



July 2025 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello everyone.
I hope all is well.

In the months of July and August each year there are no Board or General MLAA meetings. With that said, your Board and Committees are busy in the background doing the work for our Association. Also, the monthly Newsletters will continue to be published.

As a result of the Board Action of June 16, 2025, it was decided that the MLAA would donate \$300.00 to the Tuolumne County Arts for Summer student scholarships to be administered by the TCA. It was also decided the MLAA Scholarship Committee would make sure the funds are used appropriately and report back to the MLAA Board. Thus, on June 20th, I issued and delivered a check in the amount of \$300.00 to Laurie Livingston at Tuolumne County Arts for their Summer Arts Program. This falls in line with our MLAA's commitment to Arts in Education.

On July 12th, Suzanne Dudeck, Chair of the Membership/Fundraising Committee and her team will be hosting our third Second Saturday Event at the Sonora Inn in downtown Sonora from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM. This month the "Art Party" instructor is Lydia Osias, owner and operator of the Sonora Arts Studio, who is providing all of the clay and related art materials for the demonstration free to participants. The fun theme is "Fish Tacos". You can take your creations home!

I hope everyone will attend, support, and participate in the "Art Party" open to both kids and adults. It promises to be another great MLAA Second Saturday Event sponsored by the Sonora Chamber.



Instructor Lydia Osias at work in her studio

I am very pleased to announce that the next featured artist at our next MLAA meeting when we return on September 15th (Third Monday) is going to be Michael Severin. Mike is a professional plein air artist and won “Best of Show” at our 70th Annual Mother Lode Art Show last April. He will explain and share his techniques that he uses in the process of completing an outdoor painting. Mike is also a previous MLAA President.



Fish Taco by Lydia Osias

Here are some other MLAA things going on this Summer:

- Planning for the next two quarters of 2025.
- Interviewing people interested in participating in the following Committee positions in 2026:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- We are also seeking a chairperson for the 71st Annual Mother Lode Art Show. Please inform the existing Board Members or the nominating committee members if you are interested in any of these positions.
- We are planning to use an MLAA QR Code to drive people directly to our MLAA website, mlaa.org.
- We're continuing to develop our programs and MLAA plein air outings.
- There may be adjustments in meeting schedules to accommodate more member participation.

At our June 16, 2025 Board Meeting, we created an operational plan for the next two quarters. We have no board meetings in July and August, but will continue to put out a newsletter to keep everyone in the loop of our events and activities.

All the best, *Bob*
Robert Feigen, President

2nd SATURDAY IN JUNE – MLAA ART PARTY – June 14th

Our June Art Party was part of our ongoing participation in Sonora's 2nd Saturday Art Night, supported by the Sonora Inn. The art party focused on using alcohol markers and colored pencils. Attendance was great, and passersby enjoyed seeing two artists practicing their craft on the sidewalk.



Participants of all ages enjoyed our Second Saturday art party in June

THE SONORA PHOTO CLUB

- The June field trip was on June 16, 2025, during the Sonora 2nd Saturday event, focusing on "street photography."
- The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2025, from 1 to 4 pm at the Tuolumne Library conference room, and the theme is triptych photography.

For more info, contact Bill Heiser at bill@billheiserphoto.com.

PLEIN AIR

Claire Chateauneuf is the MLAA Plein Air Committee Chairperson, planning these wonderful outdoor painting excursions at selected locations. They are currently meeting on Thursdays, except for the first week of the month, which is on Wednesdays. To get on Claire's mailing list, contact Claire at Clairechateauneuf@yahoo.com or visit [the Plein Air page](#) on the MLAA website.



Plein Air artists at work at Pinecrest Lake

MLAA MONTHLY ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

Our June artist demonstration was on June 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Tuolumne Library. Our guest artist, Lydia Osias, gave a clay demonstration.



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 Osias

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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: Claire Chateauneuf
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 - 2025 MLAA Show Coordinator)

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

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Our Local Art Scene

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 25 S. Washington Street, Sonora. <https://www.sallyannefischer.com>

Upcoming workshop: Friday, July 11 – Sunday, July 13. Learn oil painting on location in the High Sierra and in Angels Camp, and in the studio. This workshop will be in oil, though all media and all levels are welcome. Cost: \$375. Contact Sally Anne at (209) 988-3710 or sallyanne@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