

the Palette

January/February 2021

Newsletter for the **Corona Art Association** ✂ Founded in 1963 ✂ 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

How to Find Us ✂

The CAA Gallery is in Corona's
Historic Civic Center at
815 W. Sixth St. Suite #145

Business Hours:

Thursday - Sunday 12pm - 4pm

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✉ CoronaArts@att.net

🌐 www.CoronaArtAssociation.org

Facebook and Instagram:

@CoronaArtAssociation

@CAAGalleryShop

- **Board Meetings** are the first Tuesday of each month at 5pm.
- **General Meetings** are the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.
- **Adult Painting Class** with Mary Lou, Mondays 3:30-5:30pm.

Board of Directors ✂

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Mark Your Calendars!

January

- **Please pay your dues this month and fill out a new application!**
- Sat. 9th: **Free Online Youth Art Classes** (supported by Reed grant) begin
- Mon. 11th: **Porch Leaner art kit available** for pick-up; possible in-house workshop TBD due to COVID.
- Tue. 12th 7-9pm: **General Meeting** limited to 9 people in the Gallery *RSVP online* (Zoom info. to follow) ~ Welcome to a New Year! Presentation by Laureen Pedroza
- Thu.-Sun. 14th-17th 12-4pm: **Take-In for "Winter" Art Show**
- Sat. 23rd: "Winter" Art Show **Winners Pinned**
- Mon. 25th 3:30-5:00: **Youth Decorative Painting Class - Cell Phone Stand** (Reed grant) via Zoom taught by Rose Melgoza. Sign up online.
- Sat. 23rd & 30th: **Plein Air Painting with Pam Daly** - details TBD
- Sat. 30th - Sun. 31st 11am-1pm: **Mixed Media Valentine's Day Workshop** with Deb Smith. Sign up online.

February

- Tue. 9th 7-9pm: **General Meeting** limited to 9 people in the Gallery *RSVP online* (Zoom info. to follow) ~ Demonstration will include a make-and-take clay pendant by Pat Shelko, \$5 donation required from **all** in-person attendees.
- Mon. 15th 3:30 - 5:30: **Youth Mandala Rock Art** (Reed grant) via Zoom taught by Rose Melgoza. Sign up online.

News and information updates: www.coronaartassociation.org/blog

From the President ✂

Happy 2021! Like many of you, I am looking forward to the promise of 2021 and hope that COVID-19 fades with the arrival of the vaccines. When our doors closed in mid-March 2020, it brought an end to our free youth and teen art classes. No workshops or adult art classes, and host-art demonstrations for our members in the Gallery—all gone. As much of our revenue comes from our in-house art classes and workshops, survival required a hasty paradigm shift to the virtual world. I want to thank our CAA family for stepping up to meet the challenges this year. We launched our first-ever online Art Show, online classes, updated our website and social media pages. We even opened a virtual Gallery Store, where online shoppers can purchase art and one-of-a-kind gifts created by local artisans. We donated Back-to-School art supplies for Corona students and provided two Corona area high school seniors with monetary scholarship awards toward their education. The Corona Art Association is a 100% volunteer organization, we rely on funds generated by our classes, workshops, gallery store, donations, and grants. Our focus is art, art education, enjoyment, and healing. So, while 2020 brought many challenges, we found a way to turn them into opportunities. We have expanded our services, grown our membership, developed new partners, and become more resilient in the process. So, 2020 was not so bad after all—just another bump in the road. Bring on 2021, we're ready for whatever comes our way. Join us, art happens here! ~ Laureen

Kids' Corner ✂

When I was 17, I got in trouble for being somewhere other than where I supposed to be and my Dad grounded me for the remainder of the summer. I knew he was right but I was angry and devastated to miss all the fun my friends were having, especially since we lived near the beach. After a while though, I started to enjoy the peace and quiet. I had time to think, read and do art. I learned valuable lessons during that time, aside from the fact that my dad was paying more attention than I thought: Sometimes it is good to take a time out and, art is a good and steadfast companion.

