



North County Society of Fine Arts

CALENDAR At A Glance

January Artist Anne Gaffey Demo & Workshop

Demo - Tuesday 1/13/26,
11:30 am to 2:30 pm. RB Library

Workshop - Saturday 1/24/26,
11:30 am to 3:30 pm at
Oasis RB (pg 4)



Looking ahead...

February Artist

Janet Keto

Demo 2/10. Workshop 2/28

See NCSFA.org for details

RB Library Upstairs Gallery

Outside community artists will
be showing until the end of
June, 2026. Then...

New NCSFA member
Aditi Bhatia
July 1 - August 31

Happy New Year!



The next NCSFA Newsletter will be February 2026. Please submit your wins and announcements by January 25th. Send to Joan.bonetti@gmail.com.



Happy New Year!

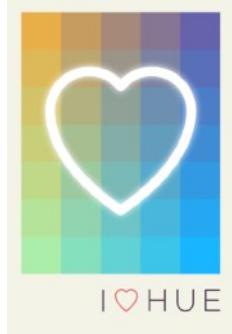
As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we do so together—carrying both grief and gratitude, sorrow and strength. 2025 asked much of us. We said goodbye to long-time members whose presence shaped our society and whose creative spirits remain woven into its fabric. Many of us faced illness, loss within our families, unexpected surgeries, and new realities that required courage we didn't know we had.

And yet—here we are.

What endures is not only what we lost, but what we kept showing up with: curiosity, resilience, humor, patience, and a willingness to keep making art even when life felt heavy. Art did not disappear during hard moments; it became a lifeline. It gave us a place to rest, to express what words could not, and to stay connected when the world felt uncertain.

Just for Fun!

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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.

As we move into the new year, we do not need grand resolutions or perfect plans. We only need openness—to surprise, to growth, to new ways of seeing. May this year offer us moments of beauty, renewed energy, and gentle healing. May it bring fresh ideas, supportive friendships, laughter at meetings, and the quiet satisfaction of time spent creating.

We honor those we've lost by continuing to paint, sculpt, photograph, and imagine. We honor ourselves by moving forward at our own pace, with kindness and grace.

Here's to a new year—imperfect, hopeful, and full of possibility.

Warmly, *Joan Bonetti, President*
joan.bonetti@gmail.com

As we look to the year ahead, your willingness to help makes all the difference. Please consider volunteering with NCSFA.

If you like to play games on your smart phone as much as I do, give the app I Love Hue a try. Just download it from the App Store. I Love Hue is a calming, visually elegant puzzle app where players restore order to color palettes by arranging tiles into smooth, harmonious gradients. With no timers, scores, or pressure, the game emphasizes visual perception, gentle problem-solving, and the quiet satisfaction of creating beauty through color.

Organizational Updates

- Beginning in January, **workshop fees will increase** by \$5 — \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members.
- **Lynn Rehr** has graciously volunteered to be the lead for the **Scholarship Committee**. Lynn has already started coordinating the High School Application process with her committee members, **Page Ginns** and **Lois Goodman**. Thank you all in advance for your dedicated work to fulfill a core purpose of NCSFA.
- **We are currently seeking a Volunteer Coordinator.** Our Volunteer Coordinator will play an important role in strengthening our art community by welcoming volunteers, coordinating help for events, and keeping communication flowing. This role will help ensure our programs and exhibitions run smoothly while fostering connection and participation among our members. If you enjoy supporting others and helping our organization thrive behind the scenes, we would love to hear from you. Contact joan.bonetti@gmail.com for more information.

December's Membership Potluck

Our December 6th membership potluck at the Rancho Bernardo Oasis Adult Learning Center was a delightful way to come together as the year drew to a close. We enjoyed a wonderful spread of homemade dishes, with tables full of great food and even better company. Attendance was strong, and the room buzzed with lively conversation, laughter, and the easy camaraderie that makes NCSFA such a special community.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was our art piece gift exchange, which



sparked smiles, curiosity, and plenty of good-natured fun as unique creations found new homes. It was a joy to see members connecting, sharing stories, and celebrating creativity in such a relaxed, festive setting.



Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making this gathering such a success — it was a lovely reminder of the warmth and talent within our group.

