



FEBRUARY 2019 PSSA NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 5, 2019
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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month our Highlighted Board Member is Mary Aten, our Secretary.

Mary was born and raised in Waipahu, Hawaii. After high school she enlisted in the Air Force and subsequently completed college with an ROTC scholarship. She worked as a Manpower Management Officer, and an Administrative Officer living in southern California and Frankfurt, Germany. In 1989 she decided to leave the Air Force and studied at the University of Puget Sound School of Occupational Therapy. Her passion for children led her to work at Mary Bridge Children's Center, The Tacoma Learning Center, and finally she opened her own Private OT clinic in 2009.

Mary has always loved art, but found little time to pursue it until retiring. She started with watercolor, and joined PSSA because she thought it would improve her watercolor skills and she enjoys meeting new people (especially artists). Since joining, she has a new passion for sumi-e and oil painting. Mary is also currently co-raising Cafe, a one year old black Lab for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

We appreciate your taking time out of your busy life to contribute to PSSA as our Secretary. Thank you, Mary.

Barbara Yunker

PSSA News

FEBRUARY 5TH PROGRAM

Vice President of Programs: Sally Penley

KaCe Whitiacre has agreed to present our Feb. 5th PSSA program. The plan is for us to make some marbled paper Feb. 5th, then use the sheets for book covers or inserts later in the year when she will teach a form of Japanese book binding. KaCe has provided the following introduction and instructions for attending members - so come prepared!:

Suminagashi The Ancient Art of Japanese Marbling.

Suminagashi (墨流し) or "floating ink" is the process of marbling plain paper with water and ink to transform it into something vibrant and colorful. It originated in Japan as early as the 12th century. I hope members will bring a sheet of sumi paper. Later this year we can use these papers for covers on a hand made book. So bring a sheet no larger than 8.5 x 11, if there is enough ink members may be able to do two. It is my hope that we can do production quickly, so all may have at least one that they have done. If you have a photographic tray and are willing to bring it, it could help us speed up the process of being creative in a large group. Do you have a special sumi ink? You may bring that too, to use on your paper. This notice is to help you to engage in our project, but we may not be able to use everything that is brought and you should know that some ink types are better than other, so be open minded and I'll see you February 5, 2019, which as fate would have it, is the Lunar New Year.

EDUCATION

Chair: Lois Yoshida

PSSA's participation at Japan-America Society's New Year's event was well received. Its members were attentive during the demonstrations and enjoyed the activity of the hands-on tables set up for sumi-e and shodo. Thank you to Midori Kono Thiel, Karen Dedrickson, Mitsuko Toyama, and Cathy Tashiro for their contributions.

Muriel Taylor, re ASIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT TACOMA DOME FEB. 9TH, 11am-6pm

PSSA will have one demonstration table flanked by a PSSA Retail Table on one side, and, hopefully, by Darlene Dihel's own Retail Table on the other side. At our retail table (1) we will sell cards, single or boxed, small items like Haiga Mobiles, and if Print or small floor bins are available, small matted prints or originals for which the artists will reimburse PSSA 25% to cover the cost of the booth. All the items for sale must be priced, listed on an artist's inventory, and brought for pick-up to the February 5th meeting. Instructions and materials for preparing your sales items will be mailed when the PO opens Jan. 22nd so you will have time to prepare your sales items. If you have card display racks that stand on a table which you are willing to lend, please bring them, marked with your name, as well. Keep in mind that our space is very limited (one table) and the booth is only 10'x10' so a storage box allowing us to put out merchandise gradually over the 8 hour period would be good. If you have not notified me that you will have items to sell, please email Muriel Taylor, jamur4321@gmail.com asap so I can send you the preparation packet.

EXHIBITS

Vice President of Exhibits: Alice Liou

Please note the following information re current and upcoming exhibits:

Be sure to mark your calendar and come to the **Tacoma Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, from 1 - 3 pm**, for the reception and to enjoy this beautiful PSSA exhibit at the Handforth Gallery.

See the Prospectus for "All Creatures Great and Small" p. 6. And the chairs, Darlene Dihel and Sally Filiault, ask Members to **PLEASE remember to give us your label for your paintings for the Puyallup Show by the March meeting. Paintings are not due until the April meeting.**

February brings hints of Spring! i.e. Cherry Blossom Festival toward the end of April at the Seattle Center. Please note the Prospectus on p. 7 and start thinking warmer thoughts of Friendship to inspire your painting (1) for our Exhibit there, which will be picked up at the **March 5th Meeting.**

Wow! The PSSA Board really did an outstanding job of feeding us at the January meeting. Thanks to all. For February, the food volunteers are: Melinda Brottem, Laura Chan, Bill Colby, Selinda Sheridan, Midori Thiel and Lisa Wang. Thank you in advance.

