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NOVEMBER 2024 ASSOCIATION UPDATE

On November 13, 2024 the current Association Board met to discuss how to proceed, given the lack of volunteers for the 2025 Association Board. The Board voted unanimously to dissolve the Association. This means that the Atascadero Art Association, as an incorporated non-profit, will cease to exist at some point in 2025. It was agreed at the meeting that the current Board will continue to operate the Association until current obligations are complete. You will **not** receive the usual membership renewal form this year, and **no** membership checks should be sent. The Association's website will continue through the Summer of 2025 and updates on the disbursement of funds and other news will be posted there as it is available.

If you are interested in participating in an art association, Paso Robles is probably the closest and has a gallery space. Morro Bay also has a full gallery space and a space for demonstrations and classes.

The Board is currently looking at other local non-profits to accept its scholarship funds for High School students, and other remaining funds.

We thank you for your long term dedication to the Association and hope that you will join your friends for the final potluck on December 7th. We will have a few items belonging to the Association for sale, including display easels.

Although the formal non-profit is ending, that does not mean that you stop painting. Find a buddy or set up a group of painters to get together regularly (even if you just end up talking.) It is good to get out and about when you can, and see other people. Come to the potluck and exchange contact information. Hope to see everyone there.

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The chilly weather has arrived! Great time to cuddle up in your studio with a sketchbook and put some of your ideas down on paper. The President and Treasurer recently met with the Principal at the Fine Arts Academy and are hopeful in providing some new materials, equipment or experiences for the Fine Art students through a donation. The Board has also made the preliminary contact with Atascadero High School to offer three scholarships to the June 2025 graduates.

Election News:

Only two members volunteered to serve on the Association Board in the coming year, which is not enough to do the work of the Association. The current Board will be meeting in November to discuss next steps. Updated information will be provided later in November after the Board meeting.

UPCOMING

Our final event of the year is the Holiday Potluck to take place at the beginning of December. Bring a salad, bread, or dessert to share. Remember to bring a holiday greeting card, ornament or other craft you made to share.

Please make every effort to come and say hello to the friends you have made over the years. **Mark your calendars now as you know how busy it can get.**

DATE: Saturday December 7th

TIME: 11:00 P.M.

PLACE: Methodist Church, 11605 El Camino Real in Atascadero

IN THE NEWS

A group has organized in Atascadero and is periodically having an Art Hop. This activity allows you to see a variety of artists, some at work, and their artwork. The most recent event was November 1st, so keep an eye on their website to see when they will have another event: <https://atownarthop.org/>

It was a busy weekend, with the Art in the Park in Paso Robles also underway. Hopefully some of you made the trek in support of your fellow artists.



INSPIRATION

In preparation for our Holiday Potluck in December, try your hand at making a holiday greeting card, ornament or other craft to share at the Potluck.

Paintings from September's Inspiration of 'Garden Corner - Creative Lighting'

Colored Pencils



Watercolor Pencils



OCTOBER SHARING MEETING

We had a small group in October, but some new things to share. One of our newest members brought beautiful examples of wood burning as well as pastel portraits. Early attempts at using alcohol inks for painting using hand blower and electric blowers were shown, with some discussion of the trickier side of this medium. Another person shared an experiment with Watercolor Pencils, and we able to see a series of watercolors from a member's recent art trip to Italy.



CLASSES

Remember to check out the "Links" page on the Art Association website to connect with classes in the area. **Atascadero's Recreation, Cuesta Emeritus, and Cuesta Community Programs** all offer some art classes.

Pastels, Watercolors, Oil painting and Collage are going on at **Art Central**.

Morro Bay Art Center has Stained glass, ink & watercolor marker, and Portraits coming up.