



# NCA Newsletter

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## President's Message

### A Thank You to ...

As 2025 closes, I'd like to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new year. NCA and SacArts volunteers help to make our year successful. So, first, I'd like to thank all the volunteers throughout the year that helped make NCA successful. All of you that volunteered to help with our art shows (receiving, setup and takedown), helped with organization events and awesome outreach, and have helped in smooth running of the SacArts center. It's great to see all of you that participate at our events, all of you are what make NCA a great organization. Thank you.

Next, I'd like to thank NCA board members that have served over the past year and are stepping down. Thank you Ted Hopkins (Newsletter), Vanessa Bonden (Raffle Coordinator), Kirk Rosenkranz and Jyenny Babcock (Treasurers), and Erin O'Brian (1st Vice President).

Thank you to members stepping in to fill these NCA board roles. Janice Hironaka (1st Vice President), Elise Reilly (Treasurer), Ashleigh Anderson (Newsletter), Kathi Bristow (Raffle Coordinator and who has already been in this role), Connie Frank (Member at Large), and Barbara Schneider (assisting with NCA's member show).

Thank you to our continuing board members. Andrea Higginbotham (2nd Vice President), Susan Lee Giles (Membership), Sally Durante (SacArts Liaison and past president), Shannon Garrison (Website), Evelyn Adams (Hospitality Chair), Diana Holt (Historian), Vianne De Santiago (Aspiring Artist), Gregory Smith (BoldEx Chair), David Peterson (Members Show, and a bunch of other stuff), Paul Dessau (Artist of the Month, Artist Standing and BoldEx Co-Chair), Bobbie Lou Hunt (Courtesy), and Barbara Marshall (Secretary).

Finally, we already have our Members Show and Bold Expressions shows lined up. Also, SacArts shows, tons of weekly events at the center and outreach events next summer.

**Edward Reus**, NCA President





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### Upcoming Events

#### Second Chances

Sac Fine Arts Center

Show Dates: Jan 2-24

Reception: Jan 10, 5:00-7:00 pm

#### Magnum Opus 2026

Sac Fine Arts Center

Show Dates: Feb 17-March 14

Reception: March 14, 5:00-7:00 pm

#### Mira Loma High School IB

Student Show

Sac Fine Arts Center

Show Dates: March 17-28

#### Second Hand Art Supply Sale

Sac Fine Arts Center

March 28, 10am-1pm

#### NCA Members Show

Sac Fine Arts Center

Show Dates: April 28-May 16

Reception: May 9, 5:00-8:00pm

#### NCA Aspiring Artist

Sac Fine Arts Center

Show Dates: June 1-30

Reception: June 13, 5:00-8:00pm

### All-Club Holiday Party

WASH put on a fantastic holiday party on Dec 8 at Sac Fine Arts. The evening included potluck holiday dinner, music, art-inspired hat contest, wonderful company, and Santa! Much thanks to all who helped make the event successful. NCA members Sandra Torguson and Bobbie Lou Hunt received Sac Fine Arts' Lifetime Membership Award for their outstanding contributions to the organization.





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## Call to Artists

### Magnum Opus 2026

Sac Fine Arts

Deadline: Jan 20th

### NCA Members Show

Sac Fine Arts

Deadline: April 11th



**Join Us,  
Show with Us!  
Online Entry Ends  
April 11, 2026  
[norcalartsinc.org](http://norcalartsinc.org)  
Show dates:  
April 28-  
May 16, 2026  
at Sacramento  
Fine Arts Center**

## Northern California Arts, Inc., Members Show

Call to member artists for the 2026 Northern California Arts, Inc. Members Show at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center. Entries due April 11, 2026. Enter online at [www.norcalartsinc.org](http://www.norcalartsinc.org) using Entrythingy. Online judging begins April 13. Notification by April 18. Receiving, Friday April 24, 1-5 pm and Saturday April 25, 11 am-3 pm. 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. There will be Cash and Gift Awards. Exhibition Dates are April 28-May 16, 2026. Second Saturday Reception and Awards Presentation is the evening of May 9, 2026. Our 2026 judge for acceptance and awards will be **Ronald Peetz**. Show Chair is **David Peterson**, 916-716-595, assisted by Barbara Schneider.

