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DEMONSTRATION

Our upcoming event in April will be a presentation by Virginia Mack on Color and Light. Virginia is a member artist at Gallery at Marina Square in Morro Bay and works mainly in Watercolor and mixed media. She has taught art at Cuesta and other places in the area. She is a colorist and is interested in the interplay of light and color in nature. Her work is usually of nature in and around Morro Bay.

What: Color and Light with Virginia Mack

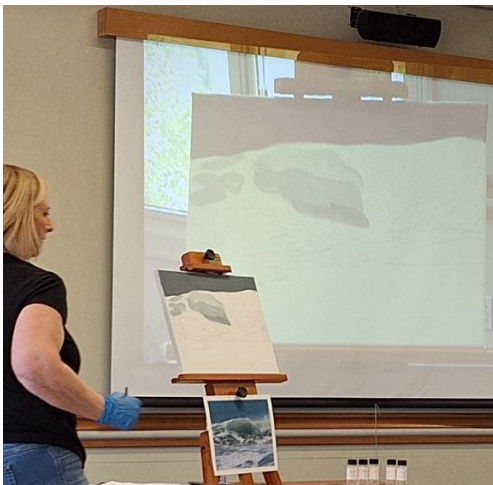
When: Friday, April 19th at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Atascadero Public Library - Martin Polin room (upstairs/up elevator)

If you know an artist who would be interested in doing a demonstration, please have them contact the Art Association Board at AtasArtAssn@gmail.com. Your participation will help to make our demonstration program more successful.

SEASCAPES

Patricia Newton demonstrated how to get going on a seascape to capture the movement and translucence of the water, adding froth and foam to finish it off. She also shared some tips, things she has learned over her many years of doing these paintings. We were able to use the Art Associations projector to get her work visible on the big screen. She worked with a limited palette, but lots of mixes to produce the gradations of color. She primarily uses linseed oil for thinning and discussed touch up varnishing which can be used to protect a painting until it is ready for final varnish. She also discussed revitalizing a painting the seems to be dulling as it dried. A great demonstration and shared insights. The red value finder, similar to what she showed us, is available on-line from various suppliers.



And after finishing up in her studio the result is...



INSPIRATIONS

In honor of our recent demonstration, the inspiration of the month will be Seascapes. Challenge yourself by using a different medium than you usually use...perhaps oil and acrylic painters could try watercolor, and watercolor painters collage, or... you fill it in. You may find you have an undiscovered talent.

Remember, no need to stick too close to the idea. Just let it roll around in your head for a bit and see what pops out. Feel free to send a photo of whatever you do from these prompts through our email address, and it will be posted on the website for others enjoy.

UPCOMING

An Artist Connection meeting is planned for May to prepare for the upcoming show and the Fair. Bring work you have completed or are working on to share with others, and IF YOU WANT, request suggestions or ideas to finalize your work.

June will be the members' show at *The ARtery*.

The Mid-State Fair has released their theme "Wide Open Spaces" and information is now available on their website.

Deadline for entering is June 4th. Handbook: <https://www.midstatefair.com/fair/contest-information.php>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, the Spring picnic is planned for June 1st at 1 PM. We will be in our usual spot near the back parking lot. Come early and do Plein Air work, or just come for lunch.

CLASSES

The Pottery in Atascadero has settled into their new home at 5800 El Camino, next to Bru Coffee House. Check out the offerings for classes both for beginners and those with experience. Lots of fun and great teachers.

Cuesta Community Programs offers various art classes. There are individual costs for these classes. Office phone is 805-546-3132 or register through www.cuesta.edu/communityprograms.

Cuesta Emeritus Program is offering drawing and painting classes. These classes are free, but require you to register as a student (unlike Community Program classes), but staff will assist students with the process. Call them at (805) 591-6273.

Atascadero Recreation Department is offering drawing classes and watercolor classes. Watercolor fills up fast so you have to sign up as soon as it opens up. Sign up through the City's website www.atascadero.org