North County Society of Fine Arts presents **ANNE GAFFEY**

Mixed Media Artist



Anne has taught art to adults and children since 1989 while creating her own line of decorative functional art for commercial and residential clients. A multi-media artist, she works with acrylics, wood, mosaics, and vinyl, producing paintings, furniture, lampshades, and floor cloths displayed nationwide. Originally from California, her work has been featured at Williams-Sonoma, Mary Birch Hospital for Women, Loew's Coronado Resort, and ASID showcase homes. She assisted French sculptor Niki de Sainte Phalle on *Queen Califia's Magical Circle* in Escondido, and her art has been featured in *Better Homes and Gardens* and *San Diego Design and Décor*.

- **Gen'l Mtg/Demonstration: Tuesday 1/13/26, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. RB Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo CA 92128.** The Demo is FREE to members and the gen'l public. *At the demo, Ann will demonstrate her process for creating small canvases with water based products and acrylic paints.*
- **Happy Hearts Workshop: Saturday 1/24/26, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at Oasis, 17170 Bernardo Center Dr., RB, CA 92128.**

You must pre-register and pay
for the workshop. \$45 members / \$55 non-members. Register at NCSFA.org.

- *Learn how to create these Happy Hearts mixed media canvases. String and keys provided by the artist.*

Supply Link



Their Light Remains

We were recently notified of the passing of artist **Emma Muzzy** by a lifetime member of NCSFA, Valerie Raymond.

Only the ones who were members years ago will remember Emma.

And they will remember her demonstrating to us how to paint on silk. Wayne (her husband of 51 years) brought the necessary implements, including tubs and a clothes wringer. Her scarves were

beautiful. I remember Emma as being perceptive, with a neat sense of humor.

We'd been out of touch for a long time and when I emailed her recently, her husband, Wayne, answered. She had died almost 2 years ago after failing health for a number of years. He asked if I would let NCSFA know. He'd always wanted to, but to quote him, "Life just keeps getting in the way...Emma's art still surrounds me and we were married 51 years".

He included a photo of one of her artworks which inspired him to write a poem.



The Source

From circle's light to triangle's frame,
A whisper descends, calling your name.
Colors ignite where heaven meets land,
Through golden lines your spirit streams,
Weaving our grief into radiant dreams.
Though form may fade, your light will stay -
The Source still shines, to guide our way.

In Loving Memory, by Wayne Muzzy



In Loving Memory

It is with sadness we report that **Janet Perkin** passed away at home on the 15th of December. Janet was a past president of the NCSFA and a member for over 25 years.

She was very active with the arts and had an adventurous soul, moving from England to South Africa then later to the US. She attended workshops in Florence, Italy, and San Miguel, Mexico, enjoying painting with her grandchildren and also with friends. Her popular collage workshops for the NCSFA were always sold out.

Her art was shown in many galleries and venues in the area. She received gallery representation through Art Scene West and

national recognition for about a decade by the National Collage Society—her artwork one of only twelve artists selected for their calendar annually. She won countless awards and received frequent public recognition over the years.

Janet also enjoyed gardening and was a long-time member of the Poway Valley Garden Club. She loved going on tours and designed her own garden to be, itself, a work of art.

Her art is a metaphor for her life; it was a collaboration, a sharing of successes, in teaching and always learning, rooting for fellow artists. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. - *Kathryn Peterson*



Members Wins and Announcements

( see yellow box below)



Jo-Lind Eckstein - *Balboa Park* (oil on canvas). Sold to a lucky buyer after being on display at the Rancho Bernardo Library Upstairs Gallery from October through December, 2025.



**Congratulations
to Jo-Lind and
Kathryn!!**

Kathryn Peterson had two artworks juried into the Surfing Madonna —Save the Ocean 6th annual Art Show. Show dates are Jan 10-Feb 6th. The gallery is open Tues., Thurs., Fri. and Saturday from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. The reception will be Sat, Jan 10, 4-6 pm.

Her painting "Runoff" (oil on canvas) features a palm tree to represent the land that morphs into kelp to show how connected the land is to the sea.



Continuing the theme is "Sleeping Beauty" (found object, paper and plaster-cast objects) depicts an ancient sea floor, with signs of human civilization: Botticelli's Venus, plaster-relief casts flanking the vast ocean, symbolized by the simple white of the substrate.



ALSO: **Kathryn** will be participating in the Palm Desert, "Paint the Desert" Plein Air Festival Jan 9-15. An art show reception to include her work will be held Jan 15 at the Artist Center Gallery in Palm Desert and will be on view until Feb 1st. • **ALSO, ALSO:** Two of Kathryn's artworks are currently on view at the Oceanside Museum of Art's Plein Air exhibit until Jan 15th.

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! ❤