



Martinez Arts Association

### ***March 2018 Newsletter***

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#### **Mark your calendars:**

- The next MAA meeting will be Monday, March 5 at 6:30p. The meeting is open to all current MAA members. Come get involved! We meet at I've Been Framed, 411 Ferry Street.
- **See the item below about the upcoming Pocket Sketch Demo! Feb. 26**
- SWAN Day is scheduled for Saturday March 24!

**MAA Membership:** If you've recently renewed your membership for 2018, THANK YOU! Member support is critical in supporting education in the arts, and the cost is **tax-deductible**. To join or renew, please visit our [website](#). **Also please remember, in order to receive a member discount on the Art in the Park booth fee, 2018 memberships must be paid by March 1, 2018.**



#### **President's Message From Vernon Sanders**

A belated Happy Valentine's to everyone. I hope February is treating you well so far and that your creative juices are running high. The weather has been quite favorable to those who enjoy plein air painting, but with the current turn in the weather it may be more favorable to stay in your studios and try something new. Have you considered collage, or encaustic, or pastels on sanded paper? The world of art materials is full of choices for expression.

And speaking of creative expression, let me remind you that Monday February 26th is the date of our very first "Members Meeting." We will be gathering at 1pm at the Main Street Arts Gallery for a demo of Pocket Sketching by Paulette Lagana. Please RSVP to me at [aldergrovestudios@icloud.com](mailto:aldergrovestudios@icloud.com) so we know how many to plan for. And, if you have any ideas or suggestions for future presentations, please contact me. Maybe you would like to share some style or technique that you do??

Moving on from that, I hope everyone has SWAN Day on their calendars for Saturday, March 24th. If you are planning to be an exhibitor I ask you to get your Application and Hold Harmless forms in ASSAP as the spaces are filling quickly!

It's only February, but that's not too early to start planning for this year's 49th annual 'Art in the Park.' We really need you to step up and volunteer to help with all the myriad tasks

involved with making this wonderful event come off smoothly. You love it, the exhibitors love it and the community loves it. Why not lend a hand and be part of the excitement?

This is also my last chance to urge you to get your membership up to date for 2018. I want to repeat that **to be eligible for "Member" pricing on events such as 'Art in the Park' your membership must be paid by March 1st!** I am happy to report that we currently have 86 paid members, 7 of which are new this year! But, we have room for many more, so spread the word and get your creative, and art-loving friends to join. Don't forget, your membership fee is tax deductible. We need a vital and active membership to keep our MAA on track to grow and be an important asset to Martinez...and beyond!

Cheers,  
Vernon

***The Martinez Arts Association  
invites you join them for this fun and informative  
demonstration. FREE - Open to all!***

### ***Pocket Sketch On-The-Go***

***Monday, Feb. 26 1:00 pm***

***at Main Street Arts Gallery  
613 Main Street, Martinez***

The perfect pen and watercolor technique  
for a spontaneous and creative sketching  
experience anywhere you are!

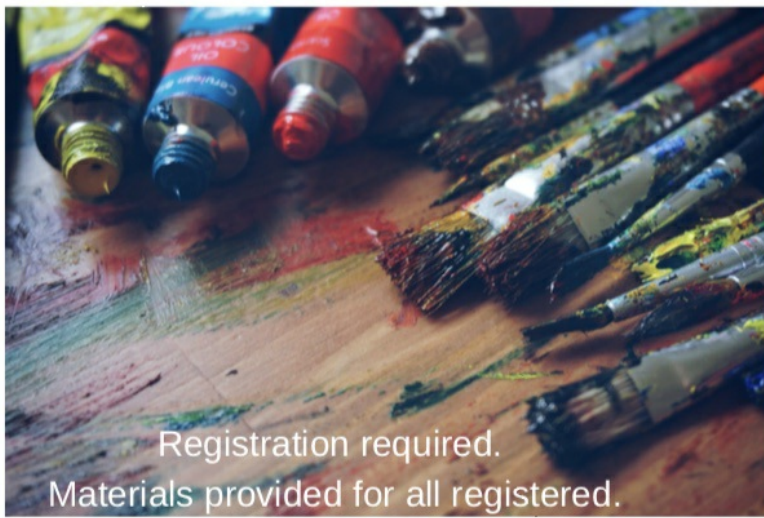
It is easy to learn, compact to use, portable  
to take with you, and quick to complete.

Presented by: Paulette Lagana  
Certified Instructor of Pocket Sketching™

***With Pocket Sketching, the world becomes your studio!***

**Please RSVP:  
[aldergrovestudios@icloud.com](mailto:aldergrovestudios@icloud.com)**





Registration required.  
Materials provided for all registered.

