



Friends of Sumi-e

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Hi Everyone,

Spring has sprung! Out here by the beach it still is cool and overcast but as I drive inland the sun comes out and I warm up, enjoying the blooms. I noticed that there are a lot more Matilija Poppies along the roadways this year, cheering up the drivers with their happy fried-egg-like faces!

Did you notice that we have openings for Workshop Leaders in May and October? Did you notice that we have Officer elections in May? Friends of Sumi-e, as are many volunteer organizations on the planet, is struggling with leadership. Yours truly is not sure what the answer is. To keep our organization moving forward we are searching for folks who will take on a two-year commitment at the helm. A bunch of us have done so and are willing to support those willing to do so going forward, even if you don't have leadership experience! Let's talk!!!!

Paint On,

Gaye



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Mahatma Gandhi



MARCH WORKSHOP

Rumor has it that the March Workshop – Palms of San Diego with Cliff Brown – was a great success! Thanks again to Cliff for a wonderful workshop.

APRIL WORKSHOP APRIL 5, 2024 – 9am TO NOON
Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Plein Air in the Botanical Building

Bring your sketchbook and a pencil or pen. We'll meet first in Room 104 and then move to the Botanical Building and Reflection Pond to spend an hour or so sketching, returning to share our mini-masterpieces and chatting about the gorgeous renovations and new plantings in the Botanical Building and surrounds. You should plan to travel light this time; you *won't* need your entire sumi-e painting kit.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



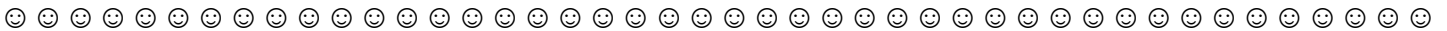
San Diego Bonsai Club has again invited Friends of Sumi-e to partner with them for their April 26-27 Spring Show. We will have a static table inside with a display, and we will have demos outside at a table. This is a fun time to chat with folks about sumi-e and share little demo paintings with them. The Bonsai Club usually sees 4,000 people during the weekend, so this really gives us an opportunity to share in a very casual way.

If you would like to spend some time demoing, please pick a time and let me know. Time slots are Saturday and Sunday 10-noon, noon-2 and 2-4.

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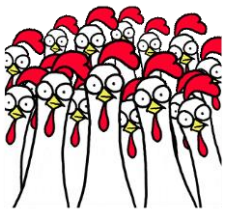
Hello Mazda has invited Friends of Sumi-e to help them celebrate their Grand Opening in Kearny Mesa May 18th from 4PM to 8PM. This is another opportunity to reach the greater San Diego community and tell them about our love for Sumi-e! AND Hello Mazda is making a donation to Friends of Sumi-e in return. We'll be looking for four folks to "people" our tables from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM on that day in our fresh, new Friends of Sumi-e aprons and paint miniature "masterpieces" to share with attendees of the Grand Opening. Besides the Friends, there will be Japanese Garden decor, a matcha cart, appetizers and beverages. Will be fun! Contact Gaye Lingley | ralsgal@gmail.com if you're interested in participating.



SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR FINE ARTS

The San Diego County Fair is fast upon us and will be up and running during our June Art Exhibition. It is important for those of us with a few years of experience under our belts to participate in the Asian Art Division to keep it viable. Entry is simple and not too expensive, especially if you are accepted and receive TWO free Fair passes! Friends of Sumi-e sponsors a Donor Award each year in addition to the Fair Awards given opportunities abound!

For entry information and instruction go to the website: <https://www.sdfair.com/p/participate/entry/fine-art>



REMINDER: Officer elections are upcoming later this Spring! Consider where your talents lie.

Upcoming Workshops & Society Events/Activities



April	04/05/2025	Plein Air in the Botanical Building
	04/26-27	Outreach cooperative event with SD Bonsai Club
May	05/03/2025	WORKSHOP
	05/18/2025	Outreach cooperative event with Hello Mazda
June	06/07/2025	Preparation for Friends of Sumi-e 22 nd Annual Art Exhibition June 21-22
	06/21-22	22 nd Annual Art Exhibition
July	07/05/2025	Origami presented by Vicki Gilmore
August	08/02/2025	Kokeshi with Tricia & Kathy
September		ANNUAL GATHERING
October	10/04/2025	
November	11/01/2025	Preparation for Festival of Trees & Art Exhibition
	11/22-23	Washu-Kai 50 th Annual Art Exhibition
December		Festival of Trees / December Nights NO WORKSHOP

- Joe Cross Classes – 1st Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM
- Tuesday Painters: Currently on hiatus
- Society monthly Workshop the first Saturday of the month from 9:00am to noon, Room 104.
- TakaSumi-e Society 22nd Annual Art Exhibition – June 21-22, 2025
- Washu-Kai's 50th Annual Art Exhibition – November 22-23, 2025! (**this is a BIG DEAL!!!!!!**)

