



Friends of Sumi-e

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Happy Year of the Wood Dragon!

Dragons are notorious for strong leadership and determination to succeed, so let's chase our dreams! The wood element encourages us to make positive changes and "grow as tall as the trees in the forest" according to *Teen Vogue*. "Additionally, 2024 is also known as the year of the Green Dragon which motivates us to reach new heights and attain personal power." (*Teen Vogue*)

Spring provides many opportunities for Friends of Sumi-e members to try new things. Our annual Spring Exhibition is March 23-24, with two outreach opportunities in April and one outreach opportunity in May. Many hands are needed at the Exhibition, while just a few are needed for each outreach event. All are FUN!

In the meantime, I hope that you are participating in the Community College painting classes and/or our monthly workshops, as well as Open Studio and any other opportunities to increase your painting skills. We are fortunate to have so many resources available to us these days. I'm looking forward to seeing many lovely paintings at the March exhibition and seeing all of you over the course of the weekend.

Paint On, Gaye

SHINNENKAI

February 3, 2024

We had a blast at Shinnenkai! Over 30 members joined in the fellowship, tasty food and toast with saki graciously provided by Joe Cross. Gifts were presented to our Senseis. Member gifts were appreciated by those in attendance. KAM PAI!



January Birthdays



Thanks to Vic for organizing this fun outing at Hinata in Lemon Grove (at the suggestion of Takashi Sensei) on January 19th for our annual January Birthdays Celebration! Attendees were Vic and his lovely wife, Carol, Julie, Margie, Takashi Sensei, Alice and Gaye. The food was delicious, and the camaraderie was wonderful! We missed a few folks, but we'll grab you next year!



Spring Art Exhibition

The upcoming Art Exhibition is inviting YOU to join us on March 23rd through 24th **for our 21st Annual Exhibition**. We are eagerly awaiting your participation and help with the event. Planning is underway now! It will be a fun Exhibition for our Spring Show! **The flyer for this event is attached – share it with everyone!**

- We are excited to have dancers from the Buddhist Temple of San Diego Ondo Group led by Junko Kajita on Saturday afternoon.
- A beautiful traditional tea ceremony performed by Cynthia Stribling Sunday morning.
- Koto music is arranged for a delightful Sunday afternoon performance by Masazumi Kai - Mizuno and guests.
- Various artist master demonstrations of sumi-e painting



To encourage more art on display this year, members will be allowed up to three (3) pieces of framed art in the Show! In addition to the three (3) framed pieces, the hinadon will be set up for shikishi board paintings, fans, and very small paintings.

For those who wish to take home a memory, there will be small items, textile arts, tea, and snacks!

NEW THIS YEAR: We will have an area of items available to the public for donations to Friends of Sumi-e! We are asking everyone to donate a small item or two to the table such as extra cards, tools, books, bags, and crafted items related to sumi-e. The area will be monitored by volunteers and also used for community outreach.

NEXT YEAR: We have reserved the outdoor patio area for taiko drums and other entertainment and displays!

Please sign up to exhibit your beautiful artwork and accomplishments, **BETTER YET** – log in to SignUp Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA4AE2DAAFBC43-47965301-friends> and volunteer to HELP out. Artists, please support YOUR show! It takes a village!

Thank you everyone! Deborah Pennell & Team

PS If you plan to exhibit, please choose a spot to volunteer over the weekend.

March Workshop
THREE-RING CIRCUS +
Saturday, March 2, 2024
9:00 AM until Noon
Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
NO ZOOM

Friends of Sumi-e presents its annual Three-Ring Circus in preparation for the Spring Exhibition, scheduled for March 23-24. If you need help with wet mounting, dry mounting, matting and/or framing, this is the place for you! Cliff Brown, Tricia Erler and Sylvia Nielsen are available this morning to assist you! Bring your masterpiece (or a practice piece if you wish). Cliff will have some wet mounting supplies, silicone paper will be available for purchase for dry mounting and Sylvia will have a mat cutter. See attachments for instructions and supplies you may need *for wet mounting, dry mounting & matting*.

FRIENDS OF SUMI-E TREASURES TABLE
At the 21st Annual Art Exhibition

This year we'll have a new feature at our Art Exhibition – Friends of Sumi-e Treasures Table! This area of the Exhibition, hosted by members of Friends of Sumi-e, will feature items made or otherwise provided by members of Friends of Sumi-e and express our love of our Artform. Items may include handmade cards, printed cards from original artwork, books, bags, fans, bookmarks, chopstick holders, shikishi boards (small), small artworks, brushes, painting kits (sumi-e), paper (washi), etc.

At the March Workshop, we will have an area where you can bring your supplies and create art to supply this Treasures Table. We will also have supplies on hand for some items to be available for the Treasures Table should you wish to participate and not have items in your studio!

If you have these items now, please feel free to bring them to the March Workshop; we will be happy to take them.

Open Studio

March 6th from 9AM to Noon is our next OPEN STUDIO date in Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Please consider joining in the artistic camaraderie. If you'd like some one-on-one help, this is the time!

2023/2024 Happenings

- Tuesday Painters generally meet on Tuesday every week, plein air either on-site at 10:00am(ish)-noon somewhere in the County, or a ZOOM session. ZOOM starts at 12:30 pm. Watch for weekly email notices.
- Open Studio the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:00am 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!
- Monthly Workshop the first Saturday of the month from 9:00am to noon, Room 104.
- Annual Spring Exhibition March 23-24 – read for more information.

- OUTREACH: SDSU Japanese Student Association Spring Matsuri April 9th
- OUTREACH: San Diego Bonsai Society Exhibition April 27th
- OUTREACH: Japanese Friendship Garden May 15th

Upcoming Workshops & Society Events/Activities

March:	3/2/2024	Cliff Brown, Tricia Erler & Sylvia Nielsen Three-ring circus in preparation for the Spring Exhibition – stretching, matting and framing demonstrations and assistance will be provided at this workshop. Bring your artwork and supplies. PREPARATION FOR THE MARCH 23-24 21st ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION!
April:	4/6/2024	Sue Landers Sketching in Civita Park [Mission Valley]
May:	5/4/2024	Tricia Erler Origami Kimono Girls
June:	6/1/2024	Cliff Brown Gyotaku
July:	7/6/2024	Keiko Kitano Sumi-e and Obon Lanterns

TUESDAY PAINTERS

Tuesday Painters celebrates the second half of its 10th anniversary in 2024! Please consider joining us on Tuesday either in person or via ZOOM.