As we leave 2020 and its nearly year-long "time-out" behind us, I hope our CAA members and the many wonderful students that have taken art classes with us have also found art to be a good companion. I am looking forward to a new year and the opportunity to inspire kids and teens with art in ways that may benefit them throughout their lives.

On Saturdays starting January 9th, we will be offering free online art classes with art supplies provided to local Middle and High School students made possible by a grant from the Reed Foundation for the Arts. Students should enroll soon on the CAA website. Classes fill up fast! - **Lori Alarcon, 1st VP**

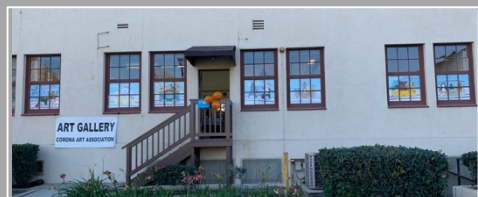
CAA in the Community ✂

In November and December CAA members collected household goods and winter clothing to donate to drives conducted by the Woman's Improvement Club of Corona. Thank you CAA!

On Oct. 24 CAA members, Laureen, Becky, Kathy and Amelia participated in the City's Halloween Event. Special thanks to Georgina Johnson and Alex and Lori Alarcon for their help with the decorations and set up/take down.



Drive by the gallery each month to see the Gallery Window Art Show! We will be showcasing art created by CAA members and local community groups each month.



Gallery Shop ✂ Now on Facebook and Instagram @CAAGalleryShop

It's now time to **bring in your January - March items - think Valentines, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's day!** If you want your hand-crafted items to be sold in the Gallery Shop, please stop by the gallery for a handout of guidelines. Only CAA members can participate, and the minimum donation back to CAA of sales is 25%, though you can choose to donate more. Lani Britain heads the Gallery Shop committee and is doing an amazing job! Leave her a message at 951-318-8933.

Activites ✂



Halloweekend and Holiday Crate Workshop.



Congratulations 2020 Artist of the Year, Janet Griffith!

In this year of the Covid-19 virus, the board and members of CAA have had a special task to keep the doors open. Without the leadership of our board and dedicated members with their computer skills we would have had a difficult time being able to keep our beloved organization afloat. Amid all the chaos that has happened this year; art shows, the gallery store, on-line competitions, and our presence on social media, new memberships, and a couple grants written by Becky Floyd have kept the doors open and classes and meetings flourishing.

Whoop!!! Among all this chaos, I have the honor of being named Artist of the Year, 2020. Even though I have pretty much been isolated (like many others) at home since March. It was a nail-biting competition between my best friend, Mary Lou Wallace, and me.

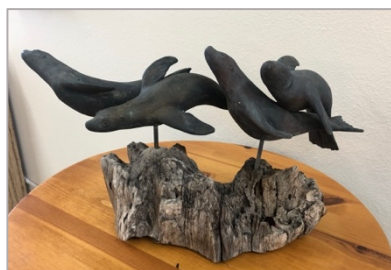
I have always been creative in wanting to make new things. I taught home economics for 26 years at Norco High School. One thing that spurred on my painting is trying to teach painting to kids. I got hooked. I had no "formal" training, except a class in design in college, so I started with classes in decorative painting. Tole painting provides a good basic education for art. Decorative painting also made me realize that everything can be a surface on which to paint; so, I paint on gourds, palm fronds, rocks, CD's, wood and just about anything else you can name. I still have a lot to learn. It is nice to be with other artists. I have met many interesting people in CAA. Many who have become good friends. We have had lots of fun at the Gallery on Sunday afternoons for open painting. Hopefully, we can get back to these activities soon. Continue to wear your mask, keep your distance, and wash your hands often. Stay safe and keep painting. ~ **Janet Griffith**



Art Show Winners ❧

November/December 2020 "Aquatics"

