



Torrance Artists Guild

P.O. Box 1494, Torrance, CA 90505

August, 2009

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m.

August Demonstrator **Classical Fine Artist**

Lala Ragimov

Ms. Ragimov was born in Moscow. In childhood, she was left to her own resources where art training was concerned, so she learned to study from the works of great painters in museums and from books, as well as from nature. After starting art classes in an academic setting, she continued to research the techniques of the painters of the past.

In her work she creates the known baroque and renaissance practices, from art theory of the time down to pigment grinding and layering paint. Nature, as well as classical literature and art history, are her constant sources for subjects.

Ms. Ragimov completed the BFA program in Cal Arts and this year she will be completing her MFA studies at CSU Long Beach.

Ms. Ragimov has a fine history of working as an illustrator and currently teaches art for the cities of Torrance and Manhattan Beach, as well as the Newton Education Center in Torrance.

www.torranceartistsguild.org

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 regularly on the second Tuesday of the month.

Calendar of Events

General TAG Meeting: Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center Auditorium, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance

Board Meeting: August 18 (at Penny's house) 6:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Monday, August 24
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Penny For Your Thoughts..... President's Message

TAG has an exhibit hanging in the Torrance Library which I hope you will visit. There are about 50 art works this time. Thank you to David Wolfram for chairing the exhibit and all the volunteers who helped with the intake and hanging and to Anita Johnson for doing the labels again. I see that each time I am writing to thank volunteers it is always the same people without whom we would not be able to function.

The Members' Show in the Torrance Art Museum will have its take in on August 3rd between 1 and 3 p.m. Membership for this exhibit closed at the July meeting. The reception will be August 8th from 4 to 6 p.m. **Please bring finger food** to this event. The parking lot around the Cultural Arts buildings will be closed for resurfacing during the time of the reception. We can still park at the back of Civic Center Drive by the museum and in the Navacom parking lot across the street. Please let your guests know of this change. We have been informed that this will be the last TAG exhibit hosted by the Torrance Art Museum (for reasons of their own) and the board has worked very hard to out together an appeal which will take to the Cultural Arts Commission in September.

We are also asking members to email the Mayor of Torrance, the Honorable Frank Scotto, to inform him of the discontinued shows and to let him know why you think TAG should continue to have shows in the museum. Those of you with emails are already aware of this campaign. Mayor Scotto's email address is fscotto@torrnet.com.

Reminder that the Torrance Symphony **Concert in the Park** will be Sunday, August 23rd. We will be able to sell our artwork at this event (see next page of this newsletter and note changes on the exact spot).

The **Torrance Symphony Calendar Contest** will take place on Sunday, August 30th at the Zamperini Community Room at the Torrance Airport from 1 to 4 p.m. Please arrive promptly at 1:00 p.m., drop off your painting and easel and pick up before 4 p.m.

Penny Kastagir

Monthly Competition

Winners

July 2009

Congratulations!



First Place and Popular Choice:

Magoo Valencia
"Dry Dock"
Watercolor

Second Place: Nina Ogura, "Rain Day",
Watercolor

Third Place: Anita Dixon, "After the Rain",
Acrylic

Honorable Mention: Judith Swade,
"Airman Swade", Oil

Honorable Mention: Douglas Stenhouse,
"Sprague Library", Watercolor

Concert in the Park
Sunday, August 23rd
Wilson Park

Bring your saleable art to the baseball field 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. This year's theme is "The Wild West" and the program includes "Rodeo", "Billy the Kid", "Grand Canyon Suite", selections from Oklahoma, "Annie Get Your Gun" and more. Since the site has changed, you may need to have a canopy or umbrella. There is shade under the trees but as these are on a slope, our booths will have to be on the flat. Art by the Beach artists are already equipped and encouraged to come. We will be able to drive our cars right up to the space to unload. The Symphony flyers have advertised our presence so it would be nice to have a good showing.

Please contact Gloria Hargrave (326-6103) or Penny Kastagir (375-7715) to reserve a space and receive complete details.

Artistic Events

- ✓ Magoo Valencia will be displaying his watercolors at the Torrance City Clerk's office during the month of August.
- ✓ Summer Studios Art Academy
Call to all visual artists - submit your entries by August 15th to participate in this exhibition. Cash awards and prizes. Call 310-325-8801 for more information. The Summer Studios Art Academy is located at 2161 Lomita Blvd. (Lomita at Narbonne Ave.)
www.SummerStudios.net

- ✓ Douglas S. Stenhouse has a painting entitled "Bougainvillea #2" in the South Bay Watercolor Society 2009 Annual Juried Exhibit at the Torrance Art Museum where it received 3rd place. This exhibit closes on August 1st.

Doug also has paintings on display at the Long Beach Arts exhibition until August 14, 2009; was selected to participate in the San Luis Obispo Plein Air Festival from 9/28 till 10/4; and, four of his paintings will be on exhibit at the Frameworks Gallery in San Luis Obispo from 8/28 till 10/23.

- ✓ APC Fine Arts new exhibits:
Styles of Drawing and Painting by Three Artists: Cheryl Walker, Dina Djabieva and Ron Libbrecht - exhibit closes August 9th.

Manzanar Workshop Exhibit:

August 17 through September 26th
Reception Saturday, August 22nd. 1 to 5 p.m. Poetry reading at closing on September 26th. Call (310) 328-0366 for more information or
apcgraphics@sbcglobal.net

Art By the Beach

Sunday, August 2 will be the next Arts and Crafts by the Beach. If you are not showing, please come and support your fellow artists. It promises to be a beautiful Summer day. The remaining dates will then be September 6 and October 4.