



Friends of Taka Sumi-e

January 2022 Newsletter

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Happy New Year to all!

I hope everyone is having some wonderful holiday/family/friend time! I cherish all of the time that we have spent together this year on Zoom. We have kept Takasumi-e thriving and have had some quality visits, classes, workshops and even a party. What a wonderful community we have!

Thanks, Gaye, for a great workshop that inspired our Tomtes of all kinds. Yay!!!!

And now here comes 2022! Leading the way is Christina Matchett with our January workshop. I can't wait to learn from her! That will be January 8th at 9 am. See you there.

Have a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Respectfully,
Your President,
Alice

DECEMBER WORKSHOP

The December workshop was lots of fun even though it wandered quite far – geographically – from Japanese Brush Painting! The results were great and many folks have continued to paint Tomte/Nisse, well after the event. Here are a couple of examples from Sibylla and Tricia!



MEMBERSHIP

As a reminder, your editor is publishing below a list of current members who have, to date, NOT renewed their membership for the 2021-2022 Society Year. If you intend to renew your membership, please do so ***NOW***. Send in your registration form and membership dues (\$20). See Registration form following. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MAILING ADDRESS ON THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

Noriko Benkner
Analyn Burrows
Diana Burrows
Pat Crepeau*
So Lai Cummins
Hermelinda Flores
Diane Francis
Joan Ho

Long Kha
Michiyo Kirkpatrick
Lynn Konen
Chau Le
Roberta Levy
Qing Qing Lu
Kazuko (Kay) Mese
Lisa Moore

Roz Nicklin
Naoko Ozaki
Joan Rasp
Jo Restrepo
Julia Roth
Catherine Sherman
Cynthia Stribling
Christina Volz

JANUARY WORKSHOP WITH CHRISTINA MATCHETT Saturday, January 8, 2022 9:00 am to Noon via ZOOM

“Taking my stepdad’s advice I majored in buses and minored in art only

In my late 50’s, I started painting on porcelain and, after moving to San Diego, I took classes in Continuing Ed in watercolor, sumi-e and oil portraits. Art and my garden are healing for me, to forget the stresses of being a caregiver and/or care manager as well as work. My garden, the beauty of the growing plants and the hummingbirds, are my inspiration. When I see the perfection of the trees and flowers with their colors and seasonal changes, I marvel at nature’s designs. Seeing the talent of my teachers and other artists inspires me to try to improve my painting.”

Hong Kong orchid – photos by Tina Matchett

I will be demonstrating the Hong Kong orchid and a bird from the San Diego area, like the house finch or the lesser goldfinch. The first time I saw the Hong Kong orchid was in Hong Kong in 1993.



The Hong Kong orchid tree (*Bauhinia blakeana*) is an evergreen tropical tree with flowers about 3.5 to 6 inches. Colors can range from pink, white, reddish pink, bright lilac and purplish pink.

San Diego birds. Photos by Greg Gilson – The information and photos below are used with permission, courtesy of Mr. Gilson. He has a blog about San Diego area birds which you can check out.

The House Finch is a San Diego area bird. The male is more colorful than the female like most birds. The female does most of the work after the male impresses her with the courtship.



Range in California: House Finches are very common year-round throughout California.

Identification: This is a key species for comparing with an unknown bird.

Size: About 6 inches from bill tip to tail tip. Larger than goldfinches and chickadees. Smaller than White-crowned Sparrows or Spotted/Eastern Towhees.

Shape: Medium build with a medium-long notched tail. Round head.

Bill: Short, conical.

Color: Brown and gray above with streaks on the sides of the pale underparts. Males with red (sometimes orange or rarely yellow) crown, chest, rump.

Habitat, range & behavior: You'll find small flocks on wires, in short tree-tops and in bushes. Originally deserts and grasslands. Rural areas and towns are where they're now most common

Formerly found in the western United States and Mexico. Then introduced into the northeastern United States, but now found in nearly all of the lower-48 states and extreme southern Canada. Rare in plains states (Dakotas to Texas) and southern Florida.

House finches are not territorial, but males sing throughout the year – a lively, wiry song ending in a couple of busy notes.

Food and feeder preferences: House finches love sunflower seeds and tube feeders. May eat from thistle socks.



Range in California: Lesser Goldfinches are year-round residents except in highest northern mountains.

Identification:

Size: A small bird. Slightly smaller than American Goldfinch, but close.

