



# Friends of Taka Sumi-e

## April 2020 Newsletter

[www.takasumi-e.com](http://www.takasumi-e.com)

Hello my Friends of Takasumi-e,

I hope that everyone is taking the time to spread joy and beauty in these very strange times. Many of us are sending wonderful photos to friends and family. Many are calling, texting, facetimeing and zooming. However you choose to stay in touch, that connection is important.

I am home isolating. Next week I hope to do a lot of painting. Takashi is working on a Zoom program to hold some classes, Joe is working on a Youtube lesson, and Tatsuko is sending email samples of her lessons. There are many options for us to use to continue our practice. Gaye will make a space on our website to post whatever paintings we do and send to her in a jpg. Won't that be exciting to see what we have each done! Our art community may be virtual right now, but it is real. Our connections are important and they feel good.

Alice

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### **OUR INSIGHTFUL VICE PRESIDENT'S NOTES:**

Sue Landers has suggested that it would be nice to have someone who would send a card or make a phone call or send an email to those of us in Friends of Taka Sumi-e who are ill, have been hospitalized, have been injured or otherwise may be struggling. Also, that person could be the point-of-contact to let the rest of us know in case we wanted to send a card or an email, too. Cliff has started something like this with the Tuesday Painters and in the Wednesday afternoon class with Tatsuko Sensei when we know that someone is "under the weather". He brings postcards and we paint on one side and write well-wishes on the other, then he is kind enough to pop them in the mail. Anyway, to that end, you will find a membership roster attached to this email with members' names and emails only. PLEASE do not use this except to communicate with each other about Friends of Taka Sumi-e or friendship and art.

Does anyone want to take on the little job of "Sunshine" for Friends of Taka Sumi-e – sending a card, email or making a phone call on the society's behalf to someone who

needs a little sunshine in their life? If so, please let me know. ([finmanhamster01@yahoo.com](mailto:finmanhamster01@yahoo.com))

Much appreciation goes to our prophet, Cliff, who wisely forewarned us of the possibility of Balboa Park shutdown and the massive events that have occurred since our March meeting and instigated early action (rather non-action). Consider the Edo period in Japan with its isolation and art. Some good stuff is going to come out of all this. Art finds a way. Hope everyone is well. Keep vigilant, clean, safe, healthy always.

Stephanie

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### COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSES

**TAKASHI SENSEI:** Classes for Takashi are ONLINE at their regular time through ZOOM. If you have not been “invited”, please contact Takashi at [takashijichi@gmail.com](mailto:takashijichi@gmail.com) to be added to his email list.

**IRIS LOWE-REISS:** Classes for Iris are ONLINE at their regular meeting times through ZOOM. She has contacted her students. Anyone who wishes to join in, please contact her at [drilowe@gmail.com](mailto:drilowe@gmail.com).

**TATSUKO SENSEI:** Classes for Tatsuko are via email. If you have not received her email, please contact her at [ttsandin@att.net](mailto:ttsandin@att.net).

**MICHIYO KIRKPATRICK:** Michiyo informs us that her classes will continue as listed in the college, only online.

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### SHARE YOUR ART

During our hiatus, please send your sketches, paintings, and anything you may have found that are inspirational to me ([ralsgal@gmail.com](mailto:ralsgal@gmail.com)) as a .jpg and we’ll post some of them in our next newsletter and on the website. It will be fun to share and to see what everyone is doing with their free time.

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### 2020 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

All workshops are currently on hold. Check the website ([www.takasumi-e.com](http://www.takasumi-e.com)) or the May newsletter for any updates.

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## ART MATERIALS DONATION

Friends of TakaSumi-e, along with Washu Kai and Lung Hsiang, are recipients of a large quantity of Japanese Brush Painting paper and some other painting materials and books. Bettye Stillwell, a resident of Bay Park, was a Japanese Brush Painter for many years in San Diego County and apparently did not know that there were many others of us! She passed away late last year and her sister, Sally, reached out to Friends of Taka Sumi-e to share this treasure! Ron & I picked up the larger quantity, then Victor picked up the second batch. Sally said she'd call if she found more. When next we all gather, we'll begin to bring some of it and share it around with everyone. It's a wonderful gift and we can all be grateful to Sally for reaching out to us.



