

Art Event News

Destination: Art

"Lucky Seven" - Destination Art 7 year anniversary
Associate member exhibition, Nov. 1 - Dec 31,
Destination Art Gallery
www.destination-art.net

International Society of Experimental Artists

Members only juried exhibition, "2021 Utterly
Unfathomable and Powerfully Profound",
Online: <https://iseaart.smugmug.com/Annual-Exhibitions/Annual-Members-Only-Juried-Online-Exhibitions/UUPP2021/>

National Watercolor Society

2021 Volunteer Exhibition Oct 1, 2021 - Jan 3, 2022
915 S. Pacific Ave, San Pedro
www.nationalwatercolorssociety.org

Online Juried Shows

Entry portal for various art shows from around
the country
OnlineJuriedShows.com

Pacific Arts Group

PAG 2022 Exhibition "Diverse Visions", Jan 3 -
Feb 26, Registration now through Dec 17, \$70.
Online and at Destination Art, 1815 W. 213th St.
#135, Torrance
<https://portal.destination-art.net/shows/>

Palos Verdes Art Center

"PVAC90: Past, Present & Future" year-long 90th
Anniversary Exhibition
pvartcenter.org

Torrance Art Museum

Tuesday – Saturday, 11am –5pm
3320 Civic Center Drive
Torrance, CA 90503
torranceartmuseum.com

Watercolor West

53rd Annual International Juried Exhibition is
currently online.
<https://watercolorwest48.wildapricot.org/53rd-Exhibