



# Euclid Art Association

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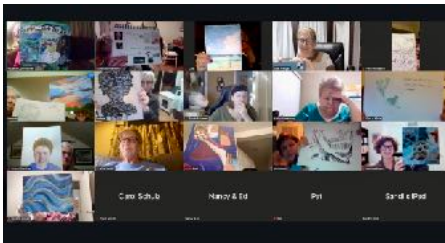
## FEBRUARY MEETING

Our next monthly meeting is **Monday, February 3, 2025** at 7:00p.m. on Zoom. We are featuring artist, **Lydia Steeves** from Canada demonstrating “**Creating Critters Using Colored Pencils**”. Lydia is an internationally known decorative art instructor and designer, a teacher of acrylics and colored pencil, specializing in animals. She is definitely an animal lover, especially cats! “To be able to combine my love of animals with my artwork has been just a wonderful journey.” Lydia started off painting with acrylics and developed a signature technique for painting fur and feathers with the filbert grainer, a specialized brush. Always up for a challenge and to grow with her artwork, she set out to explore colored pencils. Because backgrounds are so important to her work, she added pan pastels (pastel colors that can be mixed and applied like paint). Her colored pencil technique brings fur and feathers to life and the pan pastels enliven the backgrounds.



Lydia is from Ottawa, Canada and is a good friend and travel buddy of EAA member, Sandi Richards. FYI...last year they traveled to Morocco together along with several other artists. This is going to be a fun meeting, not to be missed! Invite your friends to participate, too. *The Zoom link will be sent a few days before and a reminder on the day of the meeting.*

## OUR LAST MEETING - THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED



We kicked off the new year with our very popular **Members Show and Tell Night**, inside where it was cozy and warm! Members were asked to “**depict, in some visual form, your New Year’s Resolutions**”. Many of the 24 attendees on the January 6 Zoom took up the challenge and shared their resolutions with us. It was a lot of fun! Rozenia, who makes resolutions every year, started off by telling the group about EAA’s key resolutions. . . the need to find members to become the next EAA Secretary, the next webmaster and the assistant program director. Many of the members’ resolutions were art related, like going from realistic to abstract or keeping a daily journal of cat sketches. Other resolutions ranged from “I

don’t make resolutions” to “I’m going to be that sassy bird in my drawing” or from “I plan to finish what I started” to the quest to make non-flat chocolate chip cookies. Check out the [Events page](#) or [click here](#) for pics and more.

## A BIT OF BUSINESS . . .

Remember the **EAA Survey**? The goal of the survey - “*The EAA Board wants members input about goals and website to plan for the future.*” Based on 27 members who completed the survey, the key take aways are:

- EAA’s activities are why you joined. The #1 reasons being art shows and demonstrations, followed by contact with other artists, then workshops and community. Everyone expressed satisfaction with these offerings
- The website, [EuclidArt.com](http://EuclidArt.com), is easy to use and very helpful. Favorite features are the Newsletters page, Home page and Art Shows page. Followed by images of art & events and the archives.
- Not many use social media, but those who do are FaceBook users. Some even joined EAA’s private FB page!
- Almost all would recommend joining EAA.

The survey also asked for ways you can assist EAA and what technician skills you offer. Most were willing to help in one way or another on a specific task. Very few admitted to having technical computer skills other than email.

EAA will continue and will grow only because of members who are willing to “actively” help...in the many ways that Rozenia has expressed at every monthly meeting! This leads us to **EAA’s Job Descriptions Project**. The board has documented most jobs. Soon, we will share them all, but specific ones are now available upon request. The club’s needs will be featured in future correspondence. Lots of positions need to be filled going forward.

## HAVE YOU VIEWED EAA'S VIRTUAL WINTER SHOW, January 6 - February 28, 2025

Go to the [Art Shows page](#) or [click here](#). There's an amazing variety of artworks in the show, 34 pieces of art from 18 talented EAA members. **Vote for your favorite!** Share it with family and friends. Close to 90 have already viewed the show and voted!

Everyone can vote...through February 28. Vote for one...your most favorite! As you 'walk' through the images in the show, take note of your favorite one. We've made it easy to remember your favorite, just jot down the number below the image. Then email your choice to [info@euclidart.com](mailto:info@euclidart.com), include EAA - VOTE in the subject line and say "I VOTE FOR #XXX". It's that easy. Winner of the People's Choice award will be announced at the March meeting.

## EAA SKETCHERS

The **Art Scramble** reveal scheduled for **Sunday, January 26**, was canceled. Due to unforeseen circumstances, neither Joan nor Rozenia were available to host the Zoom. We'll catch up with everyone again on February 23, from 1 to 3p.m. In the meantime, finish your Art Scramble, do another one, or request another challenge combo from Joan. Contact her at [artsiegirl826@aol.com](mailto:artsiegirl826@aol.com). She will randomly pick a subject and an art style. Your challenge is to create an image in any medium that best reflects this combination.

## SPRING SHOW AT FAIRMOUNT CENTER

EAA is fortunate to have the Fairmount Center for the Arts available for our traditional Spring Fine Art Show while the Euclid Public Library is being renovated. There are a few "unusual" things you need to know about this show:

- Show will hang in the main floor studio and lobby and will be hung salon style.
- There is a size limit of 18" x 24".
- The number of entries is limited to three, plus one more if space permits...a total of four.
- The exhibition will be seen by patrons attending the Fairmount programs.
- Two time periods are dedicated to viewing the Euclid Art show - Saturday, May 17 from noon to 4:00p.m. and Saturday, May 31 from 2:00 - 4:00p.m. Reception is on May 31, as is the art take-down and pick-up.

## WORKSHOP - A HEADS UP!

Artist, **JoAnn DePolo** will hold a workshop at the EAA Gallery on **April 5**, titled "**Mixed Media with Acrylic, Watercolor & Ink**". Watch for more details as soon as coordinator, Pam Montagno presents them.

## MEMBERS NEWS

Thanks to **Sarah Komaromy** for volunteering to be the next **EAA Recording Secretary** for our monthly meetings.

Congrats to **Dennis McDonnell**! He has five photos on exhibit at the Bird Rock Cafe in La Jolla, CA.

**Alsie Clay** is one of three artists featured in the Beachwood Art Gallery's exhibit "Celebrate Black History Month", Jan. 12 - Feb. 14. Gallery is located inside the Community Center at 25325 Fairmount Blvd. A must see exhibit... congratulations, Alsie!



## ABOUT TOWN

**Evergreen Artists** invites EAA members to join their Zoom meeting, "Adding Figures to Watercolors" with artist, **Jeff Suntala** on Feb. 10, 6:30 to 9:00p.m. Register by emailing [eacorpevents@gmail.com](mailto:eacorpevents@gmail.com). It's free, seating is limited.

## CLOSING THOUGHT

*"The influence or force that motivates the life of each soul is love!"*

— Edgar Cayce reading 1579-1

