



MLAA
MOTHER LODE
ART ASSOCIATION

August 2025 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello everybody,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer activities and vacations. The warm weather also encourages many to paint and pursue other forms of art indoors.

Second Saturday

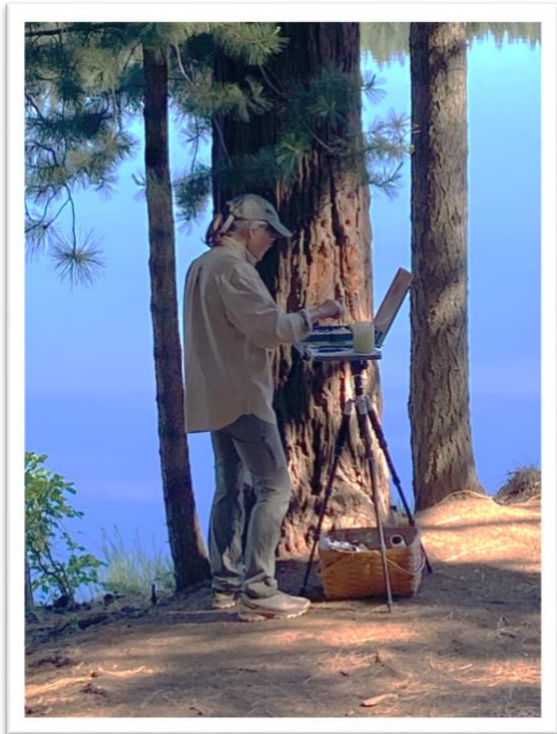
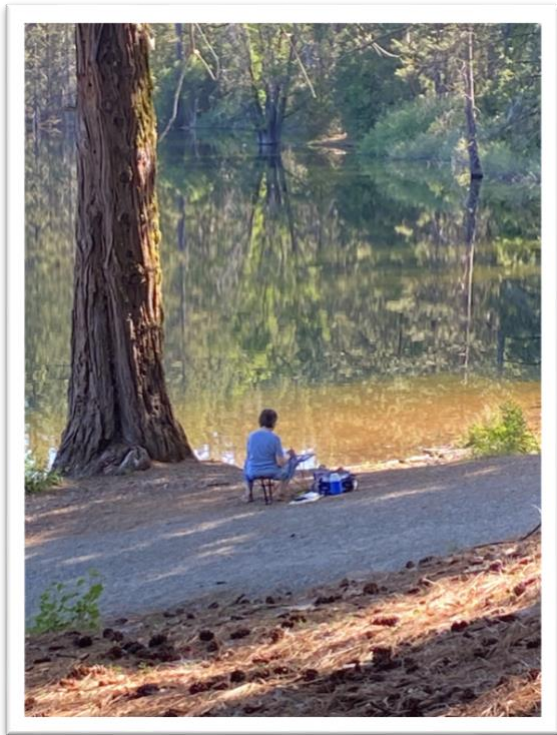
Last month, under the stewardship of Suzanne Dudeck and Lydia Osias, the MLAA hosted its fourth monthly Second Saturday Art Show at the Sonora Inn. The event was well-attended, with standing room only, and everyone had a good time. The Sonora Inn has asked us to host more events and has approved the use of the Inn for their next Second Saturday Art Show. We have another meeting with the Sonora Inn Administration this month to discuss contractual matters and explore the venue's potential as a new venue site.





Plein Air

In Claire Chateaufneuf's absence, Kellie Hale is leading the Plein Air's wonderful outdoor painting outings. They usually meet on Thursdays, except for the first week of the month, which is on Wednesdays. One of their recent trips was at Lyons Reservoir Day Use Area. The images below show how magical painting outdoors in a beautiful setting can be.



Sonora Photo Club

The next meeting of the Sonora Photo Club is scheduled for September 14, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The meetings take place at the Tuolumne County Library Conference Room, located at 480 Greenley Road in Sonora. Everyone is welcome. The club's last field trip was held at Wat Dhammararam Buddhist Temple in Stockton.

MLAA QR Code

We've created a QR Code that can be used in MLAA flyers, newsletters, and other materials. This will enable anyone to scan the code to view our website at mlaa.org. Just aim your phone camera at the code and notice the web address that's displayed. Tap the address and you'll be taken to the website.



