



SUMMER 2020

President's Message

Dear Art Alliance Members and Supporters,

When you read this, it will have been about four months since Stay at Home became our new lifestyle. We have missed out on museum exhibitions, gallery receptions, Art of Dining, and most of all, sharing our excitement for the visual arts with each other. Viewing websites from museums, even if they have amazing collections, is not the same as sharing the space in front of an art object or painting with one of you.



For now, we can celebrate our CSUF faculty who within a matter of days converted their syllabi into distance learning mode via Zoom, and other similar platforms. We can thank the CSUF staff who managed to work from home to help us stay in touch with you. We can congratulate the students who persevered and completed their courses and graduated in record numbers, and we can be excited for the Art Alliance Scholarship winners highlighted in this newsletter.

It is difficult to predict what the fall will bring, and so to keep everyone safe, Art Alliance is not planning any in-person events in the near future. We will continue to send you visual arts related ideas and information such as links to videos and websites. And we will share news of our members so please keep your stories coming.

In the meantime we hope that all of you will renew your membership in Art Alliance so we can meet our goal of awarding \$11,000 in student scholarships again in spring of 2021, and continue a similar financial support for the Visual Arts Department Exhibition Design graduate program connected to the Begovich Gallery. Renewal letters will go out in August.

Virtual hugs to each and everyone of you!

—Joann Driggers

Enrichment Trip—Early Spring 2020

On Thursday, February 20th Art Alliance members traveled by bus to Pasadena for brunch at Marston's Restaurant. We enjoyed the atmosphere of the converted bungalow, the complimentary homemade hummus and pita bread, and cool drinks. It was difficult to choose one item for lunch, as it all looked and tasted delicious. Service was excellent, and we left contented.

Our next stop was the Norton Simon Museum to view "By Day & By Night: Paris in the Belle Epoque." Featured artists include Edgar Degas, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Armand Guillaumin, and more. Then members went on to explore other parts of the museum, including the sculpture gardens. It was an idyllic day!



Art of Dining—
Everest
Cuisine
Jan 30





Haily Coleman-Poggi



Trash Can Girl
Eileen Wang



My Emerald City
Valentina Aproda



Life in Her Shoes: Walking to the Car
Peilin Le



PMC Mascot
Mikayla Webb



@pinkrubynose

Smoke and Mirrors
Sheridan Lalicker



Bendy in Henry's Hell
Morgan Diaz



Rescuerdame
Bethany Vega



Ichor
Amer Ahmed



Fern the Octobotanist
Sung Huyi Lee



Break-Through
Maselia Marin

The Art Alliance has been busy doing its most impactful work to help students directly—selecting and funding the student scholarships! Students applied online by early March 2020, and then a team of Art Alliance members and Visual Arts faculty reviewed the applications to select the scholarship recipients. This year, Art Alliance members Veronica Michalowski and Louise Shamblen were judges, along with the new art faculty members Mary Anna Pomonis and Mateo Tannatt. Board member Shanon Fitzpatrick and President Joann Driggers organized the process and timetables. Thanks also to Art Department Chair Jade Jewett for managing the scholarship application process from beginning to end, and staff members Laura Garcia, Gail Dawson, and Peggie Winters who assisted her.

The following students will each receive scholarships of \$1,000 for academic year 2020-21. (Please see their artwork images on the previous page).

Myrt Purkiss Endowment Fund: Provides scholarships to freshman (or sophomore) art majors.

Sheridan Lalicker, BA General Studio

Eileen Wang, BA General Studio

Art Alliance Endowment Fund: Provides scholarships to junior transfers from community colleges.

Ahmed Amer, BFA Drawing & Painting

Bethany Gabrielle Vega, BFA Entertainment Art/Animation

Florence Millner Arnold Endowment Fund: Provides scholarships to continuing undergraduate art majors in the fields of drawing, painting, illustration, or printmaking.

Sung Hyun Lee, BFA Illustration

Mikayla Webb, BFA Illustration

John and Flora Olsen Endowment Fund: Provides for scholarships in ceramics, crafts, or graphic design.

Peilin Li, BFA Entertainment Art/Animation

Morgan Diaz, BFA Entertainment Art/Animation

Hally Coleman-Poggi, BFA Graphic & Interactive Design

Tribute Endowment Fund: Provides for scholarships for graduate students.

