



North County Society of Fine Arts

CALENDAR At A Glance

RB Library Upstairs Gallery

**Doris Bertch & Jo-Lind
Eckstein: Beyond our Doors**
Oct 2 through Dec 31, 2025 (pg 5)

November ZOOM Demonstration

November 11th

To accommodate the time
difference in Europe, this Zoom
will begin at **10:00 am**.

Read about the artist here

NCSFA Holiday Potluck

**December 6th
at Oasis, Live Oak Room**

11:30 - 3pm

Details and sign-up to follow.



**Looking ahead
to January...**

**Artist Anne Gaffey
Demo & Workshop**

The next NCSFA Newsletter will be in
Dec. 2025. Please submit your wins and
announcements by November 25th.
Send to Joan.bonetti@gmail.com.

MICHAEL RYAN

November Featured Artist

An American
artist
currently
based in the
Netherlands,

Michael Ryan was
granted permanent
residency status in
2000 based on his
importance to the
culture of The
Netherlands. He
has exhibited
nationally, as well
as in Russia, France, and the United States. His
artistic expression is influenced by being in the
moment, and the act of paying attention. Ryan is
especially inspired by what he observes around
him. Primarily working with oils, pastels, and
watercolors, he is fascinated by light, color, and
the relationship formed between colors. His bold
pieces are painted on metal or linen.



IG: michaelryan_artist

Join us to meet Michael, take a
zoom tour of his Amsterdam
studio and follow along as he
creates another magical floral
painting.



ZOOM Demo 11/11/25
10:00 am. *Zoom link will be
emailed to members a few
days prior to event.*



Happy Holidays Artists,

As the year winds down, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your creativity, generosity, and enthusiasm throughout 2025. Our group continues to thrive because of the wonderful energy you bring to every demo, workshop, and gathering.

We have one more exciting event before we close out the year! On **November 11**, we'll welcome **American artist Michael Ryan**, who joins us from **Amsterdam** for a special **Zoom presentation**. You can find his inspiring work on Instagram

@michaelryan_artist. The Zoom link will be sent to members a few days before the event—so keep an eye on your inbox!

Then in **December**, we'll shift gears from brushes to holiday cheer. Our **annual Holiday Potluck Party** will be held on **Saturday, December 6**, at the **Oasis Learning Center**. There will be no formal presentations that month—just a wonderful time to relax, celebrate, and enjoy each other's company.

Thank you all for helping make this such a creative and supportive community. Wishing you a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, friendship, and inspiration!

With appreciation and a thankful heart,

Joan Bonetti, President
joan.bonetti@gmail.com

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.

Me Again ...

A Little Help Makes a Big Difference

This past year was a great one and I want to take a moment to thank the dedicated few who keep NCSFA running so smoothly. From organizing demos and workshops to setting up exhibits, advertising our events and making sure our website is clear and correct—your time and energy are what make this group thrive.

That said, many of us are wearing *multiple hats*, and we could really use a few more hands to help share the fun (and the workload!). Volunteering doesn't have to be a big commitment—sometimes it's just helping with setup/takedown, sharing ideas, or reaching out to other members.

Our purpose is clear: **to advance art education and appreciation**—for our members and through our **scholarship program** that supports young artists in our community. Every bit of help moves that mission forward.

We may even draw a few names from a hat to personally invite some fresh faces to join in—so don't be surprised if you get a friendly call!

Let's keep NCSFA strong, inspired, and community-driven—together.

— Joan



October's Artist, Jami Wright, Demo and Workshop Inspirations

DEMO

Watercolor artist Jami Wright brought her years of painting and teaching to our group to create a beautiful watercolor painting of a lighthouse sitting peacefully on tall cliffs. Her work is colorful. She is a fast painter and explains while she works.

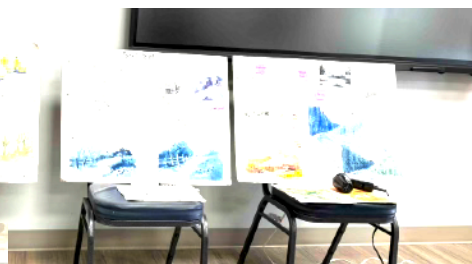


Jami brought two paintings to donate to our group



WORKSHOP

Being a middle school art teacher shone through strongly. Jami brought charts which expertly demonstrated artistic elements to help even the least experienced of us grasp tricky design concepts. Thanks Jami! For a fun afternoon of watercoloring 🎨





NCSFA ANNUAL POTLUCK and gift exchange

DATE: Saturday, December 6, 2025

TIME: 11:30-2:30pm

PLACE: Oasis Center, upstairs (Live Oak Room)

POTLUCK FOODS needed: appetizers, salads, main dish, desserts,
non-alcoholic drinks

GUESTS WELCOME! Bring a spouse, friend or family!

RESPOND by 12-4-25 please. Your sign-up link will be available soon
(coming in an email blast.)

**Hospitality Contact is Christina Adamopoulos: csikor84@gmail.com
for food questions.**



MINI PAINTING EXCHANGE: *Bring a small plain wrapped painting and receive one from the gift basket. Please no frames, and keep it small (6x6, 4x6, 5x7, etc.). Sign your piece but no tags on outside—the surprise is fun!*

*Hope all members and guests join us to enjoy
the special foods and camaraderie!*

Rancho Bernardo Branch Library - Upstairs Gallery

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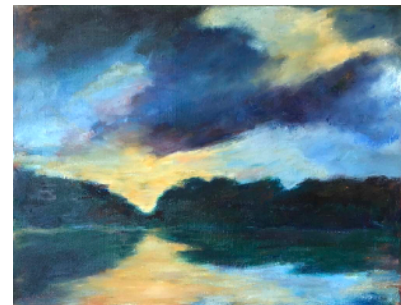
Viewers will be captivated by the expressive, atmospheric landscapes created by Doris Bertch and Jo-Lind Eckstein. With buttery tactile mediums of pastel, oil, and oil with cold wax, these artists express their fascination with the world around them in rich, harmonizing colors. - Cheryl Boeller, Library wall display curator



**Doris
Bertch**



**Jo-Lind
Eckstein**



Members Wins and Announcements

From the Desk of Vita Sorrentino

The SDMAAGuild 2025
Membership Exhibition is at
Gallery 21, Spanish Village in
Balboa Park from Nov. 4 until
November 17th.

It would be nice to see some
artists and friends at the
reception on Sunday, November
9th, from 2 - 4pm.

Come say hi,
Vita

Note from the Newsletter Editor...

I know it doesn't seem possible, but I received no emails about members' wins or announcements this past month (only this note from Vita hoping you come to her SDMAAG reception.) It happens. If you actually sent me something and would still like it included next month, check the email address you have for me, resend and then send me a text (858-229-5626) so I can be on the lookout for it.

And be sure to include all the information, and photos, needed to be included.

(↓ see yellow box below)



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! ❤️