Over the summer Veronica Shimanovskaya approached the FAA about an international competition for short, silent videos that would be showing in the Edison Theater of the Essanay Film Museum in Niles. She suggested that a coinciding art show at the FAA gallery would be a good cooperative project. Mary Bobik, gallery director, put out a call to our members and there were more submissions than the gallery walls could hold. The joint project is a part of an ongoing initiative to introduce more people to traditional and non-traditional art, including media arts.
PRESIDENT’S WORDS

On Gratitude and Hope

It’s a new year for our art association. We are now in our 60th year. In that time we have grown from the original dozen or so members to 150 plus members. Though I have not been around the FAA for nearly that long, I recognize the importance of our membership. Our vitality comes from the participation of our members in activities, policies, administration, staffing and, most importantly, creating the vibe that keeps our cooperative association thriving.

Personally, I will be ever grateful to Barbara Lyon for making me take an art class with Grace Rankin. I am grateful every day to Mary Bobik, Donna Arrillaga and Barbara Cronin for asking me to run for president, and supporting me throughout my tenure. Though you might not notice all they do, these three continue to put in their time and love to sustain the FAA.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Ginny Riedner, Deni Castor and Lucinda Bender for their financial and bookkeeping acumen. Nancy Benton, despite being an amazing artist (!), brings a voice of practicality and organization to the Annual Art Show and the Board. Now she is creating a new Local Color newsletter for us, with a new schedule, a new look and a refined purpose. Carol Ramos attends to our members, new and old, making them feel welcome and reminding all of us when to pay our dues. Gene Bobik and Gene Arrillaga keep the Gallery in good, safe working order. The gallery has never looked so bountiful, and Marsha Boone continues to fill the windows imaginatively. And Tetiana Taganska, of course, thank you for boosting our art classes to a previously unknown height.

Going forward, we continue to have multiple classes and teachers, all extremely talented: Mrs. Jem, Allison King, Ms. Chris Kita, and Nancy Benton. These instructors and classes need your boosterism and support. Please pick up flyers and schedules at the Gallery and distribute them to your friends, neighbors, and shops. Carry the FAA business card with you and give it to anyone! And if you have an idea for a class, demo or workshop, speak up!

Finally, we have a coterie of new, young members who have been bringing enthusiasm and innovative ideas to the association and lending their talents to Gallery displays and staffing. These members are the ones who represent the future of the Fremont Art Association.

The FAA provides a venue to display and sell your art and goods and crafts. As beautiful as these pieces are, their sale does not cover all the expenses of the organization. Dues and grants supply additional income. But above all, the classes and their students are enormously important to our financial stability. Please use your creativity and talents to promote and support all our activities.

Thank you all so much for your trust and enthusiasm,
Denny, President
(Remember all Board Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month, 3:15pm. Open to everyone.)
Happy New Year, everyone! Along with the New Year comes a new look to Local Color. Some things will be the same and some different but change is good for us and gives us a chance to grow and become more interesting.

The 4th Quarter was really quite wonderful with the gallery very full of incredible art. The Black & White Mini-Show was such a huge success that, unfortunately, we had to limit the number of paintings because of the huge response. Thank you, everyone.

The same basic group of people have been helping with the intake of the art and its display for the last few Receiving Days and it is a joy to work with them. A huge “THANK YOU” goes to these people who helped on October 29th and 30th with receiving and hanging and displaying all of the art for the quarterly show and the Black & White Mini-Show: Donna Arrillaga, Gene Bobik, Anita Clemetson, Barbara Cronin, John Cumberworth, AK and Mayur Kulkarni, Carie May, Martha Matthiesen, Farshid Namei, Dave Nelsen, Parul Parekh, Carol and Rudy Ramos, and Emi Tabuchi. I absolutely could not have done it without the help of everyone and I am very grateful!

