



**BURBANK ART  
ASSOCIATION**

# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2020

Burbank Art Association  
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**Encouraging creativity in visual arts and serving the community since 1950**

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## President's Message



Dear Fellow Artists,

Here we are in the Dog Days of Summer. For those of you skeptics, get up at sunrise and you will see Sirius, the Dog Star, under the sun on the horizon. I am neither a skeptic nor an early riser so I'll take this on faith. Hope you're finding ways of incorporating dripping sweat into whatever medium you're using.

This would be a good time to revisit dogs in art. Dogs have appeared in the foreground, background, and sidelines of many famous paintings: Titian's *Venus and Adonis*, Brueghel's *Hunters in the Snow*, Velazquez's *Las Meninas*. The Norton Simon has Guercino's impressive portrait of a dog (the *Aldrovani Dog*). If it ever reopens, we can go see it, but you can view on the internet. Getting more down to earth, Giacomo Ballo's *Dog on a Lease* shows a refreshing take on a dachshund.

However, when we think of dog paintings, most of us remember Cassius (Kash) Marcellus Coolidge's series of *Dogs Playing Poker*. From 1894 to 1906 he did close to a dozen of these paintings, many of them referencing Carravaggio, George De la Tour, and Cezanne. Critic Annette Ferrara has described *Dogs Playing Poker* as being "indelibly burned into ... the American collective-shlock subconscious." If Coolidge had lived long enough, he could have laughed all the way to the bank. His first painting, *Poker Game*, sold for \$658,000 at a 2015 auction. Raise your hand if his paintings delight you on some level. Mine is up.



It has been my honor to be the president of this Association. We are in the capable hands of Ren Colantoni, and we'll weather the next few years, doing what we always do - inspiring each other and creating. Have a good rest of the summer.

*Yours truly,*

*Carol Tensen, Outgoing President*

## In Memoriam

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of BAA member, Roman Arambula, in March of a heart attack. Roman was a sweet man and a wonderful artist. He had a successful professional career as an artist with a prolific background. He displayed and won several awards for his beautiful oil paintings of places he had travelled at our BAA shows. Condolences were shared with his oldest son, Rene, who said Roman often spoke of the BAA and really enjoyed being a part of the group. He will be missed.



## President's Message



### Virtual BAA?

As you all know or have guessed, it's very possible that there will be no more in-person meetings for BAA members this year, with the possible exception of the Fall Show at the Betsy Lueke center. However, I believe we can take advantage of some website and other technology to keep our interests in art things alive and well.

There are a number of ways that we can deliver presentations to the membership. These include videos using YouTube; static presentations like Power Point programs stored on the site and delivered for download; and the now-common Zoom platform works well for "live" shows.

I encourage you to think of some way that you can provide some type of presentation or demonstration for the group using these or other methods. How about showing us some of your own work that we wouldn't normally see? The Isolation Galleries have shown that there is a wide variety of media being used by members beyond the usual oil or acrylic. Do you have a favorite artist that you would like to tell us about? What are your kids (grandkids) doing in art? Do you have a particular technique that would be of interest to the membership? You could do a simple video showing how you do it and we can post it on-line for you.

Stefanie Girard and Pam McDonald have provided us with some great demos and presentations during last year at the regular meetings. If you have something that you would like to offer, give them a shout and see what you and they can cook up. Feel free to contact me about technical questions.

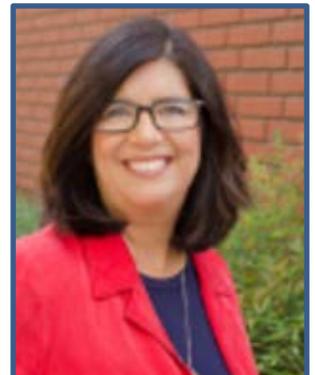
Suggestions at any time are appreciated.

Ren Colantoni, President- Elect, the Web Guy  
[webmaster@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:webmaster@burbankartassociation.org)



### Recognition

Congratulations to our long-time benefactor and Board member, Marsha Ramos, who was recognized for her philanthropic contributions to local group, *Family Promise of the Verdugos*. As this year's honoree, Marsha was presented with the 2020 *Hands On, Hearts In* award at a socially-distanced presentation in the Geo Gallery at her GeoSystems, Inc. office. The *Hands On, Hearts In* award is presented to recognize a community partner who has been instrumental in the development of Family Promise and who continues to serve through their volunteer efforts. Marsha has been a leader in her community for many years. We are especially grateful to her for her ardent support of the Burbank Art Association.



