



December 2016 PSSA NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center
(Directions on last page)

Board Meeting: 10:00 am ♦ Membership Meeting: 11:00 am

*Puget Sound
Sumi Artists*

Meeting Location

Asia Pacific Cultural Center
4851 South Tacoma Way
Tacoma, Washington 98409
253-383-3900

Mailing Address

Postal Mail Box #141
6824 – 19th Street West
University Place
Washington
98466

Website

www.sumi.org

2017 PSSA Board Nominees

President:	Trish Rogers
Executive Vice President:	Sally Filiault
Vice President / Exhibits:	Barbara Yunker
Vice President / Programs:	Emma Ozaki
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Trimble
Treasurer:	Martha Scoville

To be voted on at the December meeting

PSSA News

PSSA DECEMBER 2016 PROGRAM

~Program Chair: Emma Ozaki

December is our potluck and gift exchange month. Please bring a dish to share with everyone, and if you would like to join in on the gift exchange, bring a small wrapped gift item to the meeting. Gift items related to sumi painting and calligraphy are appreciated, as well as handmade items. See you there!

EDUCATION

~Chair: Lois Yoshida

Thank you to Bill Havens and Chizuko Nicholas for teaching sumi-e at First Christian Church of Puyallup to a group of adult students. The time and effort of our members makes it possible to fulfill one of PSSA's missions which is to promote the understanding and appreciation of sumi painting. Introducing sumi-e to others, whether adults or children, is a rewarding experience. Please consider assisting when the opportunity arises.

HOSPITALITY

~Chair: Linda Tatlock

Many thanks to all who brought the great food for our November meeting. The December meeting is our annual potluck, so this is the last chance for members to contribute for this year. I know we are all looking forward to it! Thank you in advance.

MEMBERSHIP

~Chair: Muriel Taylor

As of this date, I wish to thank the 46 members who have paid their dues and checked their data. HOORAY! However, 35 members still need to get their dues either to me by mail or to Susan Morrisson at the December 6 meeting. **The penultimate deadline to be in the 2017 roster is December 15, 2016.** Please send your \$40 dues immediately or do whatever is necessary to get the dues and any changes in personal contact information to us by the date of our meeting. Please! Muriel Taylor 8708 111th St. Ct. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498.

TONE SCHOOL / YWCA - Chairs: Voski Sprague and Fumiko Kimura

Thank you to Linda Tatlock for her donation of a backpack to Tone School. And thank you to Susan Morrisson for hygiene items, infant clothing and art supplies that she donated to YWCA.

EXHIBITS

PSSA will again have an exhibit at Buck's 5th Avenue Loft Gallery in June of 2017. The theme under consideration is "Celebrating Summer" (think Bamboo, the "summer gentleman").

FROM PSSA PRESIDENT TRISH ROGERS

Well, here we are, getting ready for another end-of-the-year party. It's been a wonderful year in many ways. First and foremost, again PSSA has given us all a creative and caring community. I am so grateful for everybody. Each year we all do what we can, when we can, where we can. I think that much has been done by so many over the 30 years and am thankful for those efforts through all the years as well as this. As we go into 2017, we can know that what we do and who we are is our gift to ourselves and the larger community and it is good. ~Trish

Sumi Insights

Thoughts on PSSA's 30th Anniversary Exhibit and "One Corner Ma"

By Fumiko Kimura

PSSA 30th anniversary exhibit is over with many compliments from the general public, as written in the comment notebook at Handforth gallery. It was an honor and humbling experience to give eighteen awards choosing from numerous high quality paintings. Eight merit awards, six honorable mentions and two emerging artists awards were selected after two trips to the library and much consideration.

To my surprise, two paintings in the exhibition reminded me of Song Dynasty, "One Corner Ma"-style painting, in which visual interest is focused on one corner of the painting. These two paintings were "Not Titled #2" by Eileen Larsen (emerging artist award) and "Quiet Beauty" by Barbara Trimble.

