



September 2025 Newsletter

Hello everybody,

I hope all is well.

As we return from our annual MLAA summer break in July and August each year, it's a great time to look forward to the fall and holiday season.

The MLAA Directors, Board, and Committees will meet to plan for the rest of the year. Our next Board and General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025, at the Library Conference Room, starting at 11:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend our board meetings. This month's "Special" art demonstration will feature Michael Severin.

Art Change Out at the Library:

The hanging and change-out of our members' art on the library walls will also happen at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 15. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your artwork (at no cost) for 90 days to fellow artists and the community. We are very thankful to Tuolumne County for allowing the MLAA to use the library walls for displaying our artwork. Contact Bill David, Venue Chair, at wgdavid@aol.com for more details and to reserve your wall space.

It is very important that we continue to support the Library Venue!!

Plein Air:

The trees seem to be changing color early this year, and there is talk of a possible La Niña weather pattern. This is an ideal time to prepare for outdoor painting in the coming months. Our MLAA has a group of about 30 artists who meet at a designated location in the foothills each week, along with surrounding areas, to create plein air paintings on site. Kellie Hales is covering for Claire Chateaufort and continues to plan the outings. Sign up for Plein Air is available on our website.

Sonora Photo Club:

The Sonora Photo Club, led by Bill Heiser, will hold its next meeting on 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, and the next field trip to the Eastern Sierra is scheduled for Saturday thru Monday, October 11-14, 2025. For more info, contact Bill Heiser at bill@billheiserphoto.com.

Some MLAA things to look forward to:

- At our next meeting on Monday, September 15, two five-foot tables will be set up in the conference room so that our members can display, exchange, and share their current artwork with fellow artists. This will be the standard setup at each meeting moving forward.
- The MLAA now has its own QR code, which will be used in our MLAA publications and take readers directly to our MLAA website, mlaa.org. A special thanks to Bill Heiser for setting this up for us.



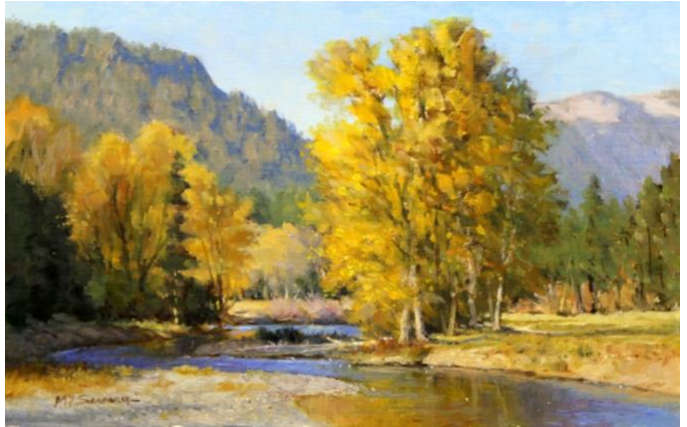
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Artist Demonstration:

Our next artist demonstration is on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Tuolumne Library. Our special guest artist this month is our good friend and outstanding Plein Air artist, Michael Severin.

Mike plans to paint on a large format so everyone can see what is happening. He will paint either an autumn or a sunset scene. Mike says, "I will discuss composition, value, and color, and will demonstrate the process I use for starting a painting and working through to the end. I will have the original painting I chose for the demonstration so members can relate to what I am doing on the painting."

Some of Mike's recent works:



In closing, our MLAA is financially stable, and we are beginning to plan for next year. Our programs remain active, committees are at work, and we continue to seek new members for the Mother Lode Art Association, founded in 1952. If you know anyone who is an artist or would like to become one, please invite them to our next meeting at the Library on Monday, September 19. There, they can learn how to paint and discover techniques from Michael Severin, a true master of Plein Air painting.

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	Pattie Henderson, Rana Ford, Bill Heiser, Maureen Nolan, Suzanne Dudeck, Lydia Osias

Committee Chairs:

71 st Annual Mother Lode Art Show:	Open
Fundraising/Membership	Open (Lydia Osias, Keith Kelly, Bob Feigen)
Hospitality	Patti Henderson (Sheri Fleming)
Plein Air	Claire Chateauneuf
Newsletter	Bob Feigen/Sheri Fleming
Programs	Marilyn Zinner, Jamie Showers
Social Media	Rana Ford
Sonora Photo Club	Bill Heiser (Catherine Stanton – V.P., Jan Alcalde - Secretary, Marie Hetherington - Treasurer, Maureen Nolan - Art Show Coordinator)

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

Student Scholarships	Kelli O'Brien (Maureen Nolan/Christine Halley/Rana Ford)
Venues	Bill David
Website	Bill Heiser (Keith Kelly)

Local Art Businesses 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 available from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM, seven days a 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 offers continuous instruction in clay, mixed-media paper, 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

2025 Quilt Show

Sierra Quilt Guild of Tuolumne Co.

**Fri./Sat. 9am-4pm
Sept. 19-20**

Sonora's
Mother Lode Fairgrounds

Adults \$10 for Both Days
Children 12 & Under Are Free



Highlights: Featured Quilter Deby Staglano, A Boutique Full of Handmade Items, Opportunity Quilt Raffle on Saturday (quilt pictured in painting above), Quilts of All Kinds, and a Large Selection of New Vendors!



www.sierraquiltguild.com

