



Friends of Sumi-e

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SPRING ART EXHIBITION & SALE – IT’S A WRAP!

What a nice exhibition and art show we had! Thank you to all the artists for bringing your lovely artwork and helping with the show. The room looked lovely with so many sumi-e paintings and the spectacular colorful ribbon banners collectively put together and arranged. We were pleased to have so many contributions made and want to thank everyone who participated. From “our lovely emcee, Julie”, live sumi-e painting demonstrations, Japanese folk dancing, traditional tea ceremony and beautiful koto and flute music to all the wonderful details that were graciously bestowed upon us like beautiful ikebana flower arrangements, hand made donations to our Treasures Table, origami fun and dragon paintings. The joy was there and despite the cold and wet weather we had so many visitors this year. The kids loved the hands-on demonstration tables and seeing their name in calligraphy. This festival was enjoyed by all who came and all who made it happen. Thank you to all our volunteers! It really means a lot and it was such a pleasure to see it come together.

Deborah



**April Workshop
Out & About in Balboa Park with our Sketch Kits
Saturday, April 6, 2024
9:00 AM until Noon
Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
NO ZOOM**

Plein Air Sketching: The planned workshop for April 6 under the Wisteria at Civita Park has been changed. We will meet at Balboa Park, Room 104, 9:00-12 noon for a brief meeting. Then we will select a location for sketching to suit the weather. If sunny, we will walk over to the Botanical Gardens Building & Reflection Pool for sketching. The other choice (if cold outside) is to check out Room 101 for the Turtle & Tortoise Exhibit. Once we have sketched, return to the room and paint or paint at location.

Bring all your regular painting equipment. For Plein Air you will need a backpack/bag for a sketch book (9x12), pencil, eraser, sharpener, fine point ink pens, colored pencils, folding Chair w/pad, hat, camera, or whatever you're most comfortable using

. Open Studio

April 3rd 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 in other areas, this is the time!

In addition to Open Studio April 3rd and May 1st, we will be providing space for Tatsuko Sensei and her students to stretch, mat and frame their artwork in preparation for the San Diego County Fair Student Showcase. If you'd like to come and help her/them, please do so.

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.
- OUTREACH: SDSU Japanese Student Association Spring Matsuri April 5th
- OUTREACH: San Diego Bonsai Society Exhibition April 27th

OUTREACH: Japanese Friendship Garden May 15th

NEWS: This year Friends of Sumi-e sponsors a San Diego County Fair Fine Arts Donated Award!

Upcoming Workshops & Society Events/Activities

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



FINE ART – SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR



YOUR ART ON DISPLAY

The Exhibition of Fine Art is a highly competitive and extremely popular juried competition featuring both 2-D and 3-D entries. The artwork includes many variations of drawing, painting, mixed media, sculptures, ceramics and more.

This competition awards more than \$18,000 in cash and prizes each year and is open to artists ages 18 years and older. 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. Artwork must be original and must have been completed within the last three years. Selected artwork remains on display in the East Grandstand for the duration of the San Diego County Fair.

Be sure to enter as many masterpieces as possible in the Asian Art Division (21) of the Fine Arts. With a generous contribution from one of our members, we have five (5) entries available if this may be a barrier for you. Please contact Gaye (ralsgal@gmail.com) or Cindy (cindymorgansd@gmail.com) for more information.

LINK: <https://www.sdfair.com/p/participate/entry/fine-art>

Hi Everyone,

There was SO much to tell you about before the Presidential Pearls of Wisdom, that I thought I'd put it kinda at the end. First, I'd like to say a HUGE thank you to Deborah for a beautiful exhibition March 23-24!

Everything went smoothly and our guests really seemed to enjoy everything we presented. I think they especially liked the hot green tea (thanks Sylvia & team), origami (thanks Vickie), the hand-on sumi-e opportunities (thanks, Dennis, Louise, Joanne, Julie and whoever else spent time at the tables), having their names "written in Japanese" (thanks, Hiromi) and the Treasures Table (thanks for the brilliant idea, Cindy). Many thanks to our own Cynthia Stribling for leading the traditional tea ceremony and Naoko Ozaki and Joe Cross for master painting demonstration. Our ongoing cooperation with Masazumi Kai for shakuhachi flute and koto, and Buddhist Temple for their wonderful dancers is always appreciated and this year our new cooperative partner, Ikinobo Chapter of San Diego ikebana (Sachiko Kohatsu, President) for the beautiful ikebana floral.

As we move into Spring, we can take a deep breath and paint as Nature blooms! The Japanese Friendship Garden as well as Balboa Park in general will be in full bloom as will our own neighborhoods and gardens. Let's take time to enjoy them all – individually and together.

Paint On,
Gaye