Valentina Aroda, MFA Photography & Experimental Media

Lusella Marin, MFA Drawing & Painting



LA Opera Poster Contest

This year, hundreds of students from colleges across Los Angeles submitted their Marriage of Figaro-inspired artwork for the LA Opera annual poster contest. The judges selected three students who'll receive a cash prize and recognition.

First Place (\$5,000 Prize) winner:

Ash Coughlin is an Illustration student at **California State University, Fullerton** interested in pursuing a variety of artistic jobs.

Ash produces work centered on fantasy themes. Reflecting on taking home first place, Ash said, "I almost couldn't believe it, and I was very thankful...During these times I've been pushing myself to study my craft more and more. When getting the news...it gave me hope knowing hard work pays off."

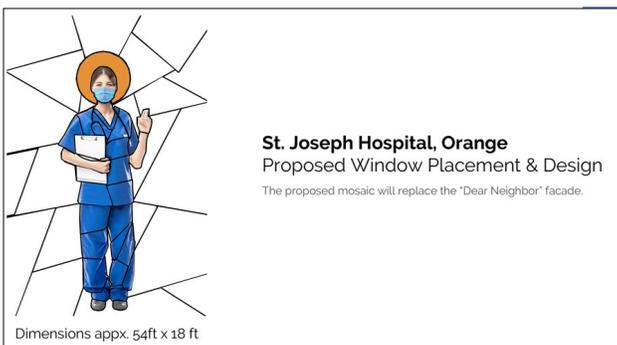


BEGOVICH GALLERY

Please visit the website arts.fullerton.edu/begovichgallery to view recent student art work. Below is only one of many projects.

Art 364AB – Stained Glass Project

Students who participated in this project were asked to propose a stained-glass component for an architectural landmark of their choice. Each proposal had to consider the structure's history and function while utilizing glass characteristics: transparency, opacity, and texture. The suite of images represents the recontextualization of familiar public spaces to a new generation of communities.





THANK YOU TO OUR 2019-2020 BOARD MEMBERS!

Darlene Smart, Shanon Fitzpatrick, John DeLoof, Joann Driggers, Lois Austin, Veronica Michalowski, Dodie Sailor, Diane Harris, Kathy Miguel (not pictured, Susan Cable)

We are pleased that they will all be continuing to serve their board positions in the coming year!

Welcome New Members!

It's our pleasure to welcome **Janet Green** and **Sylvia Garber** to Art Alliance. Janet joined us on our trip to the Norton Simon, and signed up right then and there. Sylvia comes back to us after taking a hiatus. She was a member of the Art Alliance Board (for at least 10 years) so we are very happy to have her back!

Sale of Sports Car Collection Funds Scientific, Engineering Research



The \$10 million European sports car collection donated to Cal State Fullerton as a lead gift for its \$200 million comprehensive campaign was sold for the benefit of the Audrain Automobile Museum this week for future display at the museum in Newport, Rhode Island.

Click [HERE](#) to continue reading the story about this generous gift from Nick and Lee Begovich.

Bits and Pieces – Notes from Members

Kathy Miguel has been busy gardening, and feels grateful for good health...she tries to keep a sense of humor about these unusual times. She talks with **Shirley Finton** every week or so—Shirley is living at Brookdale in Redondo Beach. **Diane Harris** has resumed canasta and poker with friends, wearing masks of course! **Susan Cable** is doing fine, and sees her son and daughter-in-law regularly. **Shanon Fitzpatrick** is continuing to create art/history lessons for some of the elementary schools in Monrovia in an “online” format. She sends “thanks” for keeping us in touch and says “I miss everything about Art Alliance!!!!!!” **Darlene Smart** was gardening in her large and hilly yard, and fell, and smashed her left hip. She spent four days at St. Jude Hospital, but is having a good recovery. **Veronica Michalowski** is grateful for the gift of time that the virus provided. She finished a second poetry book based on family photos and memoirs, and just submitted a third poetry book to her publisher. Now she is at work on a fourth!

In Memoriam

Nick Begovich

Estelle Blake

A BIG THANK YOU!

We appreciate the planning that **Shanon Fitzpatrick** did for the Scholarship Reception which unfortunately was cancelled. However because of her planning **Veronica Michalowski** and **Louise Shamblen** served as judges of the students submissions. All their efforts are greatly appreciated.



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