



SEQUOIA BARK

P. O. Box 885, Redwood City, CA 94064 <https://www.sequoiaartgroup.com>



JUNE 25, 2025, SONJA HAMILTON (watercolor landscape), Zoom, 7:00pm:

We are pleased to welcome back this former Sequoia Art Group member. Award winning San Francisco artist, teacher, art show judge, Sonja Hamilton SWA, is noted for her fluid, concise watercolors whether landscapes, seascapes or florals. She graduated from San Jose State University with a BS Degree and holds a Lifetime Special Teaching Credential in Art, has exhibited widely with paintings in private collections in the USA, Australia, Canada, Japan, China, Mexico, Great Britain, and France. Sonja has taught in adult education for more than 40 years, and has had several workshops in Hawaii, California, Arizona, and Nevada. She was an instructor on tours in Italy and Greece, the Canadian Rockies, France, Spain, Switzerland, and Belgium. Sonja is affiliated with Auburn Old Town Gallery, Auburn, CA; Yosemite Art & Education Center; and is listed in “Who’s Who of Business & Professional Women, 1999.” She was the recipient of the Grumbacher Gold Medallion Award in 1996, cover artist for Sure West 2008 telephone book and in 2007 and 2008 two of her paintings were selected for corporate holiday cards to be sent around the world. Sonja’s reference book entitled “Watercolor-It’s Only a Piece

of Paper” was published in 2015. She says, “When I paint, my cares leave, and I become totally immersed in what I’m doing. Watercolor is a joy -- exhilarating, yet most relaxing for me. It is who I am.”

POPULAR VOTE SUBMISSION: If you wish to participate in our Popular Vote this month, you must submit your digital image and category title to Ann Gahagen at amgahagen@gmail.com by Sunday, June 22, 2025.

| MAY 2025 VOTE WINNERS | | |
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| <p><i>Winner’s Circle</i> 1st Place: Dave McClue/ Ann Oseberg 2nd Place: Marla Lehr 3rd Place: Bryan Beck</p> | <p><i>Popular Vote</i> 1st Place: Linda Martinelli 2nd Place: Camilla Roos 3rd Place: Dani Weber</p> | <p><i>Photography</i> 1st Place: LeVey Norquist 2nd Place: Bob Hills 3rd Place: Marlene Cohen</p> |

SAG MEETINGS CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR 2025: The Redwood City Parks Department. has requested that we change our meeting nights to Wednesday. Along with this we have been assigned the Sunset Room (instead of Gold Star Room). Starting August 27th, all remaining meetings for 2025 will be in-person. Please make a note of these changes. In addition, we don’t expect a move over to the new Veterans Memorial Building until January 2026. Visit our website at www.sequoiartgroup.com under the Calendar/Demo section for more information about the following demonstrations:

- July: no meeting
- August 27: Inna Zatulovsky (Oshibana collage)
- September 24: Amy Rattner (animal watercolor)

2025 SAG MEMBERSHIP DUES: Please renew your membership dues as soon as possible, only \$30 for full member and \$15 for associate member (usually spouse). Either bring your check payable to SAG to our next meeting, or mail it to our Treasurer Dave McClure, 702 California Way, Redwood City, CA 94062-4007, and he will mail you the current member roster.

NEW MEMBER: We are pleased to welcome new member Judy Martinelli to our art group. She was sponsored by Camilla Roos. Pencil the following information into your SAG Roster: 2409 Melendy Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070-3621, (650) 339-5343 cell, judyMhalmi@gmail.com.

MEMBER WELFARE: We are happy to report that Jay Bergman is out of Rehabilitation Center and back home, with some in-home care assistance. There is “no place like home” and additionally Laurel no longer has to make a daily long drive to visit him.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES: Congratulations to Taki Stamates for having a painting in the current Pacific Art League members exhibit in Palo Alto which runs until June 24. Bob Hills entered six photographs in the San Mateo County Fair and won four ribbons, a first place, two 3rd places, and an Honorable Mention. Congratulations! Edna Acri had two of her abstract paintings recently accepted in the SWA Annual Exhibit and Jewish Community Center Exhibit.

MEMBERS’ IMAGES AND BIOS: If you haven’t already done so, please email your digital image and bio to our webmaster Ann Gahagen at amgahagen@gmail.com. She will then post your image and bio to the Artists section of our website at <https://sequoiaartgroup.com/artists/>.

MEMBERS ONLY VIRTUAL ART SHOW: Tell all your friends and relatives to log on to our website at <https://sequoiaartgroup.com/membersartshow2024/> to view our 2024 Virtual Art Show. Hopefully this may encourage other artists to join our group.

FYI—MELP Program: Since most of our members are over 65 years of age, we are informing you of a wonderful, free medical equipment loan program run by Belmont-Redwood Shores Rotaries. You can borrow a wide assortment of medical equipment (i.e., walkers, shower chairs, crutches, etc.), keep as long as needed and then return. You can also donate these items to them for a tax-deductible receipt. Phone (650) 590-9112 to leave a recorded message and they will respond. Pickups are from 9:00-11:00am Saturdays at 1063 E. San Carlos Avenue, just off Old County Road, and drop offs are on Wednesdays. Visit www.FreeMedEquip.org.

SWA UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Check in for their Zoom connection on the Society of West Coast Artists website from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

- June 21: Alan Tarbell (abstract mixed media)
- July 14: Susan Jochheim and Guy Magallanes (Gelli Plate Printing)

PORTOLA ART GALLERY: Located at Allied Arts, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park, is open Monday-Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm. Their current exhibit features photography by Larry Calof until June 30.

MAIN GALLERY: The gallery is located at 883 Santa Cruz Avenue, Suite 1, Menlo Park, and is open Tuesday-Saturday 11:00am-5:00pm. These rotating exhibits feature art books, ceramics, glass, jewelry, mosaic paintings, photography, prints, sculpture, and woodwork. Their current exhibit is “Silhouette 25” featuring artist Katinka Hartmez and runs to July 20.

ART ON THE SQUARE: Four Fridays, 5:00pm-8:30pm with Music and Art on the Redwood City Courthouse Square. June 20, July 11, July 25 and August 22. Mark your calendars now.

DeYOUNG MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO: Free Saturdays from 9:00am-5:00pm. Isaac Julien “I Dream a World” thru July 13; Matisse’s “Jazz Unbound” thru July 27; Leilah Babirye “We Have a History” thru October 26; About Place: Bay Area Artists from Svane Gift thru November 30.

LEGION OF HONOR GALLERY OF SAN FRANCISCO: Paul McCartney’s Photography 1963-64 “Eyes of the Storm” thru July 6; Wayne Thiebaud “Art Comes from Art” thru August 17; Celebrating 100 Years at the Legion of Honor to November 2.

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