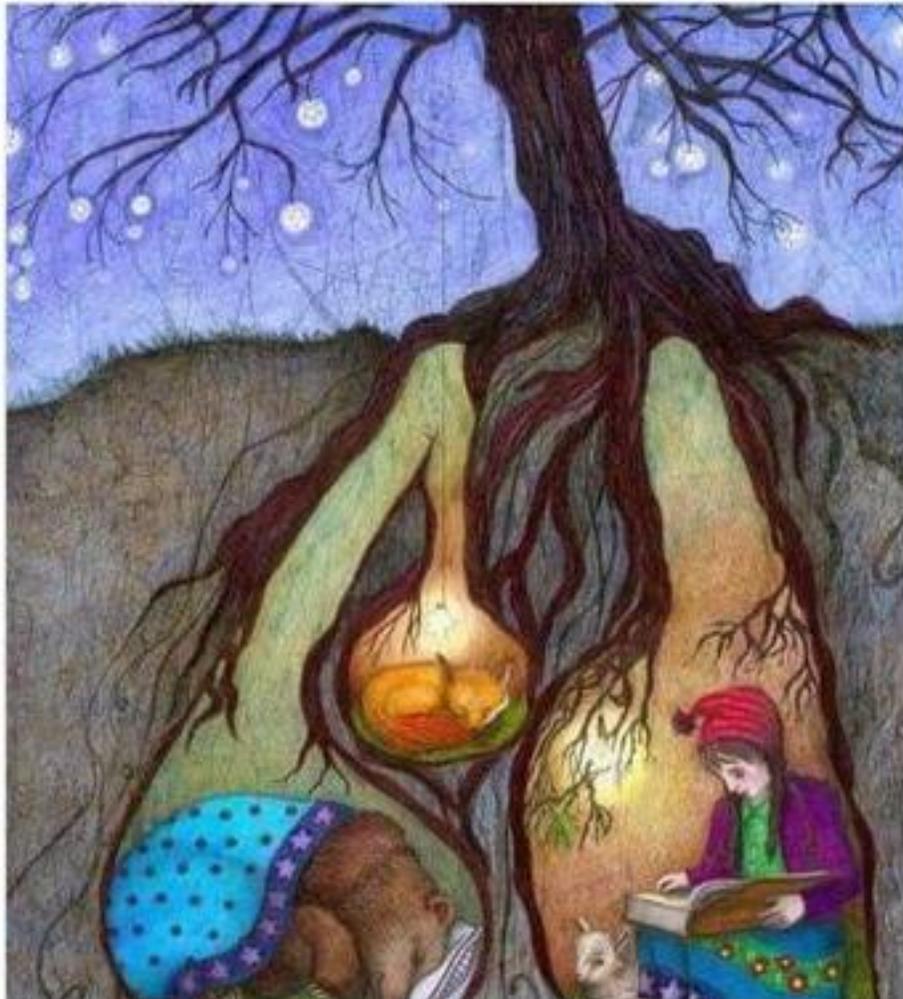
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"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

