



June 2025 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello everybody,

The month of June brings in the warm summer months and the prospects of both indoor and outdoor activities in the art world.

The MLAA is coming off a very successful 70th Annual Mother Lode Art Show held at the Opera Hall, which featured 87 artists and 237 pieces of fine art. Christine Halley, along with her team of dedicated volunteers, did an excellent job managing and coordinating the event. The show was critiqued at our last MLAA Board meeting on May 21, 2025, and recommendations are being forwarded to the chairperson of our 71st Annual Mother Lode Art Show (yet to be determined).

The Board Meeting Agenda for the upcoming June 16, 2025 meeting will include an operational plan for the next two quarters. According to the MLAA Bylaws, there are no regular Board/General meetings in July, August, and December each year. However, the MLAA will continue to sponsor the monthly 2nd Saturday Art Parties at the Sonora Inn, Plein Air outings, fundraising events, galas, new membership drives, and more. I hope everyone will be able to help and participate in these wonderful activities, which are free for our members. We continue to strive to attract new and younger members.

On the business side, the MLAA is fiscally sound. The 70th Annual Art Show proceeds will enable us to continue funding Arts in Education programs in our schools. The scholarship funds used exceeded \$6,300.00 and were well managed by our Arts in Education Committee.

Going forward, the agenda for the MLAA Board Meeting will address the change in officers for 2026, as per our bylaws. The new officers will include the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. A nominating committee will be established to facilitate the process. 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 these administrative positions.

In closing, if you have any further questions or desire additional information, please let us know.

All the best, *Bob*

Robert Feigen, President

2nd SATURDAY IN MAY - MLAA ART PARTY by Kelly Telfer

The MLAA successfully launched a new Art Party coordinated by Suzanne Dudeck. The Sonora Inn serves as our venue for the 2nd Saturday Night Art Program organized by the Chamber of Commerce. Our first guest artist was our own Vice President, Kelly Telfer, conducting a free kids' paint party. It was fun and creative, and everyone left with their own jeep work of art. We thank Kelly for his generosity in hosting this event and providing all art supplies.



2nd SATURDAY IN JUNE – MLAA ART PARTY – June 14 from 5- 6:00 pm

We are delighted to present our next art party with artist Carlie Pribanich as part of our ongoing participation in Sonora's 2nd Saturday Art Night. The art party will focus on using alcohol markers and colored pencils. It's a game-changer. Instead of spending grueling hours with colored pencils, the alcohol markers provide a beautiful base of colors before blending. This technique reduces pencil usage by half and offers a wonderfully new experience with color theory. Gather all your family and friends and join us in this creative event!

MAY ART DEMONSTRATION

Our May art demonstration by artist Carlie Pribanich on Monday, May 19, 2025, was well attended, and everyone in attendance had fun! The demonstration focused on using alcohol markers and colored pencils.



NEW MLAA WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The New MLAA Website and our new MLAA Logo are up and running and look great. The site includes everything from the MLAA Bylaws to all Mother Lode Art Association activities. Visit us at <http://www.mlaa.org>.

THE SONORA PHOTO CLUB

The Sonora Photo Club, led by Bill Heiser and his staff, is hitting all cylinders. The program includes the classroom, bimonthly meetings at the Sonora Library, and a planned field trip every other month. These enjoyable events each have themes and attract good attendance. This presents an excellent opportunity to spend time with friends, learn about all aspects of photography from true professionals, and engage in hands-on experiences through their field trips.

The theme for the May 11, 2025 meeting was "natural framing." At the meeting, members' images were shared and discussed. Marie Hetherington provided an overview of the next meeting's theme on Triptychs, a storytelling tool that presents three related images or one image divided into three sections. A successful triptych features visual harmony and flow. Kathy Syverson delivered a presentation on creating a triptych in Lightroom and Photoshop.



- The next field trip will be held on June 7, 2025, from 7 to 9 p.m., during the Sonora 2nd Saturday event, with a focus on "street photography." The group will meet at the Aloft Art Gallery.
- 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

The plein air group currently has 39 members. Since April, they have enjoyed seven outings, which included the Opera Hall, Red Hills at the end of Peoria Road off O'Byrnes Ferry Road, Indigeny, Lake Tulloch South Shore, Lake Tulloch North Shore, Columbia, and Stevenot Winery.



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.



MLAA MONTHLY ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

Our next artist demonstration is on June 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Tuolumne Library. Our guest artist, Lydia Osias, will lead a clay demonstration.



Who can walk by a fresh brick of clay and not give it a poke or a pinch? Working clay is a tactile experience, and watching someone else work clay does not substitute for that. For Lydia's demonstration, she will guide everyone step by step through the process of making a "taco fish".

Lydia started her clay experience in 2000 with a recreation class in Hayward, CA. Lydia's daughter, Rachel, wanted to learn to throw clay, so they took a class together. Rachel has gone on to become an excellent wheel potter, giving lessons at Ballard Clay in Seattle. Lydia continued on throwing dog bowls and ashtrays until she met a potter who did "hand building." That was the right thing! Lydia has been taking and teaching studio classes in clay hand building for children and adults since completing an Art degree in 2006.

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

Committee Chairs:

71st Annual Mother Lode Art Show: Open

Fundraising/Membership: Suzanne Dudeck

Historian: Open

Hospitality: Patti Henderson (Sheri Fleming)

Plein Air: Claire Chateaufneuf

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.

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

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