

# THE LOCAL COLOR

Encouraging the creation and enjoyment of art.

## Gallery Temporary Closure

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In light of the current coronavirus pandemic, the Board of Directors has decided to close the Gallery for at least a month. We will send out an update mid-April to let you know whether we will re-open in May or continue the closure. Everything depends on the state of health of the country.

All classes will also be postponed until the Gallery reopens. If you have any questions about your class please contact the instructor. Their contact information is on the web site.

Questions: please email me at [fremontartgallery@icloud.com](mailto:fremontartgallery@icloud.com).

We can all stay in touch on-line. We plan to stay engaged and interact on our Facebook page and on Instagram. We'd love to hear from you and see what you are creating at home. There are many ways to stay inspired: free courses online, youtube, etc. We will be posting many of these on Facebook and on the website. Please share your favorites also.

Thank you all for your understanding and patience - Please Stay Healthy!

Denny & The Board of Directors

## PRESIDENT'S WORDS

When you go out to paint it is best to be prepared without overstuffing your pack. Perhaps just the primary colors, a palette, some water pens, and a clipboard. Maybe a couple of favorite shades! That's the minimum you'll need really. Don't panic and bring everything in your studio!

The same clarity and simplicity applies to dealing with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) that is, at the moment, changing the landscape in which we live. Don't panic. Try to observe the basics of preparation and self-care: diligent hand washing and do not touch your face! Use your regular cleaning supplies at home.

If you are at all sick, do not come to the Gallery, especially to Staff. The new virus seems to be spreading in communities, and counties and states are cancelling events and closing schools. We hope that our local and federal governments will be smart and efficient enough to control the outbreak. But better to be aware and prepared one artist at a time.

Of course, we don't get large crowds of people in the Gallery usually – for once that's a blessing. So when you are staffing please clean the desk area before and after your stint.

In the near future, the Board will be addressing how to handle Demos and Receiving. If you have a sensible suggestion, you can let me know. Remember Rule #1 Do Not Panic.

Thank you for playing.

Denny

## New Members

January is the month for renewal of our FAA memberships. Thank you all who renewed on time! Along with all who renewed this year, we have had many new members join us and we are glad to welcome the following members: Janice Craig, Pat Finch, Paula Fischer, Sally Ingalls, Lina Melkonian, Ronald Pratt and Prerana Saraiya!

Looking forward to meeting you at the gallery soon and we hope you feel encouraged in your pursuit and knowledge of art!

Sincerely,  
Carol Ramos  
Membership Chair

## GALLERY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The annual end-of-year potluck usually held in December was postponed because everyone's schedule was so busy. The New Year's Potluck on January 12<sup>th</sup> was attended by 23 members and their families; it was great to see everyone.

The Niles Main Street Association is planning art events on the First Friday of each month from 4:00 until 8:00 pm in the Niles business district. The Coronavirus has changed their plans somewhat and instead of starting the first Friday of April, they will start later, hopefully in May. There will be a 3-month trial period for this event and if all goes well, it will become an ongoing activity. Our gallery will be participating by being open until 8:00 on the first Friday of those months and we will have an art project in the gallery for visitors. Barbara Cronin is chairing the art activity and her first art project will be making art trading cards. Visitors can take them home or we will place them on a wall of the gallery so these visitors can brag that they have their art displayed in a real art gallery.

Again, a huge "Thank You" to everyone who staffs and to those who step up to help with things going on in the gallery. Receiving Days are so much work but there are members who show up on these days to help take in the art and install it. Thank you to the following people for helping with January Receiving: Donna Arrillaga, Lou Cuneo, Parul Parekh, Valerie Hamilton-Byrne, Denny Stein and Gene Bobik. We worked well and got everything up pretty quickly. (Carol and Rudy Ramos were out of town this time but they are usually there, helping with it all.)

Our general meetings, held on the first Wednesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, are being changed for at least April and May. Because of the Coronavirus, we have suspended having these meetings with the guest artists until at least June. An email will be sent to all members when we resume our usual schedule.

June 3 – Rachel Tirosh will show us her mixed media techniques using polymer clay

July 1 – Annual potluck

Thank you to everyone who helps run the gallery and association – YOUR gallery and YOUR association.

Mary Bobik  
Gallery Director

Calling all FAA members!!

Bring your work to general meetings to participate in “Artists of the Month.” At the meeting, members vote on their 1st, 2nd or 3rd choices and the winner is named Artist of the Month. These votes are totaled at the end of the year and the highest score is named Artist of the Year. Meetings are free and include a guest artist demonstration.

**March-  
Artists of the  
Month**



**1st Place**  
Vaishaly Jaiprakash  
“Foggy Forest”



**2nd Place**  
Richard Sanchez  
“Asian Child”



**3rd Place**  
Parul Parekh  
“Knotty Chandelier”

## GIVE TO THE GALLERY

You can increase donations for Fremont Art Association by doing your Amazon shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

Choose Fremont Art Association as your charity.

## Board of Directors & Chairs

**Denny Stein—President**

**Mary Bobik—Vice President**

**Helene Roylance—Treasurer**

**Tetiana Taganska— Secretary**

Directors: Donna Arrillaga, Nancy Benton, Gene Bobik, Barbara Cronin, Carol Ramos, Ginny Riedner, Tetiana Taganska

Board Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of month at 3:15pm. All members welcome.

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## Committee Chairs

FAA is a cooperative, dependent on the time, dedication and financial support of volunteer members. If you would like to help out, please reach out to the chair of a committee.

Annual Juried Show-Nancy Benton

Artist of the Month-Marsha Boone

Calendar-Barbara Cronin

Digital Photo Club-Cooksey Talbot

Hospitality/Receptions-Farshid Namei

Programs-Carol Pulliam

Property & Equipment-Gene Bobik

& Gene Arrillaga

Thursday Fiber Artists-Melba Vincent

Tuesday Painters-Donna Arrillaga

Workshops-vacant