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Bold Expressions 2024

Northern California Arts, Inc. (NCA) 69th International Open Juried Art Exhibit

Bold Expressions 2024 was wonderful! NCA thanks Juror Tom Matousek for his time and consideration, and Show Chair Gregory Smith, Co-Chair Paul Dessau, and David Peterson, for their dedication and effort making this year's Bold Ex happen. NCA thanks the talented artists who submitted their art works for the exhibition, and to George Sheldon and Sandra Carter with Be Here Now for providing music for the reception.



Best of Show winner, **Linda Galusha** and Show Juror, Tom Matousek.



Show Chair, **Gregory Smith**



Best of Show - **Linda Galusha**, "Optimism Meets the Parasite"



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Upcoming Events

Good vs Evil

Exhibit: Oct 29 - Nov 30, 2024
Sac Fine Arts Center

Second Chances

January 2 - 25, 2025
Sac Fine Arts Center

Celebrating the Figure

January 28 - February 15, 2025
Sac Fine Arts Center

Magnum Opus

March 11 - April 12, 2025
Sac Fine Arts Center

Bold Expressions 2024 - List of Awards

Best of Show

Linda Galusha, "Optimism Meets the Parasite"

Florence Ferrario Memorial Award

Victoria Brooks, "Quintessence"

Celebrating Michael, Crystal and Nicole Holt

Traci Owens, "Cover of Rolling Stoned"

Expression of Excellence

Linda Heath Clark, "Still Water"

Annie Murphy Robinson, "Emily 'Calliope'"

Varya McMillan, "The Train Station"

Ann Bissett-Clark, "Living Waters"

Ellen Hedfield, "Icon"

Michelle Scott, "More Is Less Than What You See"

Bold Award

Carl Krupitzer, "Red"

Billie Armstrong, "Refreshing"

Edward Mallory, "Promises"

Arron McGuire, "Holy Genes"

Stephen Walter, "Oaxaca Marketplace 86"

Kelly Tayer, "Flourish"

Honorable Mention

Troy Barry, "Tranquility & Peace"

Leann Thompson, "Mr. Cow #42"

Sheryl French, "Iris Moon"

Valerie Birkhoff, "It All Ends in Ash"

Jeremy Wells, "Petrified Soul"

Betsy Kluga, "Alligator Woman"

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Call to Artists

Second Chances

SFA Annual Membership Show

All member entries accepted

Receiving: December 15, 2024 10a-2p

Show Dates: January 2-25, 2025

Magnum Opus 2025

Online Entry Deadline: January 31, 2025

Show Dates: March 11-April 12, 2025

Mood & Emotion

Photographic Art

Online Entry Deadline: March 20, 2025

Show Dates: April 15-May 10, 2025

NCA Members Show

Online Entry Deadline: May 3, 2025

Show Dates: May 27-June 14, 2025



Cash and Gift Awards
Judge is to be announced.
Show chair is **David Peterson**

Our Time to Shine

NCA Members Show

May 27-
June 14, 2025

at Sac Arts
Entry Closes

May 3, 2025

Members - It our time to shine. Get your art entry ready for the 2025 Northern California Arts, Inc. Members Show at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center. Last year only 62 members entered a total of only 128 pieces. We need to double that!

Online entry early December to May 3.

A maximum of 3 artworks per artist may be entered for selection by the judge to be considered for this exhibit. Only 2 artworks per artist will be exhibited. Each member is guaranteed to have 1 artwork accepted.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wed, December 11 5:30- 8:30 pm

This year NCA is hosting the **ALL CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY** and you are invited to join the fun!

How does it work:

- Sign up on the invitation poster on display at the Sac Arts Center in the big Studio room.
- It's a Pot-Luck dinner and everyone signs up and brings something to contribute to the feast!
- NCA will provide Turkey and Ham - we need you to bring all the side goodies to make it great!
- You'll see two easels one with the invite on one and the sign up sheet on the second easel.

OUR TRADITION IS THAT YOU BRING YOUR OWN PLATE, SILVERWARE & WINE. (this really helps clean-up go fast at the end of the night) ***

Don't forget the contest for ugliest Sweater, Hat or Holiday outfit!

Besides a wonderful dinner we'll have good visits with friends, music and a very special visit from the North Pole. Be sure to bring your cameras for photo opportunities!

HO-HO-HO-HOPE to see you there!!





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Guest Artist Demonstrations General Meetings

Wed, November 13th

TBD

Wed, December 11th

All Club Holiday Party

Wed, January 8th

Leslie McCarron

Wed, February 12th

Elizabeth St. Hilaire - mixed media
collage and gel printing

Recent Artist Demonstrations

October 9th General Meeting - Tom Matousek

Tom Matousek, judge of the 2024 BoldX Show, shared his thoughts about the works he selected for awards in the show. Tom was overwhelmed by the caliber of art submitted to BOLDX and the difficulty jurying for show acceptance and award selection.



Tom's pointers to improve getting works accepted into art competitions:

Always doublecheck:

- Read the prospectus and follow the rules thoroughly.
- For online entries provide the best quality images. Photograph in an appropriate setting with neutral background and good lighting.
- Understand the judging criteria for the contest.
- Enter the maximum amount of pieces that you are allowed.
- Follow sizing requirements.
- Provide a bio or artists statement if required.
- Don't take it personally you aren't accepted. It is a subjective judgement. It also could be your presentation or not following competition rules.

Judging for awards:

- Interpretation and clarity of the theme to the viewer.
- Creativity and originality of the depicted theme.
- Overall quality of art skills
- Composition overall design of the artwork
- Creating an image that triggers and creates emotions like, nostalgia, awe,

September 11th General Meeting - Steve Memering



Fan favorite, artist Steve Memering, critiqued members' art work in a fun and insightful discussion with the audience. Steve is widely known for his decades of Sacramento iconic landmarks and twilight cityscapes.

NCA Event Calendar:

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Artist of the Month

NCA members may submit a piece of artwork at each general meeting for selection as Artist of the Month by vote of best piece submitted. The winning work is displayed at Sac Fine Arts and posted on the NCA web site until the next general meeting. Previous winners sit out for three months. Take advantage of this opportunity to show your work.



Dianne Matter was selected as September Artist of the Month for her mixed media abstract



Susan Giles was selected as October Artist of the Month for her photo encaustic piece Ruby Red Shoes

Artist Standing

At the October meeting, Marie Crockett was awarded her Master Artist certificate, the highest of the four ranks in NCA Artist Standing. Paul Dessau, NCA Artist Standing Chair, presented the award.





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Member News

Sally Durante has work featured in the foyer of Sac Fine Arts in the month of November. Sally also has work on display in the Rocklin Public Library through November.

Kate Blue had work accepted into the 62nd Stockton Art League National Juried Exhibition. The title of the work is 'Standing On Stars'. The exhibition was held from September 5 to October 20, 2024, at the Haggin Museum.



This year, the exhibition received over 1,000 artwork entries from across the United States, and the jurors, Gina Werfel and Joe Mariscal, selected 92 exceptional works to be showcased.

Here's a good and easy way to help raise funds for NCA. 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 drop them off at the Sacramento Arts Center office during regular office hours. State that the donation is for the NCA raffle because SFAC collects 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.

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