

## **FEBRUARY 2024 GYPSY NEWSLETTER**

### **PRESIDENTS LETTER**

Hello Gypsy Tolars!

Hope everyone is staying warm and healthy out there! We are getting lots and lots of rain with this Pineapple Express that has hit California! Too warm for snow at our house but maybe in a couple weeks we will get some more of that white stuff. My daffodils are already starting to come up along with the iris! What a weird winter this has been!

Be on the lookout for our new webpage! Linda is busy creating it and we hope to have it up and running soon. It will be another great way for people to see what Gypsy Tolars is all about!

Thank you to Robin Mani for teaching the first class of the new year! The pieces are so cute! I hope everyone has checked out her other designs on her Etsy site. You won't be disappointed.

Be sure to let us know what kind of special event you are interested in this year. Your board will be meeting Feb 12 to plan and organize and would love to hear your thoughts.

See you all soon to paint with Liz Vigliotto in a couple weeks! What a cute design she has come up with again!

Heidi

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Happy Valentine's Day! We love our Gypsy Members- They are what make this guild so much fun. We have 4 new members since the last newsletter – Welcome

Christine Schlager

Rayma Stewart

Verna Stoddard

Carol Wolfe

If you haven't renewed your 2024 dues don't forget to. We take PayPal, checks and even cash, you don't want to miss out on the exciting things your board is planning for 2024 and the wonderful monthly programs your program chairman has lined up for you. Just fill out the membership form and mail it to me with your check or if you want to be invoiced via PayPal you can email me your form.

Hope to see you on Zoom

Janet

### **PROGRAMS**

We certainly kicked off the new year in style with Robin Mani teaching her delightful gingerbread house designs. A special thank you goes out to Heidi Allison and Carolyn Swasey for holding down the fort for me that evening. My, Carolyn certainly set the bar high for me with that minute-by-minute document she provided to participants on section of the project working on, colors, brushes, etc. I'm sweating big time!

Liz Vigliotto is our featured teacher for the February 15th program. She will be teaching her own whimsical snowman, "Be Merry." There is still time to sign up if you haven't done so already.

I have the following people signed up to paint at O'Flanary's: Heidi Allison, Carm Brooker, Tonya LaBarbera, Corrinne Meyer, Pam Ressler, Bonnie Rucker, Julia Ungar, and Linda Wheeler. Signed up to paint at the Mullin Studio are Carmen Almanza and Donna Petrillo. We need a minimum of 6. If we don't have that many sign up, I will be in contact with you so you can paint from home or go to O'Flanary's.

Our 2024 Programs are complete! Included in this newsletter are flyers for February, March, April, June and October. As we make final decisions for the other months, I will send out those flyers. Remember, our prices have slightly increased for 2024. The cost for programs will be \$15 for members and \$22 for nonmembers.

Our 2024 lineup of teachers is as follows:

January 18, 2024 – Robin Mani

February 15, 2024 – Liz Vigliotto

March 21, 2024 – Karen Brouwer

April 18, 2024 – Linda LaRocco

May 16, 2024 – Linda O'Connell

June 20, 2024 – Janet Mitchell

July 18, 2024 – Christine Taylor-Leonard

August 15, 2024 – Deb Ramo

September 19, 2024 – Heidi Allison

October 17, 2024 – Georgia Magarrell

November 21, 2024 – Judy Coates

Hope you will consider joining us for this coming year.

Carol Whitton

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### **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FAIR MAY 25-27, AND MAY 31 – JUNE 2**

It's time to start thinking about setting aside those beautiful works of art to submit in the San Bernardino County Fair held in Victorville. It will be here before you know it! This is our guild's way to share our craft with the community. If each of our members submit just one or two items, we would have more projects to display than we had last year!

Painters at all levels are invited to submit their work. The different levels are as follows. You will compete against other painters at a similar level as you. Please note, however, that these are general guidelines.

Novice - beginning; has painted 0-3 years

Intermediate - has painted 4-9 years

Advanced - knowledgeable in the art and has painted for 10+ years Professional - paints and teaches as a livelihood

Also, as our dear friend Jane Haggard always impressed upon us, any piece submitted to the Fair must be completed. This means that all surfaces, including the sides and back, of the project should be painted.

As time approaches, I will be reaching out for volunteers who are willing to paint at our table and answer questions that community members might have. Those who do volunteer receive a free admission and parking ticket for helping us out! So, I hope you will be available to join us.

Carol Whitton

2024 SBC Fair Liaison

### **RECIPE**

#### Almond Toffee

2 C. Sugar	1 lb Butter
1 C. Water	8-12 oz Chocolate Chips
2 T. Light corn syrup	1 1/2 C. Almonds

Toast almonds in 300-degree oven on a cookie sheet for about 20 minutes. Chop almonds and set aside.

In 3 qt. saucepan bring water, sugar and corn syrup to boil, stir. Boil for 3 minutes Add butter one stick at a time. Stir constantly.

Continue boiling and stirring until mixture reaches "hard crack" stage—300 degrees

Turn off heat and pour immediately on to a greased cookie pan with sides.

Let cool.

Melt chocolate in bowl over simmering water.

Spread on toffee and sprinkle with nuts.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR COMMENTS**

Please be sure to open all of the attachments for further information on the upcoming programs as well as a shout-out to our February birthdays!