the nominal fee of \$25.00, you can hop on a bus in Old Town with your fellow/sister Sumi-e painters and travel to Orange County for a morning at OAS. There we will receive a private demonstration and have time to browse the OAS shop and do a little shopping for ink, brushes, colors, paper and/or books. Following our visit to OAS, we will head to a pre-selected restaurant and an opportunity to enjoy a cultural luncheon and more time to visit. Then we'll board the bus for our return trip to Old Town.

- Leave from & return to Old Town on Congress St. @ Telegraph Way across the street from the trolley/train station.
- There is a bathroom on the bus.
- Bring a snack and a water bottle for the bus trip.
- We will be joined by members of our Chinese brush painting sister society, Lung Hsiang.
- If you wish to join the trip, your \$25.00 will be due on or before September 7, 2026.

- Send your \$25.00 to Cindy Morgan. Her address is 4390 N. Talmadge Dr., San Diego, CA 92116Q
- Questions: Cliff Chally (Clckms@sbcglobal.net)

NOVEMBER ART EXHIBITION & SALE

November 14-15, 2026

Room 101, Casa del Prado | Balboa Park

Amazingly, our November Art Exhibition and Sale is coming up! If you have an idea for a theme or wish to volunteer on pre-exhibition activities, please contact Gaye (ralsgal@gmail.com). This is also a good time to begin on that Fall masterpiece or masterpieces to enter in the exhibition. Please remember that this is a STUDENT exhibition and perfection is not a requirement for entry, just your best effort. Everyone who is a member of Friends of Sumi-e is welcome/encouraged to participate.

Upcoming Workshops & Society Events/Activities

All in Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park from 9:00 AM to Noon unless otherwise noted

August	August 1	Saturday Workshop	Painting on Dark Paper with Sarah & Kathy Room 104
	August 5	Wednesday Workshop	Field Trip to Trynn Wooden Spoons See Article for more information
September	September 2	Wednesday Workshop	TBD
	September 5	Party!	Annual Gathering Julie's Home
October	October 3	Saturday Workshop	Festival of Trees Decorations Workshop with Kathy Room 104
	October 7	Wednesday Workshop	TBD
November	November 4	Wednesday Workshop	TBD
	November 7	Saturday Field Trip	Field trip to Oriental Art Supply & Lunch See Article & Flyer for more information
	November 14-15	Saturday-Sunday	Art Exhibition Room 101
December	December 2	Wednesday Workshop	TBD
			DARK



 Joe Cross Classes – 1st Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM

 Tuesday Painters: Currently on hiatus

OUTREACH

We had two outreach events in July. The first was at the San Diego County Fair on July 2nd at the Garden Stage. Gaye and her two grandsons, Cade and Dane, presented a sumi-e demonstration of Camellia Japonica and a discussion of what our art – Sumi-e – is. The audience was very receptive and had numerous questions. After the presentation many came up to the table to try their hand at grinding ink and touching the brushes and paper. One kind woman wanted to purchase one of the demonstration paintings. Gaye gave it to her. The Fair folks were generous and handled transportation of all supplies back and forth to special parking and provided entry tickets.

The second event was at the Japanese Friendship Garden on July 7th for the Tanabata Festival. Once again we were located at the Upper Koi Pond under a beautiful shade area. Our tables, again, were full the entire day and everyone who gave it a try had a great time.

We were also invited by the Japanese Friendship Garden to table at their August 7 & 8 Toro Nagashi Festival, but we graciously declined this invitation as it was an evening activity requiring a great deal of work for a short period of tabling time. Maybe next year.

Let's plan on more outreach activities next year, they're fun and just may attract new members!



June Exhibition



More pictures will follow next month!