Shape: Big head, neckless, short forked tail.

Bill: Short, small, conical.

Color: Green back, yellow underparts including under tail coverts. Black wings and tail with white marks. Male with black cap on forehead. Keeps the same bright yellow plumage year-round, unlike American Goldfinch.

Habitat, range & behavior: Open scrubby woodlands of oak or other trees, fields, grasslands. Found in the western and southwestern US, into the Great Basin in summer. Found southward to Middle America.

They sometimes gather into flocks of hundreds to feed in weedy fields.

Food and feeder preference: Lesser Goldfinches eat mostly thistle seeds, some insects. At your feeder they will eat black oils sunflower seeds at a tube feeder, but prefer Niger seeds in a “thistle sock” feeder.

SLATE OF OFFICERS PRESENTED

The slate of officers for 2022 is presented for your review. Elections will be held at the January 2022 workshop/meeting. If you are interested in holding an office, please contact Alice (obalice@pacbell.net).

President:	Alice Rogow
Vice President:	Margie Johnson
Secretary:	Gaye Lingley
Treasurer/Membership:	Stella Ting

FRIENDS OF TAKASUMI-E / WASHU KAI JOINT SALE (IN THE FUTURE)

Sue Landers (suelanders11@gmail.com) is forming a group of folks who are interested in creating a sale of sumi-e – related items in one of the Patios in Casa del Prado. Please contact her if you are interested.

3 RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The 2021 Raffle Prize Winners are

Cliff Brown Stephen Smith Naoko Ozaki

Thank you to all Workshop Leaders this past year for their hard work and wonderful presentations! We look forward to more terrific workshops in 2022.

Tina Matchett, Workshop Coordinator

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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

DATE	NAME	SUBJECT	COMMENT(S)
2022		YEAR OF THE TIGER	
January 8	Christina Matchett	Hong Kong Orchid & Finches	
February 5	Cliff Brown		
March 5	Fawn Leone		
April 2	Tricia Eler		
May 7	Margie Johnson & Alice Rogow		
June 4	Takashi Ijichi		
July 2	Dennis Bates		
August 6	Lynn Konen		
September 3		PROBABLY ANNUAL GATHERING!	
October 1	Louise Rendich		
November 5	Cindy Morgan		
December 3	Alice Rogow & Gaye Lingley	Tag Team Painting	
2023		YEAR OF THE RABBIT	
January 7			
February 4			
March 4			

46th Annual Senior Art Contest & Exhibit

The Art Exhibit will be on display at Park de la Cruz Community Center
3901 Landis Street, San Diego 92105

From January 18th through January 28th, 2022

CATEGORIES

*ACRYLIC *DRAWING *PASTEL *MIXED MEDIA * OIL * WATER COLOR

One entry per person will be accepted at the following locations
from January 3rd through 13th

Park de la Cruz Center 3901 Landis St., SD, 92105	Mon-Wed Thur-Sat	8:30am-5:30pm 8:30am-1:30pm
Balboa Park Senior Lounge 1650 El Prado, room 105, SD 92101	Tues-Fri	9:00am-12:00pm
San Ysidro Senior Center 125 East Park, San Ysidro, 92173	Mon/Wed/Fri	2:00pm-6:00pm

Artists must be age 55 or better.

For more information or to request a registration form call (619) 525-8247.

Thanks, Sue, for sharing this information.



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YEARLY MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Please note our membership year is from October 1 through September 30 the following year. Dues must be paid by March 1 of each year to participate in the annual show.

Please provide the information below (PRINT). Mail with your check for \$20 payable to **Friends of Taka Sumi-e** and mail to: **Stella Ting**

**2966 Ducommun Avenue
San Diego, CA 92122**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

[STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP]

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL* _____

CLASS(ES) _____

*Friends of Taka Sumi-e communication, newsletter and notices are sent through email.

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<input type="checkbox"/> GIVEN TO _____	AT _____	DATE _____

BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

VOLUNTEER POSITION:

- Board Member (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Workshop Coordinator, SDBGF Representative)
- Ten Shi (Classroom liaison. This person provides information to members and other students about Friends of Taka Sumi-e activities in the classroom.)
- Workshop demonstration
- Field Trip Coordinator
- Hospitality
- Website
- Other _____

Our annual Exhibition is a cooperative event. All entrants must volunteer in at least one position.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration | <input type="checkbox"/> MC | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Interest/Expertise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Exhibition Interest |
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