

DEMONSTRATOR**SYLVIA MEGERDICHIAN HIGHLIGHTS**

Sylvia Megerdichian has attained a reputation for her exciting, abstract, and imaginative watermedia paintings. Over the years, she has developed a special technique in which she combines and layers conventional watercolor with Caran d'Ache watercolor pencils or collage. This unique style gives her paintings a vibrant and glowing quality. Sylvia always commences a painting with line, color, texture, and shape; however, she allows her paintings to unfold with some randomness, taking advantage of the unexpected. Every painting becomes a new experiment of brilliant ideas and color.

Sylvia says, "I try to create paintings that not only have an impact, but also have some sense of mystery: 'How did she paint that?' 'What is the artist thinking?' 'How does the audience feel when they view the artwork?'"

In 1993, Sylvia established Art Box Studio in Upland, California, where she exhibits her art, teaches, and hosts a variety of workshops. Her workshops have included many nationally known artists.

In 2006, San Antonio Gardens in Claremont, California purchased 5 of Sylvia's paintings after she was invited to do a one-woman show there. In the fall of 2006, the Riverside Art Museum purchased Sylvia's painting entitled "Two Pears" for their collection. In December 2006, Sylvia was invited to curate a show for Square 1 Gallery in Claremont. The show was entitled "Experience 10". She was also one of ten featured artists.

Sylvia has won numerous first place and best of show awards, including the Grumbacher award, from a variety of local and regional art shows. Her paintings are in private and corporate collections. Her work is continually exhibited at Artist Trait Gallery in Claremont, and at the ArtBox Studio. Sylvia can be reached at the ArtBox Studio at 909-981-4508 and via email: artboxsylvania@netzero.net. To view Sylvia's art, please visit her website at www.artboxworkshops.com.

WINNERS

For February

Cathy Shefer

won the Demonstrator's Award
and the Popular Choice Award

Colleen Lane

won the Demonstrator's painting
and the Opportunity Tickets prize

Congratulations!

BOARD MEETING

The March meeting will be held
on 3/21/07 at the home of Deanie Laughrun.
348 E. Auburn Way, Claremont
If you need directions, please call
624-9241

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2007 DEMONSTRATIONS

- January 10 - Quinton Bemiller - acrylic
February 14 - Jim Salchak - watercolor
March 14 - Sylvia Megerdichian - mixed media
April 11 - Richard Martinez - watercolor
May 9 - Elin Pendleton - oil
June 13 - Phyllis Case Bennett - Chinese brush
July 11 - Linda Pazstor - mono printing
August 8 - Chris Van Winkle - watercolor
September 12 - Richard Stergulz - oil portrait
October 10 - Joe Pastor - oil
November 14 -
December 12 -

2007 ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

Artwork of the Month can always include 2- dimensional or 3- dimensional art pieces pertaining to the category. Specific rules are posted at the monthly meetings. The deadline for submitting work is 9:30 a.m.

- January - Artist's Choice
February - Landscapes
March - Still Life
April - Seascapes, Lakes, Rivers
May - Florals
June - Artist's Choice
July - Structures: buildings, houses, bridges, etc.
(can be paintings, drawings, or sculptures)
August - Artist's Choice
September - Animals, Birds
October - Portraits & Figures
November - Miniatures
December -no exhibit

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Meetings are held at 9:30 A.M.
on the second Wednesday of
each month.

Next Meeting: March 14

**Central Park
Community Center**

11200 Baseline Road
Rancho Cucamonga

web address:

www.associatedartists-inlandempire.org

MELANIE PHILLIPS

Melanie Phillips decided to try watercolor painting around 14 years ago. Finding the perfect opportunity for exploration to be a month long wilderness camping trip with her husband, she bought the painting supplies and took them along to see if she could paint. At the end of the trip she discovered that she loved it, and pursued lessons with Sharon Yatsko.

Art classes at Chaffey College and through other instructors rounded out her studies and experience with other mediums. She still works in watercolor, but also enjoys acrylics.

Another passion has developed from her art studies - that of teaching. Melanie teaches at the Rancho Cucamonga Senior Center through Chaffey Adult School, and at the Gibson Senior Center in Upland. She has also taught for Upland Recreation with an adult class and a children's class.

She enjoys experimentation in using new techniques and applications. She doesn't single out or rule out a particular subject matter. She says "I don't know what I would do if I couldn't create art. It is such a large part of me!"

Melanie is also one of two gallery coordinators at Gallery SoHo in Pomona. She participates in local art shows and is an active member of the Associated Artists of the Inland Empire.

SALES TABLES

March

Shirley Bonneville (sculptures)

To reserve a table, contact Shirley Bonneville at 909-463-6259. One month notice required.

COOKIES

March

Joyce Poupard, Doris Maldonado, Mary Saenz, Richard Cervantes, Charlotte Tanner

GIBSON CENTER

Paintings will be changed at the Gibson Senior Center in Upland on Wednesday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m.

Please be there to exchange your old artwork for new artwork. The paintings remain on display for 4 months at a time. Work may be priced for sale. Many members have sold work there!

THANKS TO . . .

. . . Joanne Woodward for donating a book for the Opportunity Tickets.

MEMBER NEWS

. . . Gretchen Gilbert recently won Honorable Mention at the fine Arts Institute's "Colors of Winter" show, as well as Third Place in the Pomona Valley Art Association's Themed Monthly Show. - *Congratulations!*

ALASKAN PLEIN AIRE CRUISE

Paint the breathtaking landscape and seascape of Alaska with award-winning artists Rich Stergulz and David Musser.

August 18th thru 25th.

To be included in all the fun and painting, email Rich at rich@stergulzart.com or call 951-600-9232.

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George Blanchard, Linda David, Bev Hoyos, Sylvia Megerdichian, Betty Cardinale, Di Kroll, Frank Cardinale, Hilda Phillips, Arlene Zirges
Best of Luck in 2007-2008!

UPCOMING SHOWS

Quinton Bemiller Solo Show:

"Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition"
 March 26-30, 2007
 Reception: Tuesday, March 27, 6-9 p.m.
 Gallery hours: M-F 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 The East Gallery at Claremont Graduate University.

WORKSHOPS/CLASSES

Workshops at the Rancho Cucamonga Recreation Center by Karen Clark, photo-realistic watercolorist.

1. South-West Building - April 21 -22
2pm - 5pm
 2. Butterfly - May 5-6 2pm-5pm
 3. Tropical Bird - June 2-3 2pm-5pm
- Cost for each is \$50.00, materials \$10.00.
 Call Karen @909-945-2829.

Karen Clark's Artist' Hangout has an open watercolor club that meets on the third Sunday of every month, from 1pm-4pm.
 For more info, cal 909-945-2829.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION APRIL 2007 -MARCH 2008

Note: Membership begins annually April 1 to the following April 1. Date: _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email address _____

Regular Membership - \$25.00 (Must pay \$2.00 at each regular demo meeting).

Special Membership - \$39.00 (includes one year's cost of most demo programs).

(Life Memberships will continue to be honored)

Please enclose this form with check payable to : Associated Artists c/o Karen Werner
 13432 Garcia Ave. Chino, CA 91710

Check one: New Renewal

