



North County Society of Fine Arts

Calendar At A Glance

RB Library Upstairs Gallery

Joan Bonetti

April through
June, 2025

May Artist

Drew Bandish

5/13 Demo at RB Library
5/24 Workshop at Oasis

Change-Over Potluck

June 2nd

RB Library Community Room at
11:30. Open to all members and
guests. Talk by EAA's new
president, Adrian Stewart.
*Be on the look out for a dish
sign-up sheet.*

Members Show at RB Presbyterian

June 28 thru Aug 16
(details to follow)

Members Show at EAP

Aug 9 thru Sept 5
(details to follow)

Our Purpose

NCSFA is dedicated to advancing education and the appreciation of art. Our club objective is to promote education of fine arts to our members and through a scholarship program for students in our community.

May DEMO & Workshop

Welcome back...

Drew Bandish

Back by popular demand, Drew will demonstrate the power of the Stabilo-All Black Aquarellable pencil and water brushed on watercolor paper. Learn new drawing and proportion skills.



Demo - 5/13 11:30 at the RB Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo

Workshop - 5/24 11:30 at Oasis Learning Center, 17170 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo. Pay and Register at [NCSFA.org/workshops](https://www.ncsfa.org/workshops).



The next NCSFA Newsletter will be in June 2025. Please submit your wins and announcements by May 26th. Send to Joan.bonetti@gmail.com.



Hello, members,

Our wonderful exhibition in Poway is over and our year is winding down. Time for a breather before another busy season is upon us. May and June always seem to fill up so fast with graduations, weddings, and other traditional celebrations like Mothers and Fathers Days. In addition, NCSFA will also offer members two opportunities to show work this summer.

—Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church has requested a gallery show for June 28-August 16.

—Membership Exhibit at EAP begins in early August and will end around Labor Day. More details once we have a contract. All members are welcome to participate. Look for the prospectus for each in mid-May. The Church show is not a competition, but we will have a People's Choice award. The theme is "God's Playground".

I sincerely want to thank all my board and committee members who have given their time and know-how to keeping NCSFA going strong. To the many members who also pitched in when I requested to help with our many activities, please know that I appreciate all your efforts. We have a terrific, generous group of artists that have made me proud to lead as president. Our future is bright!

I wish each of you the best of health, inspiration, and joy in life!

Janet Keto
President

According to our Bylaws...

Section 7.2 Election of Officers

In the spring, the Past President forms and chairs a Nominating Committee from the membership for the ensuing year. At the final meeting of the fiscal year, the Past President presents the slate to the membership and asks if there are further nominations, provided that prior consent of nominees have been obtained. A simple majority by the members present is sufficient for adoption. Successor Officers assume their duties after the change over meeting, or by June 1. In the event an incoming or outgoing Officer cannot attend the change over meeting, it is incumbent upon them to meet as soon as possible so that the exchange of the Officer's Duties Bylaws binder is effected. Officers may be elected to serve on the Board for more than one term but are elected each year.

May 13th will be our final General Meeting (AND Drew Bandish Demo afterwards.) **Please plan to attend and bring your Job Duties Binders given to you at the beginning of last term.**

NCSFA 2025-2026 Tentative Slate of Officers

BOARD OF DIRECTORS and CHAIR POSITIONS

President - Joan Bonetti

Past President - Janet Keto

Recording Secretary - Doris Bertch

Treasurer - Steve Berkowitz

1st VP (Programs and Workshops) - Fabienne Fox

Assistant: Kene Lohmann

Marketing Materials: Susan Berkowitz

2nd VP (Membership) - Reva Sandmeyer

Assistant: Jeanette Habit

3rd VP (Exhibits) - Janet Keto, Barbara Kokaska

4th VP (Scholarships) - Page Ginns, Sharon Ford
Lois Goodman

5th VP (Publicity) - Ahna Street

Website Manager - Barbara Kokaska

Assistant: [Open](#)

Newsletter Editor - Joan Bonetti

Assistant: [Open](#)

Library Wall Displays - Cheryl Boeller

Assistant: Kene Lohmann

Hospitality - Christina Adamopoulos

Special Activities - Lynn Rehr

Corresponding Secretary - Doris Bertch

Help Wanted: If you have computer skills or would like to learn, please volunteer for the open positions above. It is fun to learn a new skill and helps to ensure we run smoothly in the event of schedule conflicts.

APRIL NCSFA MEMBERSHIP Show at PCPA



Best of Show - Carol Mansfield
Winter Trail



The **NCSFA Membership Exhibition** at Poway Center for the Performing Arts was a huge success. We had over 80 paintings on display in this beautiful venue, including 3 paintings by our 2 scholarship recipients (see page 5). Congratulations to all the winners juried in by San Diego artist Roberta Dyer.



