



## April 2021

### Elaine Drew, Cartooning Program April 12, 2021 Via Zoom Hosted by PAL



Did I catch you at a bad moment?



**Do Elaine's Cartoons Look Familiar?  
That's because she was scheduled to present a  
program to PAL & LAA in March 2020  
- only to be shut Down by COVID 19. So Let's Start Over!**

Elaine Drew is the author of the recently published romantic comedy, Courting Trouble, set in early medieval England. She has been involved with art, design and writing for decades. She has degrees in English from Emory University and in design from FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology) in New York. Elaine has worked as a writer, a fashion designer, and a consultant in historic costume to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Centre Culturel du Marais in Paris. She studied life drawing at the Art Students League with artist and cartoonist Anthony Palumbo. Her interest in stories and her love of drawing led to her interest in cartooning.



Elaine's demo will introduce cartoons and cartooning techniques. She will show samples from the history of the form and the inspiring diversity of cartoon subjects and styles. She will illustrate some ways to approach the cartoon figure, share methods to spark your creativity, and show you the process for developing the longer cartoon.



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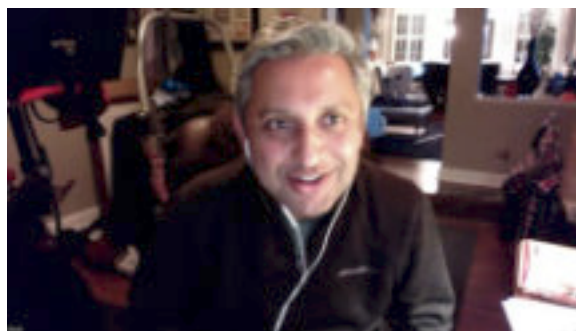
## NEWS FOR ALL MEMBERS

**Report on March 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:** Thanks to all who attended the meeting of LAA, PAL and DAC. About 52 folks showed up and enjoyed the meeting hosted by DAC. All the association presidents spoke beginning with Clark Streeeter, president of LAA. Clark raved about the New Dawn online show that Meghana Mitragotri, Christine Watters, Joyce Moulden and Craig Varden worked on so hard. See the show at the LAA website: <https://livermoreartassociation.org/new-dawn>.

PAL president, Beth Okurowski spoke about their annual membership drive. If you haven't already, make sure you go to the website and renew your membership. It's that time of year when LAA and PAL refresh the membership rosters. If you don't get the Portfolio next month it's because you have not yet renewed your membership. Please get on that!

DAC president, Sawsan Wolski spoke about the first ever quarterly newsletter that DAC published with the tremendous help of Vanessa Thomas and May Giang. The annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in Dublin was virtual only this year and DAC member, Gina Gabriel was kind enough to create a video for Dublin residents showing them how to make a paper leprechaun. An Irish friend of DAC made a wonderful video to surprise Gina to thank her for her hard work keeping the St. Patrick's Day celebration alive.

The evening's program was a discussion by Way Up Art and Frame owner, Shakeeb Rashidi. He spoke about best practices for preserving your artwork and tips and techniques for good methods of matting and framing your 2-D work for display. Thanks to Shakeeb for your time! Shakeeb has also offered to provide some new products to artists to try out and report back on their experience to the community. We ended the meeting with a short movie of a young Dublin woman performing an Irish dance. See you on April 12th when PAL will host the next combined general meeting.



**Looking Ahead to our May 10, 2021 General Meeting:** We are scheduling Stephen Wagner, of San Francisco Artist Network to discuss the Business of Being an Artist and some of the programs his organization has to assist in navigating the professional waters. Their website is <http://www.sfartistnetwork.org/programs-via-zoom.html>.

We are scheduling Stephen on May 10 so that any of you who are interested could have time to take one of his two seminars following our program. They are: "Articulate: Writing Your Artist Statement" on Monday, May 17th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm: and "Get Your Sh\*t Together: a Basic Game Plan for Your Artist Career" on Monday, June 7th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. They are \$25 apiece. (Other seminars begin in September.)

Dennis Baker, Mobile: 925 518-7917



## PAL NEWS



**PAL's Pals 2021 – Youth Art Competition:** Know a budding young artist? Talented youth? Pleasanton Art League presents “PAL's Pals 2021,” an art competition open to all Middle School and High School students. Artwork must be created wholly by the student and completed between January 2020 and the present. First 200 submissions will be accepted and published in the PAL's Pals Virtual Art Show at [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com) from May 1 - May 31, 2021. So don't miss your spot!