Song Dynasty (960-1279) was an era of highest development in Chinese landscape painting. There were a variety of approaches, but the lyrical style was the most noted with the emergence of Ma Yuan whose landscape forms were reduced to close up, detailed rocks and trees. These primary forms were often located in the bottom left corner of the paper, a startling and compelling compositional device. The background hills were indistinct with grey mist, and large areas of space were sometimes left empty and unpainted. This gives a feeling of profound quiet and serenity that I appreciate. The approach reflects the influence of Zen Buddhism and painting nature at this time became more intuitive, spontaneous and simplified.*



By Ma Yuan



Ma Yuan

I encountered Ma Yuan in an Asian art history class taught by PSSA's own Bill Colby around 1977 at University of Puget Sound. Ma Yuan was a gifted "practitioner of the asymmetrical composition", and his work has always inspired me with its originality, strength and sense of simplicity.

I was delighted that this year's exhibitors seemed much freer to experiment and innovate in the spirit of Ma Yuan, and be original with brush handling and thoughts to define what was in their hearts to share with viewers.

~Fumiko Kimura

*Source of Information: "History of Far Eastern Art" by Sherman E. Lee published in 1973.

Teachers, Classes, & Workshops

DOROTHY MATTHEWS AND FUMIKO KIMURA

Haiga Adventure Study

PSSA members interested in Haiga are welcome. Haiga is Haiku poetry with its essence expressed spontaneously in sumi-e.

No meeting in December

Meets monthly on third Tuesdays
12:15 pm – 2:15 pm
(right after calligraphy class)
Fircrest Community Center
Please call or text Dorothy Matthews at 206-910-4514 or contact Fumiko 253-752-3845, ftkimura@nventure.net

CHARLIE (CHIZUKO) NICHOLAS

Calligraphy Class

No class in December

Meets monthly on third Tuesdays
10 am – noon
Fircrest Community Center
For info, call Charlie 253-845-5175

MONDAY MORNING PAINTING GROUP

Meets most **Mondays** 10:30-1:30
South Bellevue Community Center
Call Trish for info 425-644-8512

LOIS YOSHIDA

Sumi Cards for the Holiday Workshop

December 6, 2016
Tuesday
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
South Seattle College
<https://southseattle.augusoft.net>
or 206-934-5339

December 11, 2016
Sunday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Kirkland Arts Center
www.kirklandartscenter.org or
425-822-7161

Sumi Under the Sea Workshop

January 8, 2017
Sunday
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Kirkland Arts Center
www.kirklandartscenter.org
or 425-822-7161

Landscape Workshop

January 15, 2017
Sunday
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
South Seattle College
<https://southseattle.augusoft.net>
or 206-934-5339

Sumi Painting for Beginning and Continuing Students

Jan. 18 – Feb. 22, 2017
(no class Feb 8)
Wednesdays
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
South Seattle College
<https://southseattle.augusoft.net>
or 206-934-5339

SELINDA SHERIDAN

Sumi Painting

Three 6-week classes
Wednesdays
9:30 am – 11:30 am
Jan. 11 – Feb. 15, 2017
March 1 – April 5, 2017
April 19 – May 24, 2017
Lakewood Senior Activity Center
9112 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA
Call 253-798-4090 for
information/ registration

Collage with Asian Papers: One 6-week class

Fridays from 1 - 3 pm
Feb. 10 – March 17, 2017
Lakewood Senior Activity Center
9112 Lakewood Drive SW
Lakewood, WA
Call 253-798-4090 for
information/ registration

Sumi-e

Agape Senior Group
3640 S. Cedar St., Suite U
Tacoma WA 98409
Every other Wednesday at 1pm
**Next classes: Nov. 23, Dec. 7,
Dec. 21**
Please call 253-212-3957 for
information about class fees
and registration.