September Board Meeting & Art Demonstration

The next board meeting will be on September 15, 2025, 11:00am – 1:00 pm.

Mike Severin will host our monthly Arts Demonstration in the Library Conference Room on September 15, following our board and general meeting. Mike is a former MLAA President, an outstanding Plein Air artist, and he also won Best of Show at the 70th Annual MLAA Art Show held at the Opera Hall last April. He will share his skills and techniques as one of the most prolific artists in the Mother Lode. He is also a great friend to everyone, and I have had the pleasure of knowing him for over 35 years.

Make sure you don't miss this special event!

Below are some of the items your MLAA Board is working on and will include in its September Meeting agenda:

- The use of QR codes for most of the MLAA communications moving forward.
- New Committee Chairperson for "Field Trips." If you're interested in this fun, new position, please let us know.
- Planning an Art Gala event this fall.
- Providing two 5-foot display tables at each monthly Board and General Meeting for our artists to showcase and share their artwork and creations.

In closing, I hope all is well. On behalf of our Committee and Board members, we look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Monday, September 16, 2025. Please bring a friend to this special meeting.

All the best,
Bob

Robert Feigen, President
Mother Lode Art Association

MLAA Board: Officers and Directors:

President: Bob Feigen
Vice President: Kelly Telfer
Secretary: Sheri Fleming
Treasurer: Keith Kelly
Directors-at-Large: Suzanne Dudeck, Pattie Henderson, Rana Ford, Bill Heiser, Maureen Nolan, Lydia Osais

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Committee Chairs:

71st Annual Mother Lode Art Show: Open
Fundraising/Membership: Suzanne Dudeck
Historian: Open
Hospitality: Patti Henderson (Sheri Fleming)
Plein Air: Kellie Hales
Programs: Marilyn Zinner, Jamie Showers
Social Media: Rana Ford
Membership: Keith Kelly
Student Scholarships: Kelli O'Brien (Maureen Nolan/Christine Halley/Rana Ford)
Venues: Bill David
Website: Bill Heiser
Sonora Photo Club: Bill Heiser

(Catherine Stanton – V.P., Jan Alcalde - Secretary, Marie Hetherington, SPC Treasurer, Maureen Nolan, MLAA Show Coordinator)

Questions can be sent to hello@sonoraphotoclub.org or to Bill at billheiserphoto.com.

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Local Art Businesses, Events, and Shows:

Aloft Gallery 105 S. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 288-2844 Aloftgallery.com

Kinart Gallery Unique Ceramic Art, Kinahalley@gmail.com, Christine Halley, 209-206-3593

Sally Anne Fischer Studio 19 Bradford Street, Sonora, Studio C – upstairs. (209) 988-3710.

sallyanne@sallyannefischer.com

Upcoming workshop: 10/24/2025 - 10/26/2025: Ray Roberts, The Coast, Carmel, California

More info at <https://www.sallyannefischer.com>

Telfer Design (408) 813-7553, kelly@telferdesign.com, www.kellytelfer.com

Susie Hoffman Fine Arts Copperopolis. Local art, cards, classes, and framing.

Ateliersusie63@gmail.com

Sonora Art Studio: 14675 Mono Way, Sonora, Ca. 95370 Sonoraarts19@gmail.com Lydia Osias – Owner 510-910-4718 losias@comcast.net

Art studios are for rent at Sonora Arts. Individual studios with interlocking doors range from 100 square feet (\$250/mo.) to 170 square feet (\$450/month). Artists can share a studio. Access is from 7 AM to 10:00 PM, seven days per week. Two studios have windows and natural light. All utilities are included in the rent. No oils, metals, or resins. Contact Lydia for further information.

The Sonora Art Studio features continuous instruction in Clay, Mixed-Media Paper and Edible Art, and Watercolor classes for adults, teens, and children.

Lydia Osias (510) 910-4718 losias@comcast.net Adult/Teen/Kid Clay

Barbara McNair (510) 333-2266 needleboo@att.net. Card Making and Paper Making.

Linda Moreno (510) 334-1671 atimeforart2024@yahoo.com Cookie Decorating, Edible Gum Flowers, 3D Floral Cards, Iris Paper Folding Cards

Kelli O'Brien (209) 770-5979, sierrabrushstrokes@gmail.com Painting, Sierra Brushstrokes, Watercolor, Sip and Paint and Watercolor Tea