Here are the dates of the Quarterly Shows:

1st Quarter	January 7 – April 1
2nd Quarter	April 1 – June 24
3rd Quarter	June 24 – September 22
Annual Art Show	September 24 – October 27
4th Quarter	October 28 – January 6, 2020

Our general meetings and guest artists/speakers for the beginning of 2019 are:

January 2, 1:00 to 3:00 – M J. Bogatin, Lawyer, Copyright Laws
February 6, 100 to 3:00 – Youngmin Lee, Korean Textiles
March 6, 1:00 to 3:00 – Allison King, Painting with Acrylics
April 3, 1:00 to 3:00 – David Savallano, Sketching, Watercolor & Ink (an interactive demo)

Mary Bobik
Gallery Director

At each general meeting, members vote on their 1st, 2nd or 3rd choices and the winner is named Artist of the Month. These votes are tallied at the end of the year and the highest score is named Artist of the Year. Congratulations to Lisa for being selected for 2018! Lisa, a fulltime realtor, has been painting in her spare time since 2011 when her grandmother prompted her “to get started.” Her work can be viewed at http://www.lisablaklockfineart.com/
The Holiday Boutique

Another successful holiday boutique! The gallery was filled with beautiful handmade art including, paintings, ceramics, jewelry, journals, clothing and even musical instruments! All beautifully crafted by our members. Thanks to everyone who contributed by submitting for the boutique, sitting for the gallery or putting together beautiful displays. Hope you find inspiration in the New Year to make something to contribute for 2019.

Upcoming Events @ FAA

Jan 2-General Meeting
Jan 23-Board Meeting
Feb 6-General Meeting
Mar 6-General Meeting

Check the calendar on the FAA website for time of events and classes.

www.fremontartassociation.org

CALL FOR ENTRY

The Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica, CA is looking for submissions for the 2019 Left Coast Annual Juried Exhibition. Deadline is January 29th at 11pm. Visit www.sanchezartcenter.org for more information.
Our very own Allison King has a solo show, at Cal State University East Bay from November 1-March 1, 2019. This is her second solo show and is titled, *Back to Simplicity*. The series focuses on the peaceful moments that pull Allison away from society. Most of the paintings were created in her garden. She works in oil and acrylic and uses a painterly abstract style.

Allison has been an FAA member for 3 years and also teaches classes at the gallery. She is a painter who enjoys creating both representational and nonrepresentational art.

Let’s support Allison by visiting her show and sending her a warm congratulations.

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Radha Hayagreev hosted a Saree Draping Workshop at the gallery. The purpose was to share Indian culture and history. Participants borrowed Radha's beautiful sarees to learn how to wrap them and one of her friends had make-up tips and demos to go along with the elegant sarees. Indian music and appetizers were also enjoyed. For information about future workshops follow Radha on Instagram @rad_array.
Guest Speaker

M.J. Bogatin, Lawyer for the Arts
Wed., Jan. 2nd, 1pm

Start the new year off right with good information about copyright, trademark and contract issues for artists. Mr. Bogatin spoke to the FAA several years ago and the audience was thrilled with his information and riveted to their seats. Be sure to come with questions for him to answer. Find out how much of an image you must change if you plan to make it your own. How does one go about getting something copyrighted? These questions and more will be answered.

M.J. Bogatin is a founding member of the San Francisco Law Firm of Bogatin, Corman & Gold.

CALL FOR ENTRY

Elk Grove Fine Arts Center is hosting its 7th Annual Open Fine Arts Competition at a new location. Deadline is February 2nd.

www.elkgrovefineartscenter.org for more information.

Local News

Bhavna Misra will be joining Jan’s Art Studio January 1. She is accepting new students. Call 510-791-9290 for more information.

Jan continues to offer Monday classes, weekly, 9:45 to 1:15 and Saturdays, bi-weekly, 9-12 at Jan’s Art Studio. Call 510-409-2836 for a schedule.

Watercolor students are welcome at Jan’s Art Studio on Thursdays from 10-12. Free to artists enrolled in classes at the studio. Call first!

Dmitry Grudsky has a variety of art classes, in drawing, acrylic and oil. Call 510-207-2836 for a schedule.
Financial Report

The month ending October 2018, the Fremont Art Associations had a
Net Profit of $835.00
Year-To-Date Profit of $7,664.00

Balance Sheet - Total Bank Accounts
$48,834.00

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 Ar- rillaga
Sunshine Chair-Emi Tabuchi
Thursday Friday Artists-Melba Vincent
Tuesday Painters-Donna Arrillaga
Workshops-vacant

Board of Directors & Chairs

Denny Stein—President
Mary Bobik—Vice President
Lucinda Bender—Treasurer
Vacant—Secretary

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

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

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