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Kristie Langlow

Note from outgoing chair, Muriel: The 2019 Rosters are being mailed to those not present for the January meeting and should be in hand in time for the February meeting. Please look them over, chuckle and enjoy the art work, tuck your Roster in a handy, close-by location and consult it whenever you need to contact another PSSA friend or member or when you need refresher information about PSSA standards for exhibits, labels or packing your art safely to and fro. We have worked hard to include useful and vital information, so please consult your Roster first if you have a question. If you do not find an answer, do let Kristie know for next year!

PSSA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFLECTIONS

CORRECTION: In this section in the January Newsletter a typing mistake inaccurately stated that the initial cost of materials for the SHODO class at Fircrest would be \$200. With apologies, more accurately: the charge for materials will be \$2.00. *[Might be something in the breeze from D.C. to cause such a misplaced decimal!]*

The success of **Sally Penley's January Program on SMALL BRUSHES** is well illustrated in Christelle Tomasini's photos of the event. So, be advised: missing a PSSA General Meeting means missing a TREAT!



SUMI INSIGHT

Faye Clerget: "Thoughts on Creating Abstract Art"

I could write a story of abstract art. Here's an 'insight' in a few sentences, attempting to help someone: What a wonderful journey it has been studying sumi-e and the related elements. Creating an abstraction really challenges your creativity. Just 'say yes' and enjoy the ride! It is moving your creative heart way out there, add a stroke of Sumi to bring you back to your comfort zone, then try again.

[Note from Trish Rogers, Sumi Insight Editor: When you think of contributing to this sharing, remember, sometimes an insight is a flasho of brilliance.]

HAIGA ADVENTURE February 12, 2019 Meeting Open to all PSSA Members - NO FEE

LAST LINE HAIKU Led by Melinda Brottem: All PSSA members invited to try your hand at replacing the last line of a three-line haiku selected from some of Melinda's favorite published poets. Hand outs provided

ANONYMOUS HAIKU: Led by David Berger All PSSA members invited to bring one or two of your haiku to transfer to unsigned index cards (provided) and join the sometimes serious, sometimes silly discussion fun.

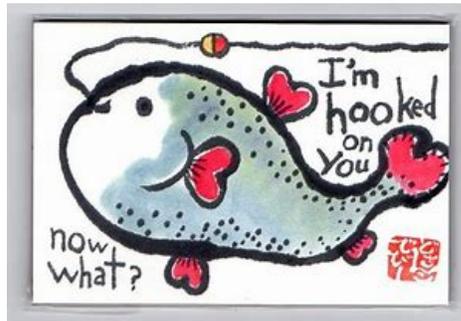
ETEGAMI VALENTINES: FREE Mini palettes and pre-cut 4x6 matboard for etegami valentine cards provided for creating at the meeting or "take away". Various haiku valentines selected from online sites on attachment.

SEABECK PREP: Scroll down and check out scores of samples of Tanzaku-khake-shikishi at <https://picclick.ca/japanese-hanging-scroll-Title-shikishi-kake-khaki-223258460795.html> and <https://picclick.ca/japanese-hanging-scroll-Title-shikishi-kake-khaki-223258460795.html> the form we're adapting for our hanging exhibit at this year's Haiku Northwest exhibit at SEABECK open to all PSSA members. FREE grommated matboard shikishi provided to any PSSA member who wants to participate will be available in March.

JOYOUS PIG (SEE BELOW)

Joyous Pig suggests <https://beyond-calligraphy.com/>

The online site at this reading features visual links to 10 "quick read" international artists whose thoughts and images may broaden your love of sumi, shodo and haiga.



Teachers, Classes, & Workshops

NEW SUMI OFFERING

BEGINNING & CONTINUING SUMI

PATRICE BRUZAS

Four Sundays, 1:30-3:30 pm

Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17

Gallery Row

3102 Harbor View Drive, Gig Hbr.
for Fees & Registration,
call 253 851 6020 or go online to
www.gigharborgalleryrow.com
or email pbruzas@juno.com

SUMI PAINTING FOR BEGINNING AND CONTINUING STUDENTS

LOIS YOSHIDA

Jan 29 - March 5, 2019

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Kirkland Arts Center

www.kirklandartscenter.org

or 425-822-7161

Jan 29 - March 5, 2019

Tuesdays, 6:00- 8:30 pm

South Seattle College

<https://southseattle.augusoft.net>

or 206-934-5339

CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

March 9&10, 2019

Sat. & Sun. 10 am to 4 pm

Frye Art Museum

704 Terry Ave., Seattle

www.fryemuseum.org/classes

SUMI PAINTING

SELINDA SHERIDAN

Three 6-week classes

Wednesdays 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Jan 16-Feb20, Mar13-Apr.7, & May

1 - June 5, 2019

Lakewood Senior Activity Ctr.