Judges will award cash prizes for Best of Show (\$40) and five Merit Awards (\$20, each), as well as ribbons for five Honorable Mentions. For the prospectus and entry form, go to <https://www.pal-art.com/exhibits-events/call-artists/>. Submissions will be accepted from April 19 at 8:00 am and closing on April 21 at 11:59 pm. Entry fee is \$10.

For questions, please feel free to reach out to – *Jennifer Huber, PAL's Pals 2021 Chair*  
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## LAA NEWS

**Grant Writer, Anyone?** "There are many grants available to organizations such as ours, and often they are not particularly difficult to get. The main problems are finding out about the grants and writing the applications. These can be challenging tasks, but they can also be very interesting, and, obviously, rewarding. The LAA board has decided that grant writing is an important enough function that it is worthwhile to create a position dedicated to securing grants for the organization. If you think that you might be interested in taking on this job, please contact me at [president@livermoreartassociation.org](mailto:president@livermoreartassociation.org)." Clark

**New Dawn Buzz!** The excitement continues in the *New Dawn Show*! The show was launched at the *New Dawn Preview* over a Zoom meeting on February 24. This Preview was attended by 52 artists. They were introduced to the *New Dawn* core team and Christine Watters navigated through the website to give us a tour of the gallery and the online store. Helene Roylance shared our ongoing promotion plans on LAA's Instagram and Facebook pages, and encouraged artists to follow and share posts. Artists were also encouraged to send short videos to post on LAA's YouTube Channel.

The *New Dawn* show was open to the public on February 25 and a lot has happened since then!

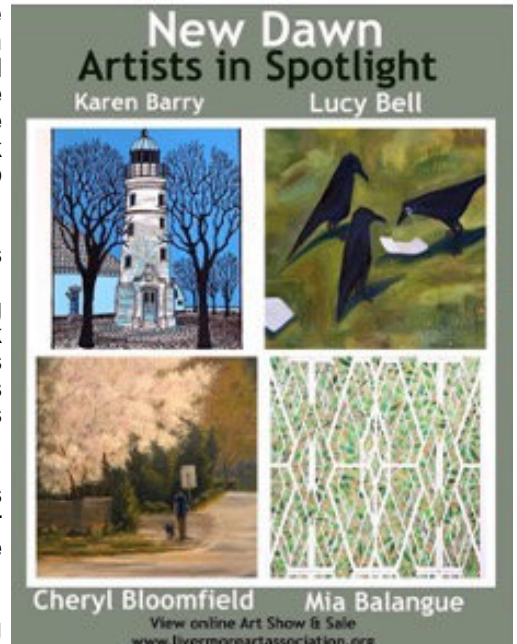
We announced the launch of the show on various online platforms including LAA's social media sites on the 25th. Posts are created using the Sketchbook App. Starting March 1, four different artists are promoted every day on LAA's Instagram and Facebook pages, and this effort will continue for 21 weekdays to cover all 85 artists. It has been heart-warming to see artists sharing posts and promoting fellow artists.

We are thrilled to see artists sell their work in the show! Peggy Kervin is helping with the transfer of purchased items between the artist and the buyer at the LAA Gallery in Livermore every Saturday. Artists and buyers are delighted to meet each other and exchange interesting stories!

We continue to update the *New Dawn* page with all the buzz that is being generated - media coverage, news articles, show photos (of real people!). We've also added the videos artists have been submitting (also available on the LAA YouTube channel) and a new treat - puzzles of show artwork! Come back for a second visit and check out what's new <https://livermoreartassociation.org/new-dawn>. More will be added as the buzz continues.

The show will run until March 31. If there's something that has caught your eye, make sure you pick it up before it's gone.

Meghana Mitragotri,  
New Dawn Show Chair



## LAA GALLERY

### LAA Gallery is Now Open Weekends!

**Saturdays 11:30 to 3:30 and Sundays 10:00 to 2:00**

We have 20 artists which includes painters, jewelers, glass and ceramic artists, photographers, a quilling artist, and a glass blower. There is a large variety of notecards and tote bags. Everything is produced locally by LAA members.



If you haven't been in the Gallery for awhile, come and see us! Upstairs in the Carnegie Building, 2155 3rd Street, Livermore. 925 449-9927. On-Line Gallery: [livermoreartassociation.org](http://livermoreartassociation.org).

