



Torrance Artists Guild

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 12 at 7p.m.

Louis Gadal August Speaker



This month's speaker is a must for all our members! See this award winning watercolorist demonstrate his expertise as he creates a realistic scene that captures the essence of nature. With a lifetime of expertise in drawing and illustration, Louis Gadal will share his success story as he works on a special painting just for us. A native of Los Angeles, Louis attended the Chouinard Art institute, studying with well known California artists Rex Brandt and Edward Reep. He was a professional illustrator and for the past twenty years specialized in architectural projects including the Corning Museum in New York and locally the Bunker Hill Project. As his career developed, he explored watercolor painting with an interest in landscapes and seascapes. His subjects vary to include figures, portraits and western motifs. He works primarily in watercolor, acrylic and egg tempera.

He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and has been published in "American Artist Magazine" and in the books "Best of Watercolor 2" and "Light and Shadow".

His teaching credits include California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, CA and Parsons Art Institute in Los Angeles. He has exhibited both locally and nationally. Louis is a signature member of Watercolor West, National Watercolor Society, American society of Marine Artists, U.S.

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Statement of Purpose

The Torrance Artists Guild is a non-profit corporation organized to cultivate art skills, promote awareness and encourage appreciation of art in our community. It is chartered by the City of Torrance in cooperation with the Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department. Meetings are held each month at 7:00 p.m. Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive.

Calendar of Events

General TAG Meeting August 12
Ken Miller Rec/Hall 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting August 19 (at Penny's House)
6:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: August 25
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Coastguard Art Program and Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society, just to name a few. He has won numerous awards including the Bronze Maritime Merit Award and his winning entry was reproduced in their collector stamp.

Don't miss this exciting evening. You will gain a lifetime of knowledge.

Penny for your Thoughts

President's Message

I hope you will all have a chance to visit our Membership Show in the Torrance Art Museum this month. It is a very nice show, hung well by our hanging crew, led by Jane Cash once again. The reception was well attended. The juror, Robert Mackie was delightful and our experience with him was enjoyable. He took a great deal of time judging and was very professional. Forty paintings are hanging with 34 artists being represented. Congratulations to all the winners, particularly Karen Yee for winning Best Of Show. Grateful thanks to Linda Gaffney for putting on a great show and working so hard.

It was unfortunate that some art work was ineligible to enter the show, and was therefore eliminated prior to judging. The reasons were dirty mats, chipped frames, cracked glass, no D-rings and paintings older than 2 years. Our show prospectuses have always stated clearly the club rules for hanging, so in future please read them carefully so that your beautiful artwork is not eliminated because it is not well presented. Part of the gallery experience is presentation.

Congratulations to those of you who are in the show ...it is a privilege to hang in the museum. The Board has not charged for entry into the membership show as it is our gift to the members, however it is expected that the membership will donate time to sit in the museum in order to keep it open for the month. Thank you to the volunteers who are giving their time. Too bad some of you backed out when your paintings were rejected. Incidentally, many of the Board members were not accepted either. Rejection is a fact of life in the art world and we just have to deal with it and get on with other shows. Sometimes a rejected piece of work in one show may get first place in another ...it all depends on the juror's personal taste.

Volunteering to sit at the museum should have nothing to do with acceptance or rejection. It is for the good of the club.

Our next show is not a juried show, however, the same club rules will apply, so please check your artwork for the framing rules. In addition, we have added the weight limit of 30 lbs. Our panels cannot take the heavier frames, and it is so hard on our hanging crew to have to lift them. We are looking forward to a good show in the Torrance Women's Club, in conjunction with the Historical Society Homes Tour. This show will accept 3D work. There is still time to prepare work for the historical theme, but all artwork will be accepted, regardless of category. If this show is successful, we will have the opportunity to hold it every 2 years.

The web site has been taken over by Paul Blieden again. You can submit 3 jpeg images of your art with your information to paul@office-art.com. Images should be no larger than 4X6 inches96dpi.

Penny Kastagir



Membership Show Winners

Best of Show: Karen Yee, "Friday Night"

First Place: Dan Desmond, "Morning Fog"

Second Place: Linda Ross, "Tunisian Tide"

Third Place: Lyn Mikami, "Love Endures All"

Honorable Mention: Doug Castleman, "Trail Under Western Skies"

Honorable Mention: David Wolfram, "Lahaina Painter"

Honorable Mention: Julia Chu, "Coconut Tree"

Congratulations!



Art in the Park

The date for the Torrance Symphony is August 24th in Wilson Park. Bring your saleable art to the pond area by 11:30 a.m. The concert starts at 1:30 p.m. This is a lovely afternoon listening to light classical music and show tunes. Canopies are not encouraged. There is plenty of shade under the trees. Please contact Gloria Hargrave (310) 326-6103 or Penny Kastagir (310) 375-7715 to reserve a space.

Art by the Beach

Art by the Beach takes place the first Sunday of the month till October at Miramar Park in Torrance. This is a great opportunity to show and sell your work all while enjoying a fun day at the beach. There is a \$10 fee to display your art and a \$6 parking fee. All art must be displayed off the ground. You are responsible for your own set up and clean up. Any questions, please call Georgeann (310) 830-2806 or Tom (310) 374-6783. The remaining dates of Art by the Beach are as follows:



September 7th
October 5th

Other Announcements

- ✓ Elaine Baldwin will be hanging her watercolors in the City Clerk's office for the month of August.
- ✓ Interested in how to market your art? You don't want to miss the September TAG meeting. We will be fortunate to have an expert that will provide you with information that will put your talent to work. Our September speaker, Nancy Hytone Leb, is an arts marketing and management consultant with a wealth of information to share. So plan not to miss this important presentation.
- ✓ No TAG Meeting in October
Please mark your calendars.



Fall Art Show Award Donation Form

Torrance Artists Guild is offering you an opportunity to honor a loved one by donating a monetary award at our Fall Show in October. Your loved one's name will be prominently displayed on a work of art that you will personally choose, or you can have our judges choose a piece for you. Please consider taking this opportunity to pay tribute to someone close to you and to support the work of the Torrance Artists Guild in an amount starting at \$25.

Thank You.

Yes, I would like to give an award in the amount of \$ _____ in honor

of _____

____ I will choose the piece of art for this award

____ Please make the selection for me.

My Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Checks payable to TAG.

Mail to: TAG, PO Box 1494, Torrance, CA 90505

Donations must be received by October 1st, 2008

For more information contact Marianne Strehler at 310 378-3182.