The Art Alliance is a volunteer community group dedicated to the support of the Visual Arts at California State University, Fullerton



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Begovich Gallery: Living with Clay: California Ceramics Collections Fall Membership Party at Fay Colmar's home CSUF Concert Under the Stars Enrichment Trip to Laguna Beach Art Museum: Art Colony: The Laguna Art Association, 1918-1935 Art of Dining Bowers Museum: African Twilight: Vanishing Rituals

# President's Message

Dear Art Alliance Members and Supporters,

t's time to review all the exciting experiences and accomplishments we have shared during the spring: art enrichment lectures and museum visits, gallery receptions and curator talks, Art of Dining, visit to Professor Emeritus/ artist John Leighton's studio, and our Scholarship Reception. Thank you Art Alliance Board



members for making these events successful!

This year, thanks to your donations, Art Alliance contributed \$16,000 to the Begovich Gallery and the Exhibition Design program. These funds are used for Gallery talks and receptions, art shipping and installation, and exhibition research. Graduates from this program are employed by museums, galleries, and design firms.

Many of you attended the Scholarship Reception in May, and met the talented recipients of our \$11,000 in Art Alliance scholarships. Your support encourages students to strive for excellence and to continue their education.

A special "thanks" to our retiring Board members: Maxine Allen, Paula Ames, Fay Colmar, Shirley Finton, Maria McDonald, and Margie Starks. Collectively they have contributed to our knowledge and enjoyment of art, and helped us celebrate the talents and success of our Visual Arts scholarship recipients.

This summer Art Alliance Board members are busy planning a Membership Party on September 20, at the home of member and artist Fay Colmar. Enrichment trips and Art of Dining are on the agenda too. So now is the time to renew your membership, and encourage a friend to join as well!

– Joann Driggers, President

#### 2018 Scholarship Reception

& Ceremonies and Knights in Armor



Titan Hall was buzzing with excitement on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. As Scholarship winners—accompanied by their families arrived to receive their scholarships, they were greeted by Art Alliance members who have been endowing Visual Arts Scholarships for over forty years.

In conjunction with the Department of Visual Arts eighteen hard-working, talented students received their rewards. Many proud faculty members witnessed this celebration.

These students expressed thanks for the importance the scholarships will play in their quest to better achieve their life-long goals in the Visual Arts.



## **Ruminate Gallery Talk**

In February, members attended a gallery talk presented in connection with *Ruminate*, an interdisciplinary, global exhibit of Neo-Minimalism at the Begovich Gallery featuring works chosen for their quiet, controlled energy and meticulous and innovative use of materials. All four artists in the exhibit, *Hadi Tabatabai, Anna Bogatin, Gregory Hayes,* and *Joseph Cohen* participated in a spirited and wide ranging panel discussion moderated by Mike McGee, Begovich Gallery Director. Members also enjoyed a wine and cheese reception with music by a classical string quartet and against the background of a spectacular sunset. A perfect Southern California evening!



### Painted in Mexico and Found in Translation



In February, Art Alliance members traveled to LAC-MA to view two groundbreaking exhibitions. *Painted in Mexico*, showcased over 100 18th Century Mexican paintings, a period marked by major stylistic developments and the invention of new iconographies illustrated in massive

works of both secular and religious themes.

*Found in Translation*, an exhibit of more than 250 objects

showcased the design dialog between Mexico and California and featured prominent artists such as Richard Neutra, Luis Barragan, Ray Eames and Clara Porset. The visit was enhanced by an Enrichment lecture on the exhibitions by Laura Black, who received her MFA in Exhibition Design and Certificate of Museum Studies in Spring 2018 from CSUF.





4,000 pounds of folded clothing from Goodwill was transformed into towering landscapes

#### **Hauser & Wirth Gallery**

In March 2018, Art Alliance members traveled to Los Angeles' Arts District to visit one of LA's newest galleries, Hauser & Wirth—an international gallery located in the restored Globe Grain & Milling Co. An artist educator from Hauser & Wirth provided a tour of the gallery's three strikingly different exhibits. Members enjoyed lunch at Manuela at the gallery, whose menu celebrates locally sourced ingredients. An Enrichment lecture by Laura Black on the three exhibits gave members context and background for the work of the three artists.



On April 21, twenty-five Art Alliance members visited the glass studio of John Leighton, who situated his work around his home garden and pool. The weather was perfect, food delicious, and there were plenty of opportunities for great conversation.



#### **John Leighton Studio Tour**







# A Message from Jade Jewett Art Department Chair

It's been a busy summer after the tremendous successes of the spring term. Thank you again to all of the Art Alliance members for a wonderful Scholarship Reception & Awards Ceremony. So many students and their parents have sent messages of deep gratitude and joy.

The Art Department is busy refreshing classrooms, welcoming new freshmen and transfer students, assisting students with registration, and preparing for the fall 2018 term. New initiatives and state requirements will encourage curricular updates to our wonderfully diverse and successful programs. We welcome staff member Peggie Winters, the department's new Financial Coordinator, and faculty member Mateo Tannatt, the Sculpture professor replacing the gleefully retiring Professor Jim Jenkins. View Mateo Tannatt's artworks at http://moussemagazine.it/mateo-tannattinova-2015/ and http://www.marcfoxx.com/ exhibitions/1490.

Mike McGee, long-term Gallery Director and Professor of Exhibition Design & Museum Studies, will focus his teaching expertise within the Art History discipline. Coordinating the Nicholas & Lee Begovich Gallery and Exhibition Design & Museum Studies programs will be continuing Interim Acting Director Karen Crews Hendon. Director Hendon will open the gallery season with graduate student and curator Rody N. Lopez' exhibition: Living with Clay: California Ceramics Collections, August 25, 2018–November 17, 2018. The opening reception is August 25, 2018, 5–8pm, with the Art Alliance Preview and Collector's Panel 4–5pm.

Students and faculty return to campus soon. I look forward to seeing them and Art Alliance members on campus and at the upcoming exhibitions and Concert Under the Stars. The academic race begins!

### In Memoriam—Art Alliance Members

Dorian Hunter Interior Designer, Educator, Artist Shirlianne Olsen Educator, Traveler, Collector

### **Match Challenge**

Thank you to all who participated in our Match Challenge from January 15<sup>th</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Together, we raised a total of \$8,035 for the Gallery Exhibition Design Program.

## Congratulations on your Retirement Dana Lamb!

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Art Alliance member, Dana Lamb, recently retired from CSUF. Dana is an alumnus, with undergraduate and graduate degrees in Illustration. He established a design and illustration company before teaching courses in graphic design and illustration at CSUF. He began the Entertainment Art and Animation concentration, building key academic partnerships with major studios. Dana was the first recipient of Variety Magazine's Animation Educator of the Year in 2015.

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