President’s Message

Art Alliance members found Fall of 2019 filled with many new people and events. First, we met Jennifer Frias, the new Director of the Begovich Gallery, at the first showing of the CSUF Art Department Print Collection (“Everything in its Place”). Next, we held our annual Membership Party, and welcomed 19 new members to AA! Thank you Lois Austin and Junko Klaus for hosting your backyard at Morningside for the party. A huge “thanks” to all our current members who recruited these new and enthusiastic people. For the first time we honored our member artists by featuring their work as our centerpieces. And then we participated in new programming planned by the new Gallery Director – In Conversation and Art Pop.

In Spring, Art Alliance will offer four Enrichment trips, each with new opportunities to engage with art in Southern California. See our calendar for dates and locations. Detailed flyers will be mailed for reservations. Please mark your calendar for our Scholarship Reception April 29th, an opportunity to meet the recipients of our Art Alliance scholarships, which will total $11,000 this year.

Scholarships are funded by our Art of Dining events, memberships, and donations. This year we ate Italian food at Fratanellos, Vietnamese food at Belage Gourmet, and Chinese food at Everest Cuisine. Watch for at least two more similar events between now and June.

—Joann Driggers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Fall Membership Party

The Art Alliance annual membership party was held on September 12th with the theme of celebrating Art Alliance artists. Life memberships were awarded to Fay Colmar and Desiree Engel. A special President’s Award was given to Lois Austin.
NEW PROGRAMING AT BEGOVICH GALLERY

Jennifer Frias, the new Director of the Begovich Gallery, has begun two new outreach programs, In Conversation and Art Pop. Both are contributing to the history of CSUF’s print collection, currently showing at the Begovich Gallery. Members of Art Alliance were honored and excited to be invited to these events.

In Conversation “The Art Alliance and the Collection” was held in October. Those in attendance were treated to a delightfully fresh outdoor brunch and moved into the gallery to discuss some of the prints by AA members. While studying two prints by Florence Arnold, attendees discussed the importance of her work to the appreciation of art in Fullerton, CSUF, the Art Department and to the Art Alliance.

In Conversation November featured G. Ray Kerciu who shared the story of the fortuitous beginnings of the CSUF print collection and how it expanded. Of concern to him and all of us in attendance, is how the collection can be grown, preserved, and used for the benefit of students, the University, and the public. It is a large and expensive responsibility.

—Lois Austin
Fall Enrichment Trips

Art from ancient Herculaneum was on display at the Getty Villa in the fall and the Art Alliance was there. Did you know that the Getty Villa and Gardens were modeled on the Herculaneum Villa dei Papiri? Buried in AD 79, discovered in the 1750s, and subsequently excavated in the last twenty years, it housed an enormous library of more than a thousand papyrus scrolls, marble and bronze statues, mosaic floors and frescoed walls. It was a privilege to see the first showing of these wondrous treasures in the United States. The beauty that surrounded the upper classes in Roman times, at least until 79AD, was amazing.

—Lois Austin

On a brisk and cool morning about thirty Art Alliance members eagerly boarded a bus in Placentia and enjoyed a short drive to The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. Celebrating their 100th Anniversary, the Huntington opened the Mary Lou and George Boone Gallery to the public to exhibit precious memories from 1919. On display were large reproductions of important events of the times: Samples of the extensive library of priceless books that Henry Huntington collected, enlarged newspaper articles of the founding and success of the Suffragettes, maps, and business records of the Huntington properties. It was a glorious day at this iconic estate.

—Shanon Fitzpatrick
Welcome Our New Board Member

Susan Cable retired from Verizon after 31 years of employment. She enjoys reading and volunteers twice a week with the Friends of the La Mirada Library. She enjoys bird watching and is participating in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s Project Feeder Watch, and she also likes to garden and is a member of the Fullerton Garden Club. Susan joined AA in the fall, and now will become an AA Board Member at Large.

A Place For Everything and Everything in It’s Place—Begovich Gallery

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