



BAA ARTIST NEWS

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**Ren
Colantoni**



President's Message

Well, sports fans, this will be my last President's message to you'all. I guess I will go down in BAA history as the "Covid President." I'm not sure that's any sort of honor. This has been a year like no other. And it appears that it will be dragging on for a time yet.

I really appreciate the effort put in by the board members to keep things going while we could not meet in person. In particular, Stefanie Girard managed to arrange some

excellent Zoom programs with a wide range of speakers and topics. Karen Sachs kindly provided the Zoom hosting service that kept us "online."

In addition, we participated in the fall show at the Betsy Leuke Creative Arts Center, and while we didn't get to see it in person, we did get an excellent online catalog of the art pieces provided in part by the BLCAC staff. The organization of the show and the intermediary was Ellie Klein. Ellie also put together our spring art exhibit at the GEO Gallery, along with a show-end reception and another catalog.

Joanna Lewis has provided support for the GEO Gallery shows, including Night Gallery in the early spring and the current Three's Company show ongoing. In addition, she has organized a series of one-member shows coming up this fall.

I truly appreciate how these folks came forward to support the crazy situation we have had. I also want to acknowledge Helena Bowman for her ongoing support in all sorts of ways.

We also had an election, and the members accepted the slate proposed by the nominating committee. So you will have a new president, Mimi Rossi, and I'm sure she will do a great job of keeping things going.

We made arrangements with the City of Burbank to hold our in-person meetings in the same classroom where we have been meeting before. In-person reunions are contingent on the Covid situation, and you will be kept informed of how things are going. We will follow all rules of the various governments and city regulations.

If we find that there is not enough room for the group (we added some new members last year), there are other rooms. Still, they are managed by a completely different

part of the Burbank management folks, and we will have to start all over again to make any necessary arrangements.

So, once again, thank you for all your input and support, and don't forget ...

Stay safe and keep painting, sewing, casting, throwing, chiseling, soldering, and hammering.



**Stefanie
Girard**
Program Chair

NO AUGUST PROGRAM

The next one is Wednesday, September 15!

Ren mentioned above, we are planning our next Membership Meeting to be **in person** on Wednesday, September 15 from 7p-9p. Guest presenter to be determined.

BAA's monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of September through June, with the option for one in July and/or August.

Our meetings will be located at:

- Burbank Administrative Services Building, 301 East Olive Ave., Room 102.
- The room entrance is at the back of the building on the lower level, adjacent to the parking lot.
- Free parking is in the back of the building or in the adjacent large parking lot.

For a map of the building and parking, you can go to our website, <https://www.burbankartassociation.org>, click on About BAA, then Meeting Location.

In February, we started recording the Zoom Membership Meetings. Because these links are for Members only, you can find them on our website. After you log in, go to Docs/Downloads, select Zoom Meetings and then the list for the URLs.

- Ann Mitchell - February 2021
- Corrine Lightweaver - March 2021
- Mark Comon - May 2021
- Zara Monet Feeney - June 2021
- BAA Members Show 'n' Tell - July 2021

Have a creative summer!

Ellie Klein
Annual Exhibits
Chair



Fall Show Details

Get your creativity cap on!

It's not too soon to start thinking about our 2021 BAA Members Fall Show at the Betsy Lueke Creative Arts Center. This is one of our two annual judged shows.

Take-in will be on Monday, November 1st, from 9am-1:00pm at the BLCAC (1100 W. Clark Avenue in Burbank).

Our opening reception will be on Friday, November 5th, from 7-9pm. Takedown will be on Thursday, November 18th, from 9am-noon.

Be sure to **renew your annual dues in September or join as a new member by October 1st to be eligible to enter the Fall Show.** Entries will be accepted from members in good standing in the following categories:

1. Landscape/Seascape/Cityscape
2. Floral/Still Life
3. People/Animals
4. Abstract/Contemporary
4. Photography/Digital Art
5. Sculpture/Ceramics

I will provide more information and details about entry fees, sizes, and judging in the coming weeks. In the meantime, get started or keep working on that masterpiece. The BLCAC Gallery offers a beautiful vast open space for displaying our artwork. I encourage all of our members to consider submitting a piece.

Ellie Klein
Spring and Fall Exhibits Chair

**Joanna
Lewis**
GEO Exhibit
Chair

GEO News

"Three's Company" Closing on August 25!

Three's Company Too!

Grab your two favorite people and come pick up your paintings from the Geo Gallery, August 25th, 11a - 1p.

For fun, roller skates and short shorts optional.

Next up is **Pam McDonald's solo show.** Her reception is September 18th, 2021, 5-7 pm. Mark your calendars!



GEO Solo or Group Show Calendar

Are you interested in having a solo or group show?

There are still opportunities!

If you are interested, email Joanna at exhibits2@burbankartassociation.org.

