



# NCA Members Newsletter

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## NCA's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

In 1939, Northern California Arts (NCA) was founded by a group of local artists as a volunteer arts organization. On May 11, 2024, more than 200 people attended our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the 2024 Members Show. To quote past NCA president, **Sally Durante**, "The fact we survived is a miracle!" While standing in the middle of the room, I observed happy people thoroughly experiencing the artwork, live music and each other's company.

To celebrate in style, we dressed up as our favorite artist or artwork. Some members even dressed up as themselves! Live music by Terry and Jo played enjoyable music throughout the evening. Hospitality Chair, Evelyn Adams, kept busy bringing out one delicious appetizer after another, homemade by our members for the food table. Everywhere I looked were festive decorations masterminded by Sally Durante and implemented by her team of volunteers. Sally even managed to resurrect NCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary murals painted by NCA's **Sheila Jacobs** and some helpers.

If you are reading this, keep creating artwork, build your artist resume by entering juried exhibitions, and volunteer when the opportunity arises. Let us know how we can help you learn and grow as an artist. Continue to attend NCA meetings and get to know your fellow artists; we are a fun and creative group of people.

Congratulations to our costume winners:

**Paul Dessau**, as Bruegel the Younger

**Joan McMurray**, Girl with a Pearl Earring by Vermeer

and **Penny Hanscom** as David Peterson



Submitted by **Susan Lee Giles**, NCA Membership Chair

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## Upcoming Events

### California Landscapes

Ending July 6, 2024  
Sac Fine Arts Center

### American Watercolor Society

August 6 - 31, 2024  
Sac Fine Arts Center

### Bold Expressions

October 1 - 26, 2024  
Sac Fine Arts Center





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## Call to Artists

### Plein Air at the Fair

Entry Deadline: July 9, 2024

Paint Out: July 27-28, 2024

### Ars Gratia Artis

Donations accepted through Aug 12, 2024

Reception: September 29, 2024

## Bold Expressions 2024

### Online Entry:

Deadline August 11 midnight

Entry Fees \$50 for 1, 2, or 3 entries

**Show Dates:** October 1-26, 2024

**Juror:** Tom Matousek

### 2nd Saturday Reception:

October 12, 2024

*Gregory Smith, Show Chair*

*Paul Dessau, Co-Chair*

### Good vs Evil

Entry Deadline: October 1, 2024

Exhibit: October 29 - November 30, 2024

## Call to Artists - Bold Expressions 2024



Bold Expressions 2024, Northern California Arts, Inc. (NCA) 69th International Open Juried Art Exhibit is open to fine artists everywhere. NCA invites you to submit your original artwork.

Exhibit dates: **October 1 - October 26, 2024.**

Best of show \$1,000 plus many other awards

Juror: **Tom Matousek** <https://disneyfineart.com/collections/tom-matousek>

Online application DEADLINE **August 11, 2024** at **Entrythingy.com**  
Photography, gicleés, video, computer generated art, or crafts are NOT accepted for this show. For details, see the Artist's Prospectus  
**<https://norcalartsinc.org>** and click on **call to artists**. Bold Expressions 2024.

Info: paul@nccn.net 530-346-6078

Thank you to our sponsor for Bold Expressions 2024:





## Guest Artist Demonstrations 2024 General Meetings

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**July/August**

*No meetings*

**Wed, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

*TBD*

**Wed, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

*BoldX juror, Tom Matousek*

**Wed, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

*TBD*

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**NCA Event Calendar:**

<https://norcalartsinc.org/schedule>

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## Recent Artist Demonstrations

### May 8th General Meeting - Ann Bissett-Clark

Ann demonstrated her acrylic painting process. She uses Golden acrylics and mixes all colors for her pieces from 3 colors. Ann explained how her experience in the printing industry gave her insights into color mixing.



### June 12th General Meeting - Kathy Caitano

Kathy Caitano, of Artistic Edge and Framing (1880 Fulton Ave), gave a wonderful demonstration on framing and mat selection. She used five photographs of NCA board member paintings to showcase how a variety of frame and mat choices can be used to complement artworks. She touched on the different types and grades of mats and glass for framing.





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## Artist of the Month



**Ellie Rosen** was selected as the May Artist of the Month for her oil on canvas "Everlasting Landscape."



**David Peterson** was selected as the June Artist of the Month for his watercolor cityscape.



**Karen Finley** was selected as the July Artist of the Month for her acrylic cityscape.



**Sally Durante** was selected as the August Artist of the Month for her pastel landscape.



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## Member Interest

### Recent/Current NCA Member Showings:

#### Donald Macko

California State Fair  
California Landscapes, SFAC

#### Karen Finley

California Landscapes, SFAC

#### Susan Giles

Blue Line Art Gallery  
"Alphabet Soup"

#### Gene Kelly

California Landscapes, SFAC

#### Peggy Hanscom

FACE of Fiber in the Rockies  
Art Center of Estes Park CO

#### David Peterson

California State Fair  
California Landscapes, SFAC  
The Mills Station Arts & Culture Center  
Elk Grove Fine Arts Center

#### Erin O'Brien

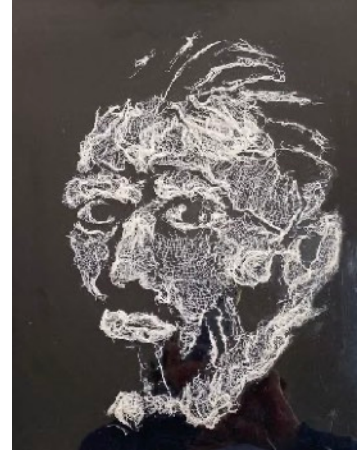
California State Fair  
California Landscapes, SFAC  
Graton Gallery, Sonoma Co.  
Aug 22-Sep 29

#### Sally Durante

Elks Club, Carmichael, thru August

## People's Choice Award

"A Troubled Soul, Van Gogh", Gauze on plastic, by **Joan McMurray** was the winner of the "People's Choice" Award in NCA's Members Show. This topped off Joan's 2nd Saturday evening where she was one of three costume prize winners dressed as "The Girl With the Pearl Earring". It was later



## You Can Help!

Here's a good and easy way to help raise funds for NCA: Clean out your cupboards of those wonderful new or slightly used art supplies. You know, the ones that you were always going to use someday but never got around to it. Do NCA and the lucky winner a service and pass them on through our raffle.

We are now accepting art supplies of all kinds in good condition. However, paint brushes, sketch pads, art specialty paper, good quality paints and other commonly used art materials are especially desirable.

You can deliver your contribution to **Vanessa Bondon**, raffle chair, at any general meeting, or you may drop them off at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center office during regular office hours. SFAC office hours. Please be sure to state that the donation is for the NCA raffle because SFAC does collect for other projects.

Looking for an even easier way to help? Attend the meetings. Buy Raffle tickets. Our drawings are held at all general meetings, every second Wednesday of each month except July, August, and December.



Ted Hopkins, Newsletter Editor