



North County Society of Fine Arts

JUNE AT A GLANCE

POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (PCPA)
PLEASE REMEMBER
PCPA PICK-UP: JUNE 1, 9:00-10:00 AM

Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter is June 2026. Please send your submissions by June 23 to kat@katfurrowart.com

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

SAY HELLO TO YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRPERSONS SEPTEMBER 2026 THROUGH MAY 2027

- PRESIDENT: BARBARA KOKASKA
- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT / PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS: SUSAN BERKOWITZ
 - ASSISTANT: JANET KETO
- RECORDING SECRETARY: REVA SANDMEYER
- TREASURER: STEVE BERKOWITZ
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT / MEMBERSHIP: SUSAN BERKOWITZ
 - ASSISTANT NEEDED!
- 3RD VICE PRESIDENT / EXHIBITIONS: JANET KETO, CHERYL BOELLER
- 4TH VICE PRESIDENT / SCHOLARSHIPS: LYNN REHR
 - ASSISTANTS: LYDIA WEBER, BEATRIZ MATA
- 5TH VICE PRESIDENT / PUBLICITY: AHNA STREET
 - WEBSITE: SHELLI WEST
 - ASSISTANT NEEDED! (GREAT FOR PROOFREADERS/EDITORS)
- NEWSLETTER: KAT FURROW
 - ASSISTANT NEEDED! (PHOTOS, INFO GATHERING - FUN AND EASY!)
- LIBRARY EXHIBITS: CHERYL BOELLER
 - ASSISTANT NEEDED! (HELP WITH HANGING SHOWS)
- HOSPITALITY / POTLUCKS: CHRISTINA ADAMOPOULOS, DORIS BERTCH
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: DORIS BERTCH



Doris Bertch has received a 2nd place award at the Escondido Arts Partnerships Duality:Light and Dark show for her painting: "Perilous Seas" 24 x 24 oil/cold wax medium on cradled board- Will be shown from June 13-July 2nd, 262 East Grand Ave, Escondido



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We would like to share a heartfelt message from Joan during this time. Joan is currently attending to a family loss and will be away briefly. We extend our deepest sympathies to her and her family and keep them in our thoughts. She plans to return soon and appreciates your understanding and support during this difficult time. Her father-in-law, Joseph Bonetti, will be laid to rest on June 3rd at Dallas National Cemetery. Following the burial, he will be honored at the local Masonic Lodge in recognition of his remarkable 50 years of service. The day will be one of remembrance and celebration of a life well lived.

Joseph Bonetti is survived by:

- His beloved wife of 71 years
- Four children
- Two grandchildren
- One great-grandchild

We join the family in honoring his legacy, service, and the enduring impact he made on those around him.

Please keep our Joan and her family in your thoughts during this time.

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MAY FEATURED ARTIST HIGHLIGHT: SUSAN BERKOWITZ

A Spectacular Close to the 2026 Demonstration Season

The North County Society of Fine Arts brought its 2026 Art Demonstrations and Workshops series to a truly inspiring close with a memorable presentation by the wonderful artist and instructor, Susan Berkowitz, on May 23 at the Rancho Bernardo Library.

Held at our regular demo location

Rancho Bernardo Library

17110 Bernardo Center Road

the day began with a lively social gathering from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., followed by our meeting from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m., and culminating in Susan's engaging demonstration from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.. The demonstration was free and open to all, welcoming both members and guests to enjoy this enriching experience.

Susan's demonstration was nothing short of captivating. With creativity, warmth, and expertise, she introduced attendees to the expressive art of collage using found objects, transforming everyday materials into powerful works of art. Her presentation was informative, engaging, and accessible, offering valuable insights into composition, layering, and storytelling through mixed media.

The excitement continued with Workshop #7, where participants had the opportunity to explore Susan's techniques hands-on. The workshop was filled with energy and creativity as attendees experimented with materials, shared ideas, and discovered new artistic possibilities. Susan's guidance and encouragement made the experience both inspiring and confidence-building for artists at every level.



This highly successful program was a perfect reflection of what makes NCSFA so special—community, creativity, and a shared passion for artistic growth.

What a fantastic way to close out our 2026 season! We extend our sincere thanks to Susan Berkowitz for an outstanding demonstration and workshop, and to all who participated throughout the year. We look forward with excitement to another year of artistic exploration ahead.

CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL PCPA MAY 2026 MEMBERSHIP EXHIBIT

The North County Society of Fine Arts Membership Exhibit, held throughout May 2026 at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts, was a wonderful celebration of the talent, creativity, and dedication of our members.

This year's exhibit beautifully showcased a diverse range of artistic techniques and media, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, and mixed media, offering visitors an inspiring look at the richness of our artistic community.

The Artist Reception on May 24 was a tremendous success, welcoming over 95 guests who enjoyed viewing artwork displayed across two floors of the venue. The evening was filled with conversation, admiration, and a shared appreciation for the arts—truly a highlight of the exhibition.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers and members whose time, effort, and creativity made this exhibit possible. From the detailed planning and coordination to the careful hanging of the show, your dedication brought this event to life. We also deeply appreciate everyone who attended and supported the reception—your presence made the celebration even more meaningful.



We would also like to recognize those who contributed behind the scenes and during the reception:

- Christina Adamopoulos for creating a fantastic refreshment table enjoyed by all
- Lynn Rehr for coordinating the nine tile sales, raising \$225 for the scholarship fund
- Susan Berkowitz and Christina Adamopoulos for warmly hosting the greeting table

This exhibit was a true reflection of our vibrant artistic community. Thank you again to everyone who contributed, participated, and supported this special event—and congratulations to all our artists for sharing their work and passion.

CELEBRATING OUR TALENTED AWARD RECIPIENTS PCPA MAY 2026 MEMBERSHIP EXHIBIT

A special congratulations goes to our talented award recipients, judged by esteemed artist Helen Shafer Garcia. Awards were presented by Steve Berkowitz:

- 1st Place: Fabienne Fox – “On the Bright Side” (\$150)
- 2nd Place: Carol Mansfield – “Fleeting Nature” (\$125)
- 3rd Place: Christina Adamopoulos – “Siesta” (\$100)



1st Place:



2nd Place:



3rd Place:

The Janet Perkin Award was presented by Bob Perkin to Cheryl Boeller for “One Morning.” Bob delivered a heartfelt and moving tribute in honor of his late wife, artist Janet Perkin, making this presentation especially meaningful.



Bob Perkin



Cheryl Boeller

Honorable Mentions were awarded to:

- Janet Keto – “Spa Day”
- Jo Lind Eckstein – “Fall Colors”
- William Sharer (accepted by his wife Nancy) – “Five Nepalese Women”
- Beatriz Mata – “Is There a Way”



Janet Keto



Jo Lind Eckstein



William Sharer:
wife Nancy



Beatriz Mata