



Friends of Taka Sumi-e

May 2021 Newsletter

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Hi Friends of Takasumi-e!

Our show was great success, and I am still hearing from friends and family who are enjoying our artistry. We followed that with a wonderful workshop by Henry Li. And now ... Louise will lead our May First Workshop. Aren't we the lucky ones! Louise will be demonstrating Birds and Flowers. She has asked that everyone think about your favorite bird and flower so that your paintings will speak to you personally. If you can, look up some pictures or go out and take some. I am looking forward to our Workshop.

See you on the First of May,

Respectfully, Your President,
Alice

FRIENDS OF TAKA SUMI-E 18TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

If you haven't already done so, our annual exhibition is up and running. You can still access it via YouTube, the Friends of TakaSumi-e website or the Friends of TakaSumi-e Facebook page. To date we have had more than 400 visits to the YouTube site and over 100 on the FOT website! Be sure to share the exhibit information with everyone you know.

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HENRY LI APRIL WORKSHOP

Henry's workshop was a great success and super-well attended. I, among others, can't wait for another workshop in the future! Thank you, Henry, for inspiration and friendship in Asian painting.



IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL SAN DIEGO CHAPTER 119 2021 SPRING EXHIBITION

San Diego Chapter of Ikebana International 2021 Spring Exhibition continues virtually. Refer to the April Newsletter and its attachments for the viewing information.



MAY WORKSHOP

Louise Rendich leads the way this month with birds and flowers. Select your favorite flower(s) and bird(s), bring a sample or two and, after a brief demonstration, we'll paint and socialize! Toward the end of the gathering, let's regroup to share our beautiful works with each other. Louise brings joy and whimsy to her artwork so it will be a delightful morning.



WORKSHOPS – OUTREACH STILL!

Hi, Friends of Taka Sumi-e members – It's embarrassing that I have to ask again and again!

We have a tentative schedule for the next two years of workshop demonstrations only partially filled. **Members who have not led a workshop before are being asked to step up to demonstrate at the workshops to give the hard-working members who always demonstrate a break. But if you can or want to demonstrate, even though you have done so before, please do so. We have about 16 months to fill and we need a couple of standby members in case of emergency cancellations, besides Cliff. The dates in **YELLOW** need to be filled!**

If you know **what subject matter** that you want to demonstrate, please let me know, and the **two months that you choose**. If the first month you choose is filled, then the second month will be yours unless it, too, is filled. By next spring we should be back in Room 104, but if you have problems with ZOOM setup, Cliff Brown, our expert, is doing ZOOM training soon and will kindly answer any questions or assist with your problem with it. I will be buying a holder for the cellphone or tablet so you can borrow it.

Choose a month next year if you need practice time. Every organization has worker bees but, once-in-a-while, every member should pitch in. Many of us will never be as good as Sensei but we can share our knowledge and skill. Choose a subject that you really like, and it will show in your presentation.

When the time is close to your workshop, please get your handouts, if any, to Gaye Lingley (ralsgal@gmail.com) so we can give them to the members before your demonstration.

Thank you for your help so I can complete the list with names in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,
Tina Matchett, Workshop Coordinator (rainy4275@yahoo.com)

Tentative schedule

DATE	NAME	SUBJECT	COST/FEE
2021			
March	Cliff Brown	Petunias	
April 3	Henry Li	Orchids, misty mountains; streams & trees	\$150
May 1	Louise Rendich	Birds and Flowers	
June 5	Stephen Smith	Roses	
July 3	Fawn Leone	Landscape mountains; stream & trees	
August 7	Naoko Ozaki		

September 4			
October 2	Deborah Pennell		
November 6	Kathy Romero		
December 4	Gaye Lingley	Nordic Elves in Sumi-e	
2022			
January 1	Christina Matchett		
February 5			
March 5			
April 2			
May 7			
June 4			
July 2			
August 6			
September 3			
October 1			
November 5			
December 3			
2023			
January 7			
February 4			
March 4			

TERESA NORTON

On April 17th I received an email from Mark Madsen, Teresa Norton's long-time companion, that she had passed away that day. Teresa, a long-time FOT member, and I met in Takashi Sensei's class at the Midway Adult classes in early the 2000s. She had an extensive background in oil painting and was always challenged by the spontaneity of sumi-e. We had a constant back-and-forth about using the "good" brushes, too! While it was difficult for her to physically participate in The Show, Teresa enthusiastically volunteered her grandchildren to participate in the fashion show for many years and she was a dedicated participant in The Show. Teresa had a strong family bond and I'm sure her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great granddaughter will miss her as we will. Cards are most welcome.

Mark Madsen and the Family of Teresa Norton
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MIKEL TAXER

On April 19th I was contacted by one of my sisters who let me know that Mikel Taxer, an active student of Takashi Sensei, a personal friend, and fellow student in Tea Ceremony of Takashi Sensei and Cynthia Stribling (another sumi-e student and FOT member), has passed away. Please keep his wife, Carolyn, and his family in your thoughts/prayers. Mikel was pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Point Loma for many years and active in the arts community in San Diego and beyond. If you would like to send a card, the address is:

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4505 Santa Monica Avenue
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