Judge **Ron Peetz** was born in Pendleton, Oregon and moved to Sacramento when still in grade school. In local schools he gained a real interest in making art. This interest led him to attend American River College and then on to graduate from California State University at Sacramento with a teaching credential. After graduating Ron was hired to teach art the San Juan Unified School District until his retirement. Today, he continues to work in one of his two art studios built on his property in the rural countryside outside of Lincoln. A founding member of Axis Gallery in Sacramento, Ron is known for his conceptual and surrealistic artwork that uses humor and wit to make commentary and observations on the human condition. His exhibitions include: Artspace gallery, b. sakata garo, Sacramento City College, American River College, CSUS, Axis Gallery, and Crocker Museum.



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## Guest Artist Demonstrations General Meetings

Artist demonstrations, a part of NCA General Meetings, bring expressive artists and NCA members together for creative growth. NCA General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7-9 pm, except July and August.

### **Wed, January 14th**

*Dave Manousos*

### **Wed, February 11th**

*TBD*

## January 14th Guest Artist - Dave Manousos

**Artist Statement:** Dave Manousos is a fine artist originally from Oakland, CA, currently residing in Northern California Gold Country. His artwork is regularly showcased in various regions including the San Francisco Bay Area, northern California Sacramento region, and Southern California, including Las Laguna and San Diego. Additionally, he has exhibited his work in numerous locations on the east coast as well as in Palma, Spain and Zurich, Switzerland.



Specializing in acrylic medium painting, Manousos is best known for his "Big Eye Collection." This collection seamlessly combines his illustration and painting techniques, prominently featuring an oversized eye on one side of the face.

His artwork is characterized by vibrant colors, textured layers, and abstract shapes, all of which work together to depict nostalgic imagery of individuals from his own life. Manousos seeks to capture fragmented moments and preserve history through his art. Drawing inspiration from memories of past relationships, family members, and significant life events, his paintings serve as narratives of profound interpersonal connections.

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## New Year Resolutions for the Artist 2026

By Sally Durante

Every January I like to start the new year with a wish list of sorts - a list of resolutions to try new things and change old ways for the better in the year ahead. I have found when I take the time to write these resolutions down on paper its more likely to happen as a new habit or practice. Thought I'd share my hopes and intentions for this coming year.

- Spend more time in nature
- Keep a journal
- Redecorate
- Appreciate your family
- Learn a new craft
- Spend time looking at art
- Read more books
- Adopt a pet
- Embrace minimalism
- Express yourself creatively

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### Artist of the Month



Kelly Rylander was selected November Artist of the Month

### November 12th Guest Artist - Michelle Scott

Master watercolorist, Michelle Scott, presented some of her amazing watercolor pieces that feature realist closeups of nature that double as abstracts. Michelle showed her watercolor techniques for producing these amazing images. She was assisted by her daughter.



Linda Ball was selected December Artist of the Month



Northern California Arts

You're invited to  
**NCA's**  
New Member Tea

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
NOON TO 2:00 PM

AT THE  
SACRAMENTO ARTS CENTER  
5330-B GIBBONS DR.  
CARMICHAEL 95841

Let's get to know  
each other!  
Bring 1 or 2 pieces  
of your ART to share.

We are looking forward to  
meeting you and sharing, food,  
fun, ART and information  
about our NCA activities and  
events with you.

New members and members  
who have never attended  
our tea are invited!

RSVP by February 1, 2026  
Susan Lee Giles, NCA Membership Chair  
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## Member News

NCA Member **David Peterson**, 'Aquacolorist', will be showing unique abstract watercolors of the world we live in, January 3-29, 2026, at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center, 9020 Elk Grove Blvd. Suite 101 Elk Grove, CA.

NCA Member **Matt Zidar** took 1st in the fine arts category at the Lodi Sand Hill Crane art Exhibit held November 7-9, 2025, as part of the crane festival. Festival link <https://lodisandhillcrane.org/art-show/>



As outgoing NCA Newsletter Editor, this is my last newsletter. I have used my time as newsletter editor to help connect with other artists and organizations to further my journey as an artist. Thank you to all who have helped.



Ted Hopkins, Newsletter Editor  
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## We Want To Hear From You!

- *Have you been accepted in a show?*
- *Where are you showing your artwork?*
- *Are you teaching a class or workshop?*
- *How can NCA help you learn and grow?*

Send a text or email to Susan Lee Giles, Membership Chair. Our newsletter is published every two months and we want to include your ART news in future publications.

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