



Friends of Taka Sumi-e

June 2022 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

There are so many exciting things going on right now! This semester is coming to an end, but we can look forward to them starting up again in July. Meanwhile our monthly workshops will continue, and Room 104 is welcoming us back. Gaye and Ron will also try to provide online access on Zoom for those who cannot make it. Hopefully that will go smoothly, but bear with us through any possible glitches.

Our workshop will be presented this month on June 4th at 9:00am and our own Sensei Takashi will be demonstrating Fish in Waterfall. Most of us have learned from Sensei Takashi before and are familiar with his excellence. I am excited to have him with us again.

Last month's workshop was presented by Margie Johnson and yours truly. Thank you, Margie, for making it so much fun for all of us, and for providing so much information about Hippopotami. The paintings were all wonderful, and many of them are further down in our Newsletter.

And more exciting news! We have been invited by Washu Kai to be guests at their November Show. We will share more information about that at our meeting on Saturday.

Keep on painting.

Respectfully,
Your President,
Alice

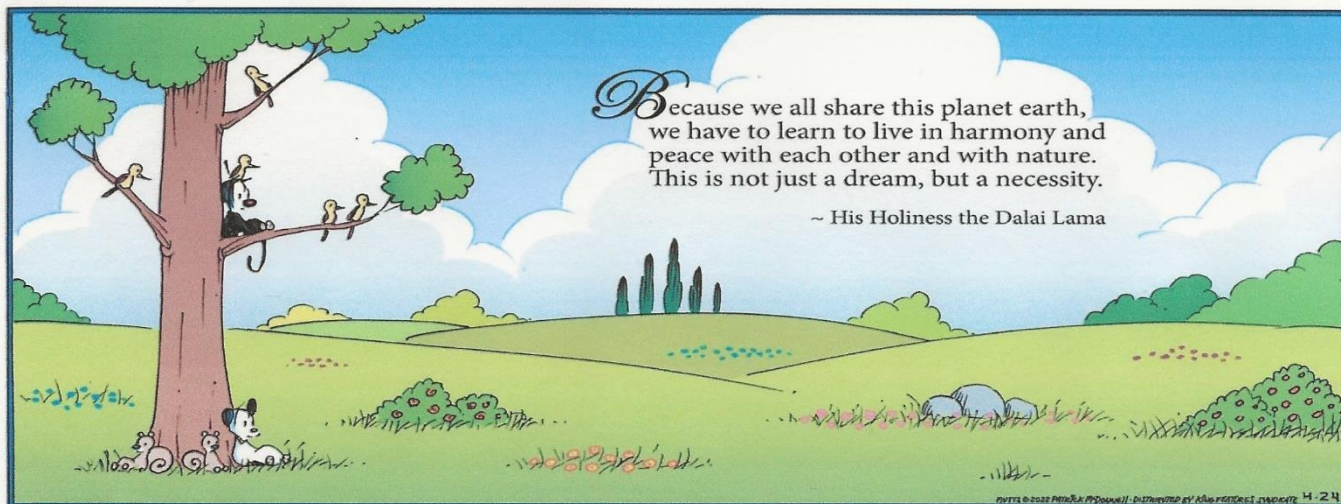


MAY WORKSHOP

The May workshop was a team effort presented by our President, Alice Rogow, and Margie Johnson – what a treat! Alice had interesting facts and history about hippos and Margie shared her family's hippo history as well as some fun anecdotes. Demonstrations by both Margie and Alice were interesting, informative, creative and FUN!!!! All of us had a terrific time with this jolly subject! Thanks, ladies. See some results later in this issue.

FRIENDS OF TAKASUMI-E / WASHU KAI JOINT SALE (Coming this Fall)

Planning is well under way for the sale event of sumi-e – related items in the Casa del Prado Patio. Please contact Sue Landers (suelanders11@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.



JUNE WORKSHOP WITH TAKASHI SENSEI

Waterfall & Koi & Potluck

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 9:00 am to Noon

In Person in Room 104, Casa del Prado **[MASKS REQUIRED]** and via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87552989464?pwd=MVU3WkZ3USStCdVpuQW5jT3hWkZc5UT09>

Meeting ID: 875 5298 9464

Passcode: 292413

Takashi Sensei, the founder and early guiding light of Friends of Taka Sumi-e, is the workshop leader for June. The subject is Waterfall and koi, koi representing Boy's Day in May and showing strength and determination.

WHAT DO KOI SYMBOLIZE?