Here is the current GEO Solo or Group Show calendar:

Pam McDonald - September 2021
Jamie Butterworth - October 2021
Lusine Saakyan - November 2021 - Jan 2022
Paula Quasarano - February 2022
Linda Roletti and Friends - March 2022
April Cowgur – April 2022
BAA Membership Spring Show – May 2022
Helena Julin – June 2022

**Helena
Bowman**
Penstrokes
Chair



PENSTROKES!

Members short news & updates...

We welcome all our members to send in information on any exciting art stuff they would like to share. These could be personal accomplishments or events you think we would be interested in.

Send in before the end of the month to Helena:
helenasbowman@gmail.com Mark the emails "BAA Penstrokes"

✍ **Ren Colantoni** has two easels to offer for free.
"To a good home - two antiques (read: old) easels left to me by my brother who was an antique dealer. Full height can accommodate large pieces. 6 feet and 6 1/2 feet tall. 2 1/2 feet wide. Need some cleanup and maybe a coat of preservative, but usable." If interested, contact Ren at:
webmaster@burbankartassociation.org.



✍ Help us celebrate and congratulate **Stefanie Girard** on being elected on Tuesday, July 13, as a Burbank Cultural Arts Commission Member alongside BAA member Cynthia Pease. This will be Cynthia's fourth term.



✍ **Vivianne Bowman** has been working on several art projects this summer. She plans to enter the upcoming Neutra Gallery show with a painting "River Styx." She is ready for the Fall Season with new and fresh artwork waiting to be on display. Vivianne is finally building a sunken ship for the big shadow box for Captain Morgan, the pirate, and his little crew. Fun to learn how to work in wood!

✍ We are saddened to report that long-time BAA member **Susan Levin** passed away on July 26. Susan wasn't very active in BAA the past few years because of her Parkinson's, but she had a beautiful solo show at the Geo a couple of years ago. She was a very talented watercolor artist and a lovely person. Susan died at home with her husband, Jim, and her two sons by her side.



We sent flowers to the services that were held on Friday, July 30, at Mount Sinai in Simi Valley. Jamie Butterworth and Helena Bowman attended Susan Levin's funeral.

Susan is pictured above (on the left) with Helena Bowman and Carol Tensen getting ready for her GEO Gallery exhibit in 2019. Also, here are two of her watercolor paintings.



✍ **Marsha Ramos** is having a fiesta at the GEO this Friday, August 6, from 5:30p-8p. This party supports Dolores Huerta Middle School and celebrates an "exemplary woman in education," Dr. Jennifer Meglemre.

This is an outdoor event to raise funds and awareness for the transformation of Dolores Huerta Middle School. They have been around for 91 years. There will be refreshments, Middle School Ballet Folklorico Dancers, and a time to engage with friends and the community. Let's not forget that this is another excellent opportunity for the party-goers to see our art and/or meet the artists!

For more information, you can text or call: 818-612-1029.

If you would like to make an online tax-deductible donation to the DHMS Fund, go to BHRC's website: www.BurbankHumanRelationsCouncil.org.



BAA TEACHERS

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Is it time to learn and grow your talent?

We have several members who also teach so I wanted to add this new section to the newsletter. If you are a member who teaches art, conducts workshops, and/or have attended one that you think your fellow BAA Members would enjoy, send an email by the first of every month to news@burbankartassociation.org.

Here are some upcoming classes and workshops you might want to attend!

Burbank Parks & Recreation is open again for in-person classes!

Pam McDonald will be teaching two classes at Betsy Lueke Creative Arts Center this fall semester. The courses are called "Beginning Painting with Watercolor" and "Painting with Watercolor." For more details, go to Adult/Teen Art pages 44 & 46 of the Burbank Parks & Recreation catalog. Pam's classes do fill up fast, especially since there is a limit to the number of people who can attend. The link to Burbank Parks & Recreation's class catalog is: <https://www.burbankparks.com/CA/burbank-ca/catalog>.

Adventures in Discovering Slices of Life!

Pete Morris's online Watercolor Workshop, "Adventures in Discovering Slices of Life," is on August 20, 21, and 22. Pete Morris, the famous Metro da Vinci, is a prolific and versatile artist. He brings his particular skill, style, and vision to you in this adventures. All three days will be in watercolor but focusing on different subjects. This workshop is for beginners to intermediate. It is online. To register, email Carol Ling at Carol_ling@sbcglobal.net and or call her at 818-636-3770. information. You can see Pete's work at: <https://www.seelifeart.com>.

Fun & Play while learning about YOU!

Karen Sachs has a unique way of looking at who you are meant to be through art. Come join her at one of her upcoming workshops – Soul Expression (August 8) or Paint Your Essence (August 22). Both events are online via Zoom. For more details and where you can register for her workshops, go to her website: <https://paintyouessence.com/workshops/>



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Your gift will have a tremendous impact by keeping our organization thriving and serving its community.
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www.burbankartassociation.org*