# Spring Art Classes

## Tuesdays 6:30 pm

- February 13: Drawing
- March 13: Painting with Acrylics
- April 10: Painting with Watercolors
- May 8: Hand Coloring Photographs

Martinez Library 740 Court Street  
925-646-9900  
Monday 12-8 Tuesday 10-8  
Wednesday 12-5  
Friday 12-5 Saturday 10-5  
closed Thursday & Sunday



For special accommodations, please contact the library with 72 hours notice.

Classes are taught by Dorrie Langley, and are FREE! To register, call the Martinez library at 925-646-9900

Join the Martinez Arts Association in our  
11th year of Celebrating . . .

# SWAN DAY



**Support  
Women  
Artists  
Now**

**Saturday  
March 24th  
10am to 4pm**

[womenarts.org](http://womenarts.org)

The Old Train Depot  
In Downtown Martinez  
Ferry Street & Marina Vista



**FREE EVENT**  
Fine Arts & Crafts  
Artists from  
around the Bay Area

**Live Entertainment  
Fun for the Whole Family**

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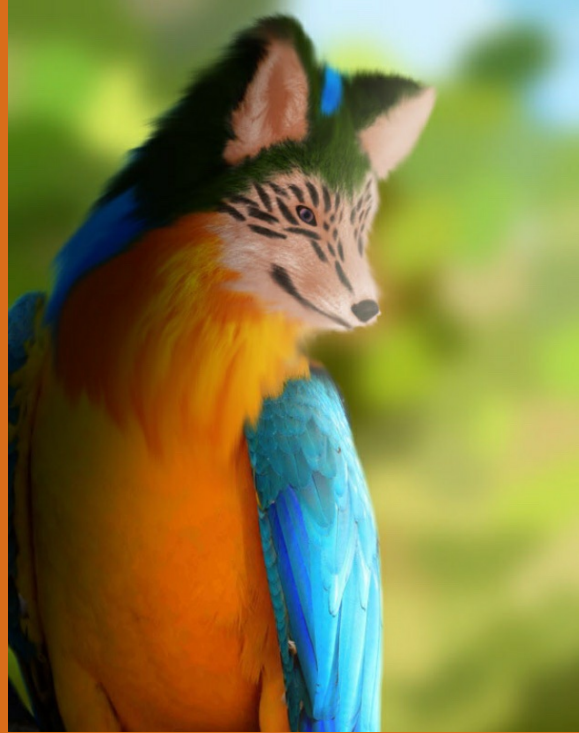
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**ARTISTS...visit our [webpage](http://www.martinezarts.org) for details and an application to become a vendor.**



## **Don't miss the John Muir Hospital Exhibit!**

Once again the MAA was invited to exhibit at the Aspen Surgery Center of John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek. the exhibition will be up through March 2nd.



**Come see the next Library Exhibit...**

**MAA presents artwork from Alhambra High School students  
March 3 - April 28**

**Martinez Library, 740 Court Street  
925-646-9900  
Monday 12-8, Tuesday 10-8  
Wed & Friday 12-5, Sat 10-5  
closed Thursdays and Sundays**

**This image is from Denise Fuller's Digital Art Class**



## **Main Street Arts**

Come see the exciting new work by this talented young photographer.

**Reception:  
Saturday, March 10, 4 - 6 PM**

Main Street Arts  
613 Main Street, Martinez  
925-269-8049  
Wed-Sat 12-5  
Sunday 10-2  
[Website](#)



## Featuring Local MAA Artists

MAA is featuring MAA members in the monthly newsletter. MAA President Vernon Sanders meets with local artists at their studio, and learns about their background and their focus in art. It's one more way to cultivate connections in our arts community.

Please [email us](#) if you would like to participate in the future.

## Call for Artists

Arts Benicia has an exciting new exhibition coming up, and they are looking for submissions of fiber and textile sculptures, wearables, and wall-hangings.  
Deadline: March 31

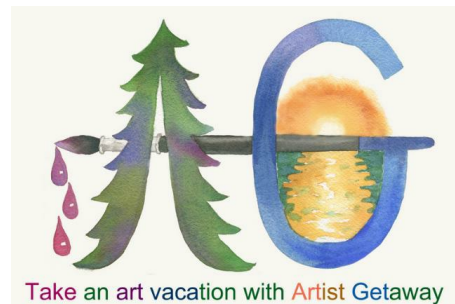
Visit their [website](#) for full details.



## Artist Getaways 2018

Looking for a painting vacation? Check out the upcoming workshops and trips at Occidental, Half Moon Bay, and Murphys.

[Click here](#) for more info.



Be sure to check the [MAA website](#) for links to other arts organizations in the area.

## About MAA

Founded in 1968 as a nonprofit organization, the MAA organizes and participates in many community events throughout the year. Our goal is to encourage art culture and education for local youth. Fundraising proceeds provide scholarships to graduating seniors as well as art grants for elementary through high school teachers.



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