In Japan, koi symbolizes many good qualities. Known to swim against the current and overcome great obstacles (as mentioned in an old saying described below), koi symbolize strength, courage, patience, and success through perseverance. As koi can grow very large and live a long life, they have become a symbol of prosperity and good luck. Their slow, graceful movements also symbolize peace and tranquility. If there is a pond in a Japanese garden, chances are, you will also find koi. Japanese gardens are often found close to or within temples and palaces, also very auspicious places. Koi may very well have been kept close to these places as a good luck charm or to ensure the success of those who visit.



JAPANESE PROVERBS & KOI

Koi fish are also mentioned in numerous sayings—two such common ones are described below.

Koi no takinobori (鯉の滝登り) a koi's swim up a waterfall: Refers to overcoming obstacles that seem almost impossible.

Oyobanu koi no takinobori (及ばぬ鯉の滝登り) a koi unable to swim up the waterfall: The direct translation refers to a situation in which no amount of effort, passion, or dedication can help you obtain something (the task is impossible). However, this saying is often used playing on the word “koi,” which also means love in Japanese. Thus, it can refer to unrequited love.

<https://www.toki.tokyo/blogt/2017/1/16/koi-fish#:~:text=In%20Japan%2C%20koi%20symbolizes%20many,patience%2C%20and%20success%20through%20perseverance>

Homework: If you had Takashi Sensei as a teacher, go back through all your demonstration art pads for samples of these subjects for review. OR, research waterfall and koi photographs online or in your reference material files. If you wish to participate in Potluck, prepare a yummy food to share.

Materials: Wear/Bring a mask. Bring your usual painting materials with you to Room 104 or to your work area.



TUESDAY PAINTERS

On Tuesday, May 17th, Tuesday Painters met in person at Lake Murray. We were joined by a gaggle of geese! We plan to meet alternately in person and via ZOOM. Watch for the weekly notices for where, when and how. Join us!

MAT CUTTERS FOR SALE



Elsa Orozco-Toops has two mat cutters for sale. One is a Logan Compact Mat cutter Model 250 for \$40 and the other is a Logan Compact Mat cutter Model #300 for \$100.



NOVEMBER WASHU KAI ART EXHIBITION

Friends of Taka Sumi-e are invited by Washu Kai to participate in their annual Art Exhibition in Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park this coming November. Watch for further information but start preparing that fabulous art masterpiece!



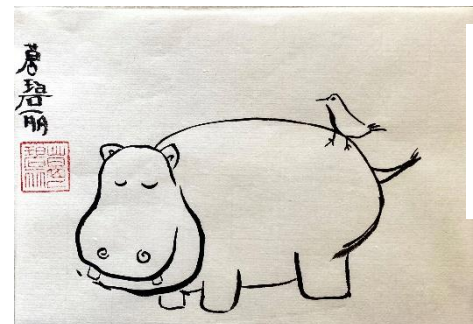
Kathy



Pat



Tricia



Sibylla

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	Super!
February 5	Cliff Brown	Hokusai One-Line Technique	OMG!
March 5	Fawn Leone	Our Favored Pets	Much fun & info
April 2	Tricia Eler	Collage Boxes or other Item of Your Choice	Sticky Fun!
May 7	Margie Johnson & Alice Rogow	Hippopotamuses	Hippo Fun Had by All!
June 4	Takashi Ijichi	Koi & Waterfall & Potluck	ROOM 104!
July 2	Louise Rendich		
August 6	Sibylla Grottke	Goldfish	
September 3		ANNUAL GATHERING!	Casa Lingley
October 1	Dennis Bates		
November 5	Cindy Morgan		
December 3	Alice Rogow & Gaye Lingley	Tag Team Painting	
2023		YEAR OF THE RABBIT	
January 7			
February 4			
March 4			

WASHU KAI'S SECOND ANNUAL VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITION

Washu Kai's second annual virtual art show continues on YouTube. [Washu Kai 2nd Virtual Art Show - YouTube](#)

FRIENDS OF TAKASUMI-E 19th ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION (virtual)

The Exhibition continues live on YouTube. Here is the link (the link is also available on the Friends of Taka Sumi-e website): <https://youtu.be/3BjGMiyWiDk>

“JOB” OPPORTUNITY

Edna Harper's neighbor, a home railroad enthusiast, is looking for an artist to paint a mural on one wall of his railroad room in his home. If you are interested in this project, please contact Edna at ednaharper@me.com or 619.296.0471.

