



Friends of Taka Sumi-e

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July 2022 Newsletter

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Hello my Friends,

Our summer classes are off to a good start, and everyone is doing some wonderful paintings! And now we are back in the Park for our Monthly Workshops with the wonderful option of being a zoom participant, thanks to Gaye and Ron. Everything ran smoothly and we were able to share the whole experience. For those of us who attended in person last month it was wonderful to reconnect with friends.

Our July workshop demonstration was by our wonderful Louise, on Tanzaku! I just love watching her paint. Everyone produced vibrant wishes to be hung in our homes, yards, or given to friends. I hope they are all blowing in the wind and bringing health and happiness. Thank, you Louise, for sharing your expertise in such a meaningful way!

August brings new wonders from Berlin. Sibylla will lead our August 6 workshop on Goldfish. I am really looking forward to it. Once again, we be exclusively on Zoom.

Upcoming events are the August 3 consolidation of materials, our September annual party at the home of Gaye and Ron, the September Sale, and the November invitation to Show with Washu Kai. Please read the rest of the Newsletter for more information on these fabulous events and more. I hope to see you all at all of them.

Respectfully,
Your President,
Alice

JULY WORKSHOP

July's workshop was a big hit – with those in person and those who attended online! Some of us took Louise's wonderful demonstration to heart and worked independently to make more! Thanks a million, Louise, for a fun and inspirational workshop. Having a blended (in-person and ZOOM) attracted more than 30 members.



JULY WORKSHOP WITH SIBYLLA

Goldfish! And Some Calligraphy

Via ZOOM only

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84256474620?pwd=RXdVUTerbVhJcWN2bjFUTzJBS3RSUT09>

Meeting ID: 842 5647 4620

Passcode: 145583

Sibylla Grottke, one of our newest Friends of Taka Sumi-e (FOT) members, is joining us via ZOOM from Berlin, Germany for this wonderful workshop! A number of us met Sibylla when she came to California with her spouse, Wolfgang, last year on a work assignment. She joined American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting (AACBP) and then our organization. What a wonderful addition! Sibylla was a flight attendant, she and Wolfgang lived for 12 years in China, where she studied Chinese Brush Painting and Calligraphy and traveled extensively, and she is a passionate writer. This will be a unique workshop so please join us!

And now, Sibylla:

Goldfish are an auspicious symbol in Chinese mythology. Gold is an auspicious color, for instance gold wrapped candy is given for festivals and good luck, gold bars (in the shape of a hat) for Chinese New Year. The Chinese word yú 魚 means fish. Another meaning is bounty, surplus, abundance. So goldfish appear as a symbol for Chinese New Year, too, on cards and “Hong Bao”, the red envelopes with money inside, traditionally given at Chinese New Year.

Goldfish are a very traditional, favourite motif to paint to suggest good fortune, in all different styles. We will paint the xieyi (free) style.

Materials:

Chinese Xuan paper (or any Japanese paper), good quality or semi absorbent. Colours should bleed a little on slightly absorbent paper, but if your paper is too absorbent, fins might not look elegant, eyes might blob. I used the calligraphy paper which Gaye generously let me choose from her garage storage - it worked really well for me.

Cut one, two, or three long sheets of paper: roughly 2 ft long and 1 ft wide. Also, have quite a few sheets / scraps of any size ready for practice, and maybe an additional 4 or 5 sheets slightly larger than A4 [*I think she means envelope size (4 1/4" x 6 1/4")?*]

Colors: I used yellow, light orange and strong orange for most of the fish. I am using Marie's colors (yes, the ones that OAS hates 😊) 218, 398 and 399, in other words, yellow, vermillion, and cinnabar. Any other brand in this colour scheme will work. If you have leftover blue, red, violet on your palette, you can set these out, too. Plus a tiny drop of ink for the eyes.

I will demonstrate an individual fish step by step and go from there to fun compositions. An important part of my demo will be how to fill the brush with three colors plus water.



Your brush could be a medium sized brush (weasel or goat) and you will need a Happy Dot [*this is an OAS-named small brush*] brush for the eyes.

I will demonstrate a title / calligraphy to add to your painting.

PLEASE ALSO SEE ATTACHMENTS TO THE EMAIL ACCOMPANYNG THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE WORKSHOP HANDOUTS.