BEST OF SHOW



Georgina Johnson, "Seal Migration", Sculpture

FIRST PLACE



Janet Griffith, "Fishbowl Eye Candy", Acrylic

SECOND PLACE



Bill Gorajia, "The Pond", Watercolor

THIRD PLACE



Bill Gorajia, "Water Lily", Oil

HONORABLE MENTION



Shirley McGee-Hammes, "Aquatic Denizens", Pastels

HONORABLE MENTION



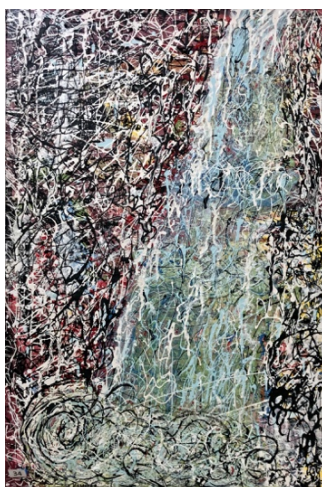
Alex Alarcon, "Welcome Aboard!", Photography

HONORABLE MENTION



Georgina Johnson, "Wood Duck Floating Along", Pencil

HONORABLE MENTION



Shirley McGee-Hammes, "Waterfall", Acrylic

Artist Spotlight ❧

CAA member and resident sculptor, Georgina Johnson, earned Best of Show in November for her "Seal Migration" sculpture. Georgina's interest in sculpting blossomed after taking pottery and sculpture courses. Eventually, she earned degrees in sculpting and art, with the intention of teaching college. Soon, though, she discovered that working as a professional artist was more rewarding. Georgina has worked in foundries, galleries, and gift line companies. Her sculpture work has helped win awards for Rose Parade floats, been featured in the movie Jurassic Park II, been commissioned by a former king of Saudi Arabia, and been displayed at Disneyland. Part of her career was spent on movie sets around the world, where she mentored and encouraged less experienced sculptors and artists. She has vast experience working with myriad tools and techniques, and is an accomplished 2D artist as well. Georgina takes inspiration from the natural world in all its forms. She has a passion for sculpting people and characters, as well as fantastical images. She hopes her art is emotionally evocative and brings magic and inspiration to others. ❧

2021 Art Show Themes:

Jan. "Winter" ~ Mar. "Botanicals" ~ May "Nature" ~ Jul. "Summertime" ~ Sep. "Awesome Autumn" ~ Nov. "Home"



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PLEASE READ BEFORE BECOMING A MEMBER:

The Corona Art Association promotes art, sales, education, community programs, artist activities, events, and announcements as they relate to the functioning, goals, and operation of the organization through the press, Internet, newsletter and other publications and platforms. Photographs of your artwork, likeness, name, and activities associated with the Corona Art Association may be published in print, electronically, and online to promote art and the organization. By joining CAA you are agreeing to these terms and conditions of membership. There can be no exceptions.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Birthday: _____

Artist Website/Page: _____

Type of Artist/Interest: _____

I would like to help CAA by:

- ☐ Teaching a class or workshop.
- ☐ Fundraising.
- ☐ Taking photos for press/newsletter/web.
- ☐ Making an art related presentation/demonstration.
- ☐ Staffing the Gallery.
- ☐ Doing clerical tasks.
- ☐ Other: _____

Communication Preferences:

- ☐ Postal Mail Newsletter
- ☐ Email/Online

MEMBERSHIPS

- ☐ Annual Single \$40.00
- ☐ Annual Family \$70.00
- ☐ July to December 50% off
- ☐ Student Jan.-Jun. \$25.00
- ☐ Student Jul.-Dec. \$15.00

How did you hear about CAA?

**Make Check Payable to:
Corona Art Association**

NOTE: Membership dues are non-refundable donations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Our Mission: The purpose of the Corona Art Association is to encourage and develop the appreciation, study and practice of the visual arts and to further educate, inspire and enrich the lives of others through our programs, exhibits and activities.



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