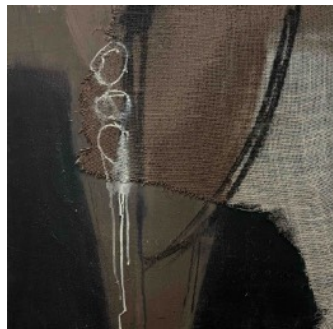
First Place - Christina Adamopoulos
Homage to San Diego



Second Place - Cheryl Boeller
Follow, Follow



Third Place - Janet Keto
Cafe Clique



Honorable Mention -
Mike Lafata
Rule of Three



Honorable Mention -
Fabienne Fox
Bridge of Wings



Honorable Mention -
Susan Berkowitz
Turkey in the Straw

April 2025's Activities

Paul Strahm

SAN DIEGO-based plein air painter, Paul Strahm, gave a talk to our membership at the RB Library for our April 8th general meeting. Paul talked about his love of painting and how he came to be an internationally recognized artist.



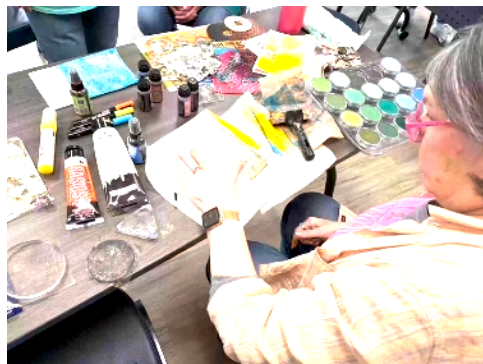
Strahm's passion for painting began when he was young, as did his love for the outdoors. His rural Ohio upbringing allowed him to intimately explore nature on his family's country farm. After high school, Paul attended Youngstown State University where he studied art and became fascinated with the French Impressionist painter, Paul Cezanne. Cezanne's study of nature — through his paintings — influenced Strahm and he began to emulate Cezanne's natural hues and his love of "plein air" painting. Not long after receiving his fine arts degree in painting, Paul moved west to San Diego, a climate very similar to Cezanne's favorite haunts in the south of France. Thank you, Paul, for a very enlightening talk.

April "Hands-On" STUDIO



A Free member's Hands-On Studio was held Saturday, April 26th at the Oasis Learning Center in Rancho Bernardo. This was a very popular event, lead by Doris Bertch demonstrating various pastels and papers. Janet Keto demonstrated how she does image transfers and Susan Berkowski brought gel plates, paint and stencils to show how she gets her varied images. Thank you to all three award-winning artists for sharing their expertise!

Artists Janet Keto, Doris Bertch and Susan Berkowitz



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



For the first time in NCSFA history we were able to include paintings from this year's scholarship winners. At the PCPA Membership Exhibit, during the month of April, we dedicated a wall to display the winners' work. First Place winner Zoey Lestyk had 2 paintings (the two on the right) and Second Place winner Blake Opstad displayed one piece. Both are students from Westview High School. Congratulations to these very talented artists. (See April 2025 newsletter for a closeups of their work.)

Julie Kim, Scholarship Winner from 2016 Reaches Out



Hello! I received a NCSFA scholarship in 2016 in my senior year of high school. I wanted to provide an update that after graduating I attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. After completing my undergrad, I began working in higher education and I am currently working at the Jacobs School of Engineering at UCSD in Development. I am very happy for your commitment and support to students, your scholarship provided me a lot of courage to continue my artmaking passion! Thank you very much.

- Julie Kim



The Flesh and the Form, 2023
30 x 24 inches
oil on canvas



You cannot wake a person who is pretending to sleep, 2025
40 x 30 inches



Artwork
from 2015

The money we raise for High School Scholarships really does make a difference!

Members Wins and Announcements

Susan Berkowitz has 4 beautiful collage pieces on display at the Escondido North Island Credit Union for six months (beginning in April.) Stop by the offices and have a look at all the pieces that are hanging in this new art venue. ***Congratulations Susan!!***



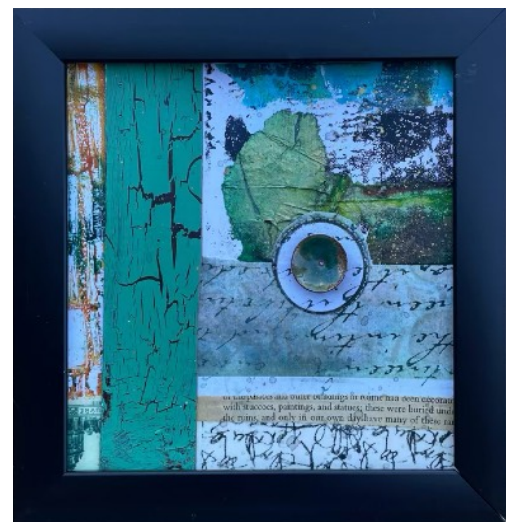
Vintage Blue



Lost Nights



Secret of Lost Prints



Renovation #1

We **LOVE** to share your great news! Please send the following information to Joan.bonetti@gmail.com: Name of show, gallery, dates, painting name(s), medium, and size. AND SEND PHOTOS. The more info the better! ❤️