9112 Lakewood Drive SW

Lakewood, WA

Reg. or info call 253-798-4090

COLLAGE / MIXED MEDIA

SELINDA SHERIDAN

2ND FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

12:30 - 3:30 PM FEB. 8, MAR. 8,

APR. 12, MAY 10, 2019

Register in advance

Lakewood Senior Activity Center

9112 Lakewood Drive Lakewood,

Reg. or info call 253-798-4090

SUMI-E

SELINDA SHERIDAN

Wednesdays 1 - 2:30 pm

Feb 13,27,Mar.13, Apr3, 17, 2019

Agape Japanese Language School

8815 S. Tacoma Way, Swt 102

Lakewood WA 98499

Call 253-212-3957 for fees & reg.

PSSA CALLIGRAPHY for Beginning & Continuing Students

LOIS YOSHIDA

-FIRCREST COMMUNITY CENTER

555 CONTRA COSTA AVE.

Open to community Seniors and FREE to PSSA members. There will be a \$2.00 fee for an initial instructional packet. Members are encouraged to bring their current supplies, but a supply list is available.

Meets monthly on **2nd Tuesdays 9-11am**

Next class: **February 12, 2019**

For info, contact loisyoshida@gmail.com

SUMI & CALLIGRAPHY FOR BEGINNING, CONTINUING & ADVANCE

FUMIKO KIMURA

4th Tuesdays, 10 am - noon

Next Mtg: February 26, 2019

FIRCREST COMMUNITY CENTER

555 CONTRA COSTA AVE.

Free to PSSA members and to seniors in the community

HAIGA ADVENTURE STUDY GROUP

FIRCREST COMMUNITY CENTER

555 CONTRA COSTA AVE.

Meets 2nd Tuesdays, 11am-2pm

Next Meeting: February 12, 2019

call or email Dorothy Matthews for information. 206-910-4514

SUMI PAINTING CLASS

CHARLIE NICHOLAS

Fridays, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

for info. call 253-845-5175

to Charlie,

Salvation Army Sr. Activity Ctr.

4009 9th Street SW, Puyallup

PROSPECTUS

"All Creatures Great and Small"

"The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man" Charles Darwin

Show Dates: April 8 - May23, 2019
Co-Chairmen: Darlene Dihel
360-625-8756
mddihel@aol.com

Reception: Thursday, April 18, 5:30-7 pm
Sally Filiault
206-938-1039
tgifgal@yahoo.com

Venue: Puyallup City Hall
333 S. Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

5th Floor Gallery Exhibit
open Monday-Friday, 9-5
(free parking lot next to building, if entering from 2nd St. SE
parallel to Meridian

of Entries: 2 paintings at April Meeting
Commission: 10% to PSSA
Size: no smaller than 11"x14", + OK
Delivery&Regis. PSSA Meeting **April 2**
Labels (2): attach one to top right back corner

Entry fee: \$5.00 for each painting entered
Frames and Mats: Refer to Roster.
Media: all forms of sumi
Return Pick-up: PSSA Meeting **June 4**
SUBMIT OTHER LABEL BY MARCH MEETING!

_____ Puyallup Show 5/2019

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Title

Title

Medium Framed Size

Medium Framed Size

Name of Artist Price

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Artist's Phone # E-mail

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Attach upper Rt. Corner Back of Painting

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Submit with painting registration

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PROSPECTUS

PSSA Cherry Blossom Festival Exhibition

Theme: "Friendship"

Date: April 26-28, 2019

Location: Seattle Center Exhibition Hall 301, Mercer Street

Chair: Sally Filiault (206-938-1039)

Mentor: Genevieve Ashford (206-935-5219)

Total Number of Paintings: 20 to 25 small and medium paintings (no scrolls)

Media: Sumi, sumi and color, or any other sumi related media are welcome

Frames, Mats, Packaging & All Technical Details: Follow standard PSSA requirements as set forth in PSSA 2019 Roster.

Sizes: Small to medium, up to 24 inches on either dimension

Registration and Drop Off Date: March 5, 2019 PSSA Meeting

Pick Up Date: May 7, 2019 PSSA Meeting

Entry Fee: None (One painting per person. You may use the artwork from the Handforth Gallery Show with new entry labels prepared, if the theme "Friendship" works for the artwork.)

Commission: 10% of Sale Price to PSSA if sold through Cherry Blossom Festival

LABELS

Submit with painting registration

_____ Puget Sound Sumi Artists (PSSA)

Title

Medium

Framed Size

Name of Artist

Price

Artist's Phone

E-mail

Attach upper right corner on back of painting

_____ Puget Sound Sumi Artists (PSSA)

Title

Medium

Framed Size

Name of Artist

Price

Artist's Phone

E-mail



**THINGS TO REMEMBER
FOR THE FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING**

**BRING 1 OR 2 8.5"X11" SHEETS OF
SUMI PAPER FOR SUMINIGASHI
PROGRAM**

**BRING YOUR PRICED ITEMS FOR
SALE, YOUR INVENTORY, ?DISPLAY
EQUIPMENT, AND STORAGE BOX IF
APPROPRIATE**

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WILL BE FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

**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 to 4851 So. Tacoma Way