WORKDAY, ART SUPPLIES & ART BOOKS

Please, mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 3rd, 9am, Room #104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park . . . we will be sorting and combining our inventory with Washu Kai.

We will also have an opportunity from 10am-1pm to take home art supplies and art books for a cash donation / giveaway. Louise and Gaye have lots to share.

The primary purpose of the 3rd is to inventory and organize the items owned by Friends of Taka Sumi-e and Washu Kai, then decide which items to send to GoodWill/Salvation Army or otherwise dispose of. The secondary purpose of the 3rd is to make available to membership of both Friends of Taka Sumi-e and Washu Kai books, paper and other Japanese Brush Painting items which have been given to those entities by either estates of painters who have passed away or folks who are no longer painting. All these items will be available for donations. We will not be "selling" anything. Also, members will not be selling anything of theirs on that day. Louise and Gaye will be bringing in the items to be shared with the memberships on the 3rd.

Come join the camaraderie!

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!

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. **Sale tables are still available.**

Japanese Art Sale

Saturday, September 17, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Balboa Park

Casa del Prado, Patio B

11:30 a.m. Taiko Drums

2:00 p.m. Robert Johnson on Flute

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ART CLUB ANNUAL EXHIBITION (Virtual)

The Art Club hosts its annual Art Exhibition online this year. Be sure to sign on and enjoy another beautiful exhibit of Japanese Brushwork. Thank you, Naoko, for putting this Exhibition together. Here's the YOUTUBE LINK: <https://youtu.be/kTegA9uR1Fk>

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.

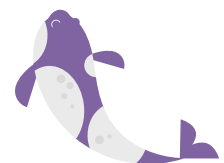
DATE	NAME	SUBJECT	COMMENT(S)
2022		YEAR OF THE TIGER	
January 8	Christina Matchett	Hong Kong Orchid & Finches	Super!
February 5	Cliff Brown	Hokusai One-Line Technique	OMG!
March 5	Fawn Leone	Our Favored Pets	Much fun & info
April 2	Tricia Erler	Collage Boxes or other Item of Your Choice	Sticky Fun!
May 7	Margie Johnson & Alice Rogow	Hippopotamuses	Hippo Fun Had by All!
June 4	Takashi Ijichi	Koi & Waterfall & Potluck	Thank you Sensei
July 2	Louise Rendich	Tanzaku & Tanabata Festival	Inspirational & Fun!
August 6	Sibylla Grottke	Goldfish	Via ZOOM
September 3		ANNUAL GATHERING!	Casa Lingley
October 1	Dennis Bates		
November 5	Cindy Morgan	Go Really Big!	
December 3	Alice Rogow & Gaye Lingley	Tag Team Painting	
2023		YEAR OF THE RABBIT	
January 7			
February 4			
March 4			

“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.

ANNUAL FRIENDS OF TAKA SUMI-E GATHERING

Saturday, September 3, 2022 – watch for formal invitation and further information.



Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation invites you
to view the current exhibition.

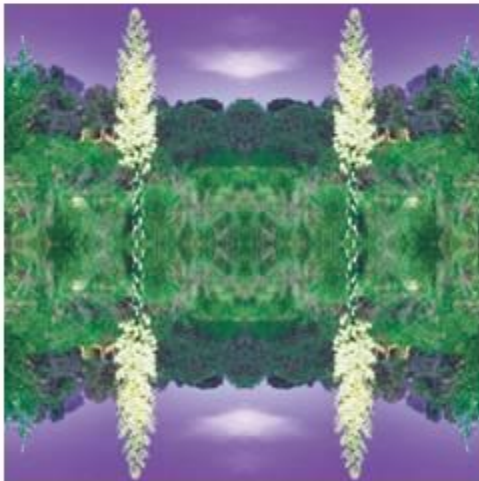
NATURE! Embraced and Reimagined

A Fine Art Exhibition Featuring

Jessica Ballenger and Vivian Fung
Photographers who create in different techniques.

July 30 – September 9, 2022

Meet the Artists: Sunday, July 31, 2-4 p.m.



Chaparral Yucca
by Jessica Ballenger



Wall of Water
by Vivian Fung

Mission Trails Regional Park – Visitor Center Art Gallery
One Father Junipero Serra Trail
San Diego, CA 92119 619-668-3281
Visitor Center Hours: 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. daily