**EXHIBITS ~ Ellie Klein**

**Members' Annual Fall Show**

Even if we are not able to meet in person for our regular monthly meetings this fall, we plan to still hold our 2020 Members' Fall Show in early November at the Betsy Leuke Creative Arts Center. I'll be working with Virginia, Director of the BLCAC gallery, to coordinate procedures for a safe art "take-in." The show will be judged as usual though we may need to have a virtual reception and award announcements. So, stay busy doing what artists do and we'll keep you posted!

*Ellie Klein, Exhibits Chair-Elect*



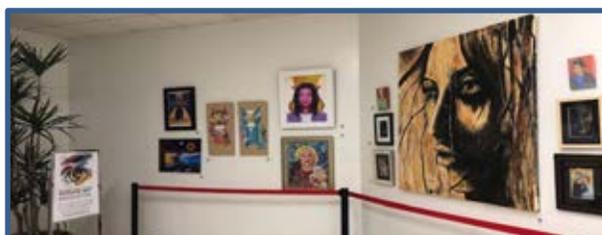
**OUTSIDE EXHIBITS ~ Wendy Wallace**

**Macy's Gallery**

Macy's gallery shows are on hold until further notice.

If you have any question, please email Wendy at:

[Outside@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:Outside@burbankartassociation.org)



**LOCAL GALLERY NOTES ~ Ellie Klein**

The La Galería Gitana is calling for artists to submit artworks for the show "Chasing Autumn in Los Angeles." The exhibit will run from October, 2020 to December 11, 2020. Deadline to enter is September 1, 2020.

For more information, click on this link:

<https://www.burbankartassociation.org/docs.ashx?id=658456>

Gallery location: 120 N. Maclay Avenue, Suite E, San Fernando, CA 91340

[www.galeriagitana.com](http://www.galeriagitana.com)

*Please note that this is NOT a Burbank Art Association sponsored exhibit.*



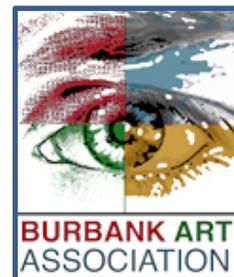
**MEMBERSHIP DUES INFO ~ Wendy Wallace**

What a time we're in! Normally this is the time of year we would start bugging you to consider renewing your membership for the next BAA year. However, because of the need to reduce our programming this year, the BAA Board has voted to extend all current memberships forward to an expiration of January 31, 2021, at which point we will re-evaluate.

We hope you are staying safe and cool, and please keep an eye on your email for club announcements about upcoming online shows and other virtual events.

If you have any questions about your membership, please don't hesitate to reach out to me (outgoing chair) or Mimi Rossi (incoming chair) at [membership@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:membership@burbankartassociation.org)

*Wendy Wallace, Outgoing Membership Chair*



## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ~ Joanna Lewis

Congratulations to our two talented artists, who both happen to be from John Burroughs High School!

Ruby Gara won both the Youth Art Expo award (a \$100 gift card to Carter Sexton) and our top BAA Scholarship. She received \$500 that she will eventually use at University of Colorado Boulder.

Madeleine Lingad took home \$250 to add to her UCSC experience. It was tough to choose a winner as the students had very different styles. Thanks to scholarship committee members Carol, Ellie, Teresa, Jamie, Stephanie and Mimi for their help.

This is my last year to present scholarships and it is bittersweet as I didn't get to present in person. In previous years, I felt the excitement and nervousness of stepping out into the unknown - of being a child and an adult at the same time. Thank you for the opportunity to experience that feeling again and again. There is nothing like it and I encourage everyone to shake it up, get uncomfortable, grow and wander down a different path. It is good for your art and your soul.

*Joanna, Outgoing Vice President*



### The Summer Isolation Gallery

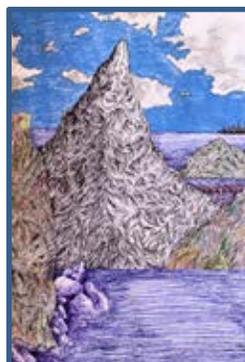
Summer Isolation Gallery Still Going Strong. No doubt our BAA members are still doing all their art things even while limited in various ways during this time. Don't forget to send us pictures of your latest works for the Summer Isolation Gallery showing on the web site. We can post many pictures.

Regarding the picture, please send the original, as large as possible in digital file. Include your name, artwork title, size, and, if you wish, price. I can make it fit and look great.

Just send an email to [webmaster@burbankartassociation.org](mailto:webmaster@burbankartassociation.org)

with the picture as an attachment.

Ren, the Web Guy



*The Burbank Art Association is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization.  
Our mission is to stimulate and encourage creative expression and provide a showcase  
for our members' talents. Artists of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join.  
Sponsorships and donations to the BAA help to fund exhibits, awards and student scholarships.  
Your gift will have a tremendous impact by keeping our organization thriving and serving its community.  
If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, please contact us through our website at:  
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*Carter Sexton*

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