"And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

"And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

~Kitty O'Meara





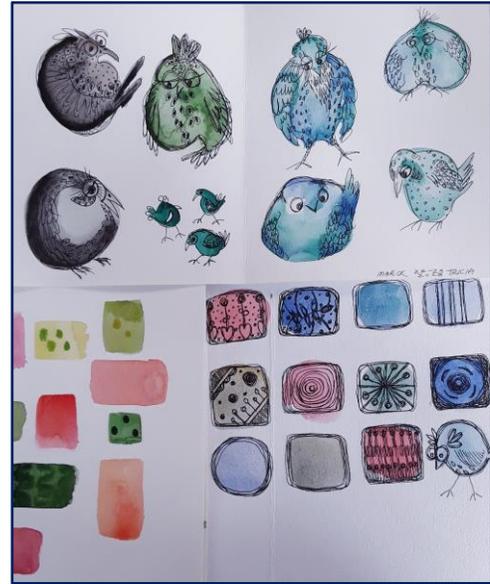
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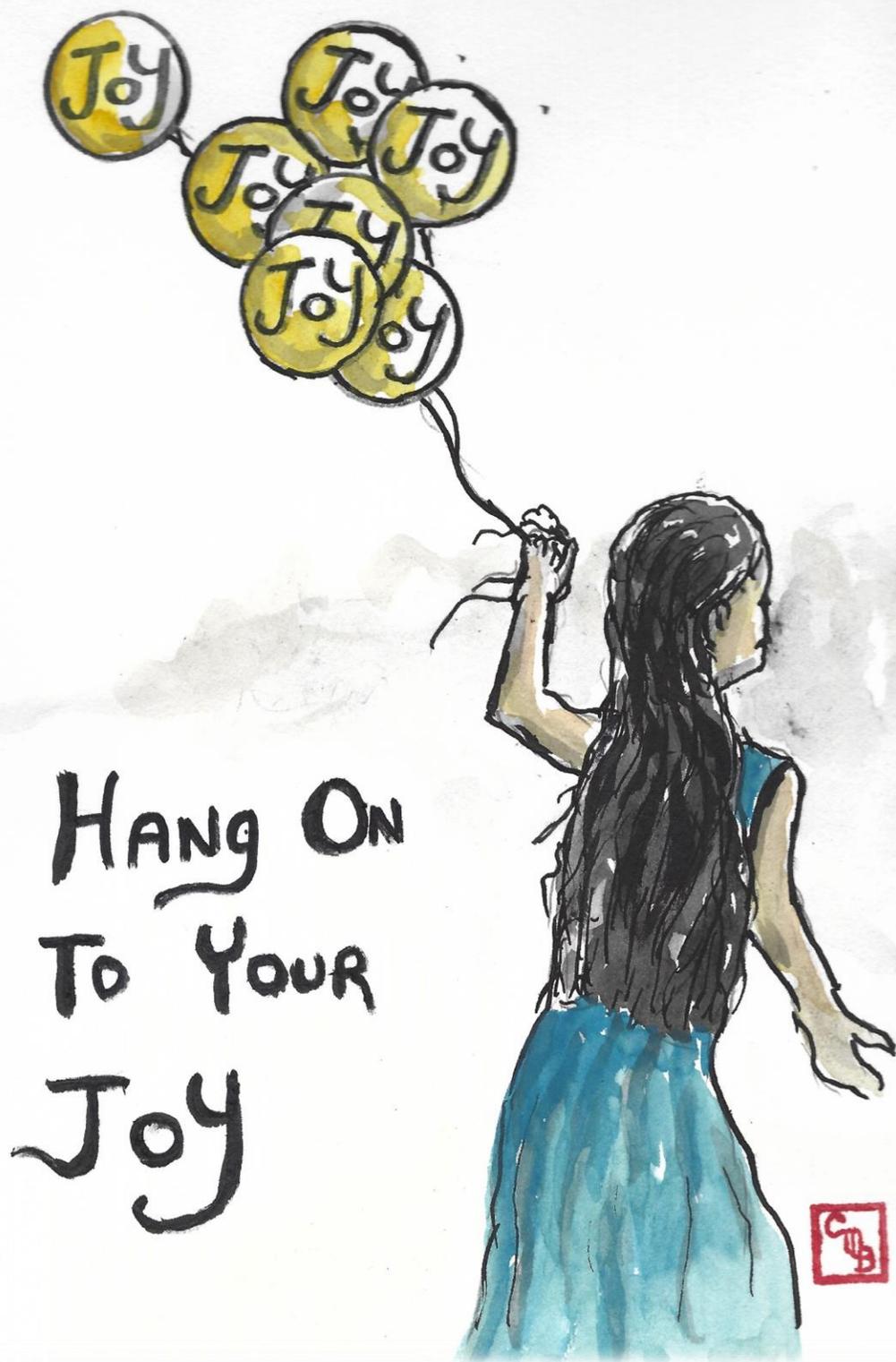
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