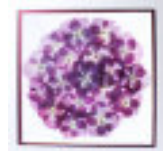


Artwork shown is by Peggy Kervin, Jan Watling, Nancy Hoover, Barbara Stanton, and Helene Roylance.



Charlene Stark

**May 2, LAA Gallery Mother's Day Market**  
A Week Before Mother's Day,  
from 10:00 to 2:00 Around the Outside of LAA Gallery



Emily Chin

## SHOWS

**The Yosemite Tapestries and Preserving Our Wilderness** exhibition opens April 1 to 30. Nine large panels by Miriam McNitt (1917-2002) will be featured in the main gallery during this open exhibition. Contact Linda Knoll at [llknoll@gmail.com](mailto:llknoll@gmail.com) or 209 247-2626. Mistlin Gallery is online at [ccaagallery.org](http://ccaagallery.org) and [@ccaagallery](https://www.instagram.com/ccaagallery) on Instagram and facebook.

**Sketches in Code: Randomness & Patterns in Science and Art.** Open to the public Fridays 2:00 to 6:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Bankhead Theater Gallery. 2400 First Street, Livermore.

**Alamo Danville Artists' Society Blackhawk Gallery** opens a new exhibit "Fasination" featuring one guest artist and over 30 member artists. Guest artist Jake Edwards will exhibit his metal sculptures. The Blackhawk Gallery is located at 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville. The exhibit will be on view Wednesday through Sunday from Friday March 26th through Saturday July 3rd. The Exhibit is free and open to the public.

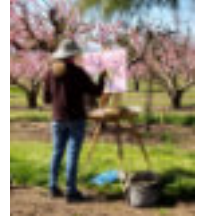
**April is Tracy Arts Month** – Schedule of Events & Information: <https://atthegrand.org/special-events/tracy-arts-month/>.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

**Take Me There: Travel the World Through Art and Photography** at the Bankhead Theater Gallery, June 29–August 31, 2021. Dream, explore, discover without taking a flight. This exhibit will be in-person, with Covid-19 safety protocols in place. <https://livermorearts.org/visual-arts/>; [agiancola@lvpac.org](mailto:agiancola@lvpac.org).

**Tri Valley Artist Studio Tour - TVAST:** November 12-14. Why not join the over 50 artists that have already signed up? The entry fee is \$75. Join us at [AllianceForTheVisualArts.org](http://AllianceForTheVisualArts.org). Dennis Baker, 925 518-7917. Website: [dennisbakerart.net](http://dennisbakerart.net). Email: [Dennis@TheBakerhouse.net](mailto:Dennis@TheBakerhouse.net).

**Contra Costa Plein Air** is a friendly group of artists who get together to paint at scenic locations all around the Bay Area and beyond. Our schedule is random, with dates inspired by the weather forecast. New artists are always welcome! There is no fee to participate. Find us on Facebook at Contra Costa Plein Air, or to receive paint-out invitations by e-mail contact Nancy Roberts at [nrobertsart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nrobertsart@sbcglobal.net). Photo at right is Iris Sabre at a Contra Costa Plein Air paint-out in Brentwood.



**Elk Grove Fine Arts Center “Landscapes of Northern California,”** Deadline April 9. Information: 916 685-5992, [info@elkgrovetfineartscenter.org](mailto:info@elkgrovetfineartscenter.org).

**We're Back!**

**COVID Stopped us Last  
Year. Now its Time to  
Get Out & Paint!**

### **Paint Livermore!**

Historic Downtown, Vineyards, Hills, 1890's Homes  
**June 4 - 5 - 6, 2021**



The Livermore Art Association  
sponsors its 2nd Annual  
**Plein Air Competition**

Artists will register June 4 or 5  
at the Bandstand,  
4th & K Streets, Livermore  
at Carnegie Park

**Judging & Sales**  
**Sunday June 6, 3:00 pm**

More Information:  
[www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org](http://www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org)  
or contact [dp.rodriquez@icloud.com](mailto:dp.rodriquez@icloud.com)

## CLASSES



**"Shaping Tomorrow's Visionaries"**. This unique class was developed by artist Nova Starling for ages 13+ and will be taught at the Bothwell Arts Center by Anne Giancola. The five-week course will inspire participants to examine issues, develop principles and appreciate Diversity, Community, Humanity and Environment. Thursdays, 4:00 to-5:30, April 15 to May 13. <https://livermorearts.org/activity/shaping-tomorrows-visionaries-2/>

