



Happy New Year!

Torrance Artists Guild

P.O. Box 1494, Torrance, CA 90505

January 2012

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Tom Fong **January Demonstrator**

Tom Fong, artist-instructor, is a native Californian, graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Design.

He paints bold, spontaneous and direct. His watercolors have been juried into national exhibitions. Tom's work has been featured in The Artists Magazine, Watercolor Artist, American Artist and was included in the article "20 Great Teachers" in the collector's edition of Watercolors by the American Artist. He was also featured in "North Light Books, Splash 6" and in "My Friends, Today's Great Masters", Jack Richeson Fine Arts Series.

Tom teaches at various colleges and conducts national and international workshops, including the American Artist and the Artist Magazine Trade show workshops. the Palm Springs Desert Museum Workshop and the San Diego Watercolor Society Workshop. He continues to be a guest instructor for the Yosemite National Park Association.

He has conducted Watercolor Demonstration Series for Watercolor West and the National Watercolor Society. Tom has earned signature membership in Watercolor West where he served as president. He gives watercolor demonstrations, conducts workshops and judges art shows upon request.

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: Tues. Jan 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center Auditorium, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance

Board Meeting: Weds. January 18th 6:30 p.m. (Penny's Home)

Newsletter Deadline: Tues. Jan. 31
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President's Message

While we are starting off a New Year with all its promise of exciting things to come, we are also saying goodbye to an old one with all its memories. We accomplished a lot this past year and we should be proud of our accomplishments.

This is my final President's Message and I need to say "Thank You" to many people, most of all my Board who all pitched in to keep us up and running. John, Hope, Pat, David and Karen, thank you for all your ideas and hard work. It was a pleasure working with you all.

A special Thank You goes to Penny who has helped me through these past two years and without her help I would have been lost many times. Penny, I hope you have a successful reign - again - when I turn this over to you. Thank you.

Another unsung hero is Mercedes who puts this newsletter together. Having been in her shoes before, I know the effort it takes to put a newsletter together every month, thank you so much Mercedes, you do a fantastic job.

There are others who hold positions in the Guild such as hospitality, competition, off site venues, library shows, photography... I'm sure I am forgetting something because there are a lot of things we do as a Guild but my thanks to Bobbie, Elaine, Susan, Margarita, Gerry, Jane, Kathie and Shirley for helping out. These jobs are just as important as anything I do.

And to all the Guild members who come in and pitch in when the call goes out that we need help with setting up or working a show, Thank you! You all make me very proud to be a part of this Guild and I am grateful to have been your President these past two years.

I hope that the future of this Guild is secure, if we all continue to work together, it will be. Please encourage your friend and fellow artists to come and join us, this is a great organization with a whole lot of wonderful people in it. Please keep it going strong and most of all continue to create your beautiful art. Thank you all again and Happy New Year!

Terri Peterson

MONTHLY COMPETITION WINNERS DECEMBER 2011 CONGRATULATIONS

First Place: Boi Sibug, "Tboli Woman", pastel

Second Place: Karen Yee, "Rejoice", Acrylic

Third Place: Doug Castleman, "Angel of Mercy", Oil

Honorable Mention: Magoo Valencia, "Mr. Lewis Old House", Watercolor

Honorable Mention: Doug Stenhouse, "Bayside Marina", Watercolor

Popular Choice: Bob Mackie, "After Alvar", Collage

Shirley Robinson will be displaying her acrylics and watercolors in the Torrance City Clerk's Office during the month of January.

New Calendar Year! Important Reminder

It's time to send in your membership renewal checks of \$25 per person or \$35 per couple. Please make your checks payable to TAG and mail to P.O. Box 1494, Torrance, 90505 attention Karen Yee or simply mark the envelope "Membership"



Miramar Park/Beach Show is Back!

A newly formed group called "Artists by the Beach" invites you to participate on the first Sunday of the month from April to September at Miramar Park for an Art Show and Sale from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Please reserve the following dates and plan to join this energetic group of artists for what promises to be a great exciting venue to show and sell your art:

April 1
May 6
June 3

July 1
August 5
September 2

These dates will be advertised in Art Slant, Facebook, San Pedro News Pilot on line, Friends of Redondo Beach Art and other social media outlets. Any other free advertisement suggestions are welcome.

Membership not required in any organization. Fee \$35 for 10' X 10' spaces - first come first serve basis with prior registration confirmed after receipt of check. Spaces could be shared. Art work must be displayed off ground. You must have display table, A frames, sandwich boards and/or tents.

Organizing Committe: Mercedes Guzman merart@sbcglobal.net, Sandra and John Chu artbysander@att.net, Debra Young debrayoungphoto@gmail.com, Suzanne Young terryyoung1@cox.net, Georgeann Dumkrieger (310) 830-2806.

City of Torrance Special Events for 2012



Looking for a place to show your art for a very affordable price? We have two events that have been coordinated with the City of Torrance in honor of the Centennial Celebration of the City's 100th Birthday. The shows will be in coordination with City run events so there will be lots of publicity going out to the community, just what we artists are looking for.

Mark your calendars now and start painting. The first one is called "**The Cherry Blossom Festival**" on **March 4th**. More information will follow. Reserve 9 to 4 on that date.

The second event is “**Art in the Park..A Centennial Celebration**”. It is scheduled for **May 6th**. Artists will need at least one piece of artwork that depicts some element of Torrance’s 100 years. Many look to the bridge on Torrance Blvd. and others to the original City Hall which sits on Sartori St. where Time Warner Cable is now housed.

The fee for TAG members will be \$15. and \$25. for non-members. Save those two Sundays and start painting.

TAG’s Website

TAG artists are asked to submit three jpgs of their work to be placed on the website. Please forward to paul@office-art.com Also, if you have a website you can send Paul the link.

TAG **Meetings** **2012** **Mark your Calendars**

January 10
February 14
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

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A graduate from the Liverpool School of Art and member of the California Art Club.

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