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The Guild Congratulates Seema Gupta!!!

"Nana's Quilt", a painting by OHAG member Seema Gupta, was accepted into the Triton Museum of Art Statewide 2D Art Competition & Exhibition which opens June 26 and runs through September 12, 2021.

The Triton is located at 1505 Warburton Ave in Santa Clara and is open Tuesday - Sunday: 11:00 am to 4:30 pm.



Visit the Triton to see Seema's painting and the entire Salon at the Triton Museum Exhibition!

EXCITING OHAG SPONSOR NEWS!

This last fiscal year, 2020-2021, thanks to the ongoing major support of Fremont Bank Foundation, The Anderson Family Foundation, Mahuron Family Fund, and Tri-City Voice Newspaper, the Guild managed well in meeting its goals. It is a great pleasure to report their continuing support for the coming fiscal year 2021-2022.

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- Fremont Bank Foundation \$2000 Grant
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OHAG Art Scholarships 2021

The Olive Hyde Art Guild recently concluded the Olive Hyde Art Scholarships Virtual Reception 2021. The following is a list of student winners, their artist profiles, and the awards:

Christina Wang, Mission San Jose High School, awarded the \$2,000 scholarship for the pursuit of visual arts in higher education.

Aathavan Senthilkumar, JKF High School, Recipient of \$250 art supplies gift certificate. Amy Zhu, Mission San Jose High School, Recipient of \$250 art supplies gift certificate. Rinna Mae San Gabriel, Ohlone College, awarded the \$2,000 scholarship for the pursuit of visual arts in higher education. Ram Churun, Ohlone College, Recipient of \$250 art supplies gift certificate and Arpi Varonikyan, Ohlone College, Recipient of \$250 art supplies gift certificate.

<u>Arpi Varonikyan</u> "Art has always been a part of my life since I was a child. I used to make dresses for my dolls!" says Arpi Varonikyan. This desire to be creative led to her working with different materials. Arpi finds inspiration through a variety of themes and muses. Some notable influences include mythology, Greek goddesses, fantasy and lore. She particularly experiments with things outside reality in her art work.

<u>Christina Wang</u> Christina started drawing at an early age and in 7th grade had the opportunity to take some art classes. Christina has decided to pursue art as a career and likes to bring stories to life through pictures. Christina is particularly adept at concept art, design and illustration. Referring to her self-portrait created in AP class, Christina explored the imperfection of her own physical features. Christina hopes to pursue a job in concept design and illustration. Christina's advice to young students is sincere, "Practice is so important! Practice every day and share your work and let other people see it and critique and improve."

<u>Rinna Mae San Gabriel</u> Rinna has been drawing since she was little. Rinna became passionate about art in high school and wanted to hone her craft. Most of Rinna's current work deals with political issues as Rinna feels that it is important for an artist to use their platform to speak about issues. Rinna keeps up with the news and chooses to create what resonates with her. Her favorite medium is oil paint and pastels and her advice to young artists is solid, ""Strive to be the best artist you can be. There is always room for improvement!"

Ram Charan Ram notes that when he was a young child, his mother would make images of dinosaurs and he would color them. Over time Ram was creating characters from favorite TV shows and still life work. Ram's portfolio consists of observations from his life as a child of Indian immigrant parents. "Memory isn't something you remember exactly," says Ram. Ram's plans after college include a freelance practice of art as art is a significant part of his life. Ram hopes to use his technical skills to produce pieces for commission. His favorite medium is charcoal and appreciates pencil sketching and the range of value of charcoal. Ram's advice to budding artists is to try many mediums and ideas. "Never wait for inspiration! Push yourself and always keep working!"

<u>Aathavan Senthilkumar</u> Aathavan began drawing in preschool with markers and colors and then moved to graphite, charcoal and several different mediums. Aathavan is the recipient of the PTA Reflections Award and has never taken a lesson and is a completely self-taught artist. He likes to explore many different mediums including inking and acrylic painting. Aathavan practices whenever he has time and finds that art is very cathartic. Aathavan's portfolio consists of his ruminations on man and technology. Aathavan's favorite medium is inking and he likes how it makes the art challenging. Aathavan will be a freshman in mechanical engineering this Fall and will incorporate his passion for design with art. His advice to young artists is, "Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Practice for every portrait and feel free to fail and learn from mistakes!"

<u>Amy Zhu</u> Amy's favorite art medium is oil paint and digital art because of the vibrancy and flexibility of the medium. Her portfolio consisted of images offering tribute to her school wrestling competition. Amy's advice to budding artists is to appreciate the process of creation and avoid being too self-critical.



Christina Wang







Rinna Mae San Gabriel

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

2021-2022 Budget was passed

Scholarships awarded

Members show looks exciting with 38 artists and 125 works of art! It will be a virtual show to start and possibly move to the Gallery.

Congrats to the new Board!

Everyone is looking forward to the Annual Meeting and Installation lunch on June 23rd.

OHAG TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2021

Cash per Bank 5-1-21	\$47,528
Credits	\$205
Debits	-2,316
Uncleared Checks	-5,100
CD + Interest	\$10,523
PayPal Account 5-31-21	\$338
Total Month End Assets	\$51.178

President's Message



This is my last message as President, although don't be surprised to hear from me in the future! The past two years have gone by quickly even with the pandemic and shelter-in-place we've all endured. I thank you all for allowing me to serve as President of the Guild. In many ways, it helped maintain my sanity and relativity during an exceptionally challenging and limiting time in our lives. I have always enjoyed participating and loved being part of the Guild and, of course, that will continue. It is a well-organized, fiscally sound, and tremendously outgoing and caring organization. I count all of you among my friends.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board for their support and encouragement over the past two years. They did the real work to keep the Guild active and vibrant in our community. Just take another look at the Annual Report you received with your membership renewal! When I reflect back to the Board's last "in person" meeting March 2020, and not knowing what the future would hold, I have to admit I was scared. I confess I was skeptical and a little afraid of this "Zoom" thing, and would it really work. Could we survive with the Gallery being shut down? But, you all came through, and we are stronger for the experience.

I hope you will be joining me in welcoming the new Board at our Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers on Wednesday, June 23, outdoors on the patio at Mission Coffee. If you haven't yet made a reservation, please call me.

Thank you everyone! You made it happen!! The future of the Guild is in good hands. I can't wait to see what the future brings.

Stay safe and get vaccinated!

Gail Blalock, Guild President

Annual Meeting/Installation of Officers

Please hold **June 23, 2021**, on your calendar for the Guild's Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers at Mission Coffee.

Reservation deadline is Thursday, June 17th. If you have questions, please email or call Gail Blalock, tblalock32@comcast.net or phone 510/490-7565.

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