**Art Class for Children:** "Art History in Action: A Creative Approach to Art History". Ages 5-18, Fridays, 4-5:30, monthly April-July, Bothwell Arts Center. Instructor Thomasin Dewhurst. <https://livermorearts.org/activity/art-history-in-action-a-creative-approach-to-art-history-2/>



**Drawing Nature with Pen and Ink.** Virtual class taught by Nancy Saltsman, Saturdays 12:00 to 2:00 starting April 17. <https://livermorearts.org/activity/drawing-nature-with-pen-and-ink-2/>. <https://livermorearts.org/activity/drawing-nature-with-pen-and-ink-2/>

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## BULLETIN BOARD

**Videos of the PAL, LAA & DAC General Meeting Programs are now Available for Viewing.** Link is on the LAA website or click below to go to the playlist. Many thanks to Meg Mitragotri and her daughter for doing the editing. Much appreciated! <https://tinyurl.com/Gen-Mtg-Playlist>. [admin@livermoreart.org](mailto:admin@livermoreart.org). Christine Watters, LAA Program Chair.

**In Memoriam:** John Gordon, owner of Camino Press since 1987, passed away unexpectedly in January following a lengthy hospital stay from ongoing health issues that were exacerbated by a positive COVID status. He worked & lived in Livermore since he bought Camino Press and loved being part of this community and watching it grow. He was a good friend of LAA.

## MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS



**Monique Rardin Richards:** I've been doing photography for years and this year I decided to take a Photoshop class. I had no idea how endless the possibilities are!



**David Gates:** Napa Valley Mustard.

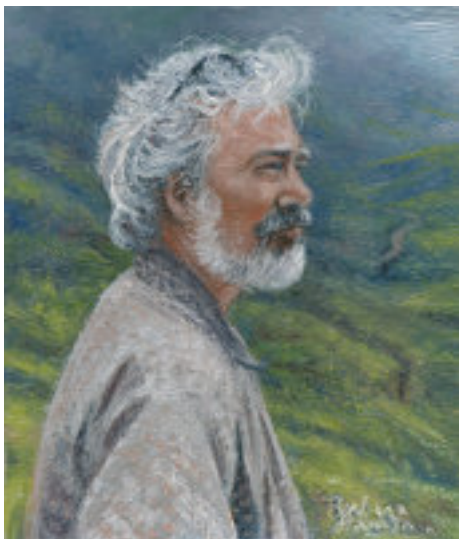


## MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS



**Garden Shelf by Meghana Mitragotri:** I always wanted to paint rustic shelves and I am so glad that this was one of the themes for the PAL Art Challenge! I had fun painting "Garden Shelf" using loose watercolor techniques at the LAA Pay Date along with Joyce Moulden, Carina King, Christine Watters and Georgia Jacobs. I was able to complete this painting to submit to the art challenge organized by Lorraine Wells and Marion Huff.

**Barbara Stanton:** I found out this month that I received several awards in an art competition that I sent my paintings to! The show was the Sierra Artists Gallery International Miniature Art Show in Mariposa, Ca. I received "Best of Show" for my Egg Tempera painting "Raven Courtship". I received "First Place" for my oil paintings "Snow Melt" in the landscape category and "Bill" (*my husband*) in the portraiture category. If that wasn't enough, I received "Honorable Mention" for my Egg Tempera paintings "American Kestrel" in the animal category and "Gooseberries" in floral category! Needless to say, I'm flabbergasted!!! I guess it pays to diversify my subject matter!





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April 2021



**Zoom Meeting  
Monday, April 12, 7:30  
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## **LAA & PAL Calendar Events**

**May 1-31 PAL's Pal Youth Art Show**

**May 2, LAA Gallery Mother's Day Market**

A week before Mother's Day, from 10 to 2 Around the Outside of Gallery

**May 10, PAL, LAA, DAC General Meeting, "Business of Art", 7:30**

**June 4, 5 & 6, LAA's Paint Livermore - Carnegie Park & all over & around town!**

**LAA Gallery's Art In The Park - August 15, from 10 to 3 in the Carnegie Park.**

**Month of September - LAA Art at Livermore Library**

**LAA's "Spring" Art Show - September 11-12, at the Bothwell**

**Essential Figure Show - September 24-26 at the Bothwell Art Center**

**Wearable Art & Jewelry Trunk Show - September 26 at the Gallery at same time as  
Altamont Cruisers Nostalgia Day Car Show**

**Paint Pleasanton: September 25 and 26 (Saturday and Sunday)**

