



October 2020 Featured Artists

Dina Asna of Moraga demonstrates her life message "Do not worry about what is missing or about your flaws" and her theme "Be Happy" through her amazing watercolor artwork such as "Joy Birds" or "Forest Friends." When Asna was born in Tehran she had polio and was eventually fully paralyzed. Yet within a few weeks it subsided and remains only in her legs. She uses watercolor as it reminds her of "letting go of perfectionism" which allows her to express her feelings onto the paper.



Dina Asna, "Joy Birds"
9" x 9" watercolor



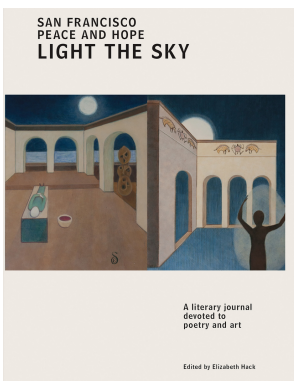
Loralee Chapleau, "Cautious Optimism"
30" x 40" oil painting on canvas

Loralee Chapleau of Danville is inspired by the changing beauty of the seasons. She paints in oils and acrylics with an expressive style, using vivid colors and energetic brushstrokes; she favors large pieces. Her theme is "Recollections: Experiential and Imagined." Chapleau credits Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Eric Kandel's book, "Reductionism in Art and Brain Science: Bridging the Two Cultures" with her personal goal as a visual artist. She draws on past experiences and memory to create large semi-abstract pieces but she switches around and also paints direct observation on location. Chapleau strives to present emotion with every stroke in her paintings. To learn more visit www.loraleecs.wixsite.com/loraleeart.

Ann F. Fallin of Walnut Creek began as an oil painter but switched to watercolors in 1980; thus her exceptional skill is evident in every painting. "Through painting I like to communicate the upbeat and the positive," she said. Her goal is to share her enthusiasm for the subject-which can be anything from landscape, portrait (human or animal) floral or still life - in hopes of causing the viewer to become positively involved with her work. Fallin likes to cover different subjects as it keeps her work fresh. In her painting, "Oh Deer!" she succeeds in closing the gap between what triggered her to paint the scene and what is on the paper to view.



Ann F. Fallin, "Oh Deer!"
16" x 22" watercolor on paper



"Light The Sky"
photograph. [Back Cover of Book]

Elizabeth Hack of Lafayette works with advisor Al Young, California Poet Laureate emeritus and photographer Philip Lewenthal to ensure local and international voices are heard in San Francisco Peace and Hope (SFPH). SFPH reflects a hopeful vision in their literary journal devoted to poetry and art during these challenging times. SFPH's mission is to examine global change while celebrating the eternal, changing aspects of life. Their blog gained recognition and SFPH's first literary journal devoted to poetry and art was born. Their second book received Golden Seal Award at the Twenty-Fifth Annual Dancing Poetry Festival in Sep. 2018. Viewers of their virtual exhibit will see photographs and a video of written and visual excerpts of "Light the Sky." To learn more about this nonprofit organization go to www.sfpeaceandhope.com

While the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library is physically closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we invite you to the virtual gallery we have created where you can view photographs and videos of original artwork at <http://www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/>.

