



Friends of Sumi-e

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Summer Greetings Friends of Sumi-e Members!

It is always a relief when we sit back and reflect on another successful exhibition in the books. As we all know, time flies and it is now time to begin preparation for our **BIG 50th exhibition** in November. Gaye will be recruiting a committee to help with planning and if you step up and surprise her with some ideas, I'm sure she would be grateful.

As some of you may have noticed, our **tablecloths** are beginning to show some "spots" and need to be run through a washer and dryer. Since we do not have a set of machines in our handy storage area, it is up to all of us to help out with some laundry. The tubs will be out for our August workshop and you can fill a bag (bring your own or one will be provided) with whatever you feel you can handle and return by our September Annual meeting. Louise has already stepped up and in her quiet, efficient manner, laundered some of our tablecloths. Many hands make light the work! And our tablecloths should be "spot-less" for our really BIG show.

September is our **Annual Meeting** and the Board will be discussing details at our meeting next week. Stay posted for finalized date, place and food details.

If you have any input for the Board to consider, please contact me or any officer with your ideas and or suggestions before our **July 30th** meeting. Among other business, we will be considering updating our membership application to say the roster will be used for "internal FoSe use only" with the assumption that it means contact information will never be used for or by any outside purpose or person. Please share any concerns you may have with me at snielsen.5068@gmail.com. You can just click this link to send me your message. If you prefer you can chat with or email any other Board member, Gaye Lingley, Kathy McMillen, Cindy Morgan or Donald Phillips.

Still learning,

Sylvia



JULY WORKSHOP

Many thanks to Vickie for a FUN and brain-stimulating origami workshop! Most of us went home with at least one beautiful flower and those of us who could stick with it had two or more!

SOCIETY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES ARE GROWING!

We are being contacted more and more frequently with outreach opportunities! This is a great time for us to try our hand at meeting the public and sharing our love of SUMI-E at locations other than Balboa Park with folks who we would probably never interact with and MAYBE attract more members! Currently, there are about four to eight of us who have taken advantage of this opportunity and we are looking for more folks, especially those of us who may be a bit younger. Contact one of the Board Members (see below) if you are interested; IT'S FUN! (and the Society has received very generous donations).

AUGUST WORKSHOP
August 2, 2025 – 9am TO NOON
Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Kokeshi Dolls with Tricia Erler & Kathy McMillen

In our August Workshop presented by Tricia Erler, with a bit of background by Kathy McMillen, we will be learning about the art of Kokeshi Dolls.

Your prep work will be to watch this short, beautiful film on Kokeshi. No words, just a visual with music.

<https://share.google/fe2kdFlqgE6S4qPAh>

Wooden dolls will be provided. Bring your creativity, favorite small/tiny brushes and your paints, a pencil, paper to practice on, and small piece of fine sandpaper if you have it.



ANNUAL GATHERING

Keep your eyes open for more information! If you'd like to help with this event, contact anyone on the Board.

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NOVEMBER EXHIBITION

Plans are underway for the November Exhibition. Since it is the 50th anniversary of Washu-Kai, it is kind of a big deal and we're hoping to make it just a bit more than our usual event.

Not louder, not gaudier, not more "in-your-face", just a bit more of the wonderful things we already present to the public. That being said, we're looking for a team to put together that "bit more" than usual. Here's what we'll need:

- Tea table
- Reception
- Hinadon | Marketplace
- Textiles
- Interactive Demonstration Table
- Publicity
- Hospitality | Invitations
- Master Demonstrations
- Music & Dance Performers

Contact Gaye at ralsgal@gmail.com and let her know which team you'd like to either lead or participate on for the exhibition. There's lots of opportunities and we will need lots of help to make this special event be fabulous!

Gaye & Team



Upcoming Workshops & Society Events/Activities

September		ANNUAL GATHERING
October	10/04/2025	Life and Times of Chiura Obata with Cliff Brown
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!!!!**)

ALL LABOR THAT UPLIFTS
HUMANITY HAS DIGNITY AND
IMPORTANCE AND SHOULD BE
UNDERTAKEN WITH
PAINSTAKING EXCELLENCE. –
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