BILL HAVENS

Sumi Painting Class

Fridays, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Salvation Army Sr. Activity Center
4009 9 Street SW, Puyallup
No charge for class & free lunch
For info, call Bill 253-535-1954

Haiga Adventure



This is Dorothy Matthews' haiga in celebration of fall on display at the Haiku Northwest conference held in Seabeck in November. Dorothy organized an exhibit of PSSA haiga works, which was well-received. Since it was also Halloween weekend, conference participants made masks; this one on the haiga was Dorothy's.

Submitted by David Berger

HAIGA ADVENTURE NOVEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING NOTES

Submitted by Voski Sprague

On November 2, 2016, PSSA created the Haiga Adventure Committee board position with a budget of \$200. Our board liaison is Cathy Tashiro.

Norma Jean Byrnett presented *Etegami* in a clear, organized and absorbing fashion with demonstrations, practicum, handout and supplies that left us eager and inspired to prepare for the January challenge rooster, haiku in etegami format.

Book recommended: A *Beginner's Guide to Etegami* - by Dosankodebbie



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE HAIGA ADVENTURE MEETING

TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2017

Create a "Year of the Rooster" etagami greeting card

Bring your sumi brush;
other materials and demo provided free

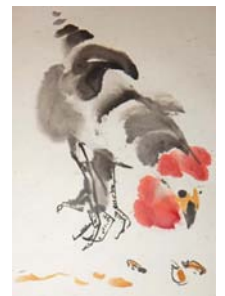
Noon to 2 pm

Fircrest Community Center, 555 Contra Costa Avenue

RSVP to Dorothy Matthews by Friday, January 13, 2017



By Bill Havens



By Trish Rogers

Member Exhibits and Endeavors



APCC Founder Patsy Surh O'Connell and PSSA members Muriel Taylor and Nola Tresslar at the APCC 20th Anniversary celebration.



Judy Kalin sold her miniature sumi painting, "Snoqualmie I", at the 10th Annual Miniature show in Moses Lake.

2016 Olympia Fine Arts & Crafts Show

Among the 16 diverse artists in this juried show, our **PSSA member ALICE LIOU** will display her watercolor and Sumi paintings.

Dec. 3 from 10:30 am – 5:00 pm & Dec. 4 from 10:30 am – 4:00 pm
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 415 Capitol Way North, Olympia



Patsy Surh O'Connell holds a Water Media class on Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at APCC.



Here is how PSSA member **Margi Legowik** used a lot of her old sumi-e paintings. She covered this storage box with these "test" paintings and found that it was a fun way to see her paintings again.

Member Exhibits and Endeavors



Our newest PSSA member, **Ching Ma**, has an exhibit at the Culture Center of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Bellevue. Here are just a few of Ching's many paintings.

Check out Ching on the web www.chingma.com and on Facebook: ching ma

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear PSSA members,

For these past four years, I have so much enjoyed the privilege of being editor of our PSSA newsletter. Every month as I received your newsletter contributions, I was inspired by your talent, your enthusiasm, and by your dedication to making PSSA the vibrant and supportive art organization that it is. My interactions with so many of you each month have been most meaningful to me.

I am grateful to Muriel Taylor for stepping into the role as our new editor. I know Muriel will do a wonderful job in keeping you well informed of all the exciting things going on with PSSA.

~With gratitude,

Nancy



**THINGS TO REMEMBER
FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING**

- Contribution for potluck lunch
- Gift for gift exchange
- Donations for Tone Resource Center or YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WILL BE DECEMBER 15**

**DIRECTIONS TO ASIA PACIFIC CULTURAL CENTER
4851 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, Washington
253-383-3900**

Heading north on I-5 toward Tacoma

- At **Exit 130**, take ramp for S 56 St West toward Tacoma Mall Blvd
- Continue on S 56th St to S Tacoma Way
- Turn right onto S Tacoma Way and go .4 mile

Heading south on I-5 toward Tacoma

- At **Exit 132A**, take ramp right for S 38 St West toward Tacoma Mall
- Continue on S 38th St to S Tacoma Way
- Turn left onto S Tacoma Way and go .7 mile.

**For directions from other locations, go to
<http://www.asiapacificculturalcenter.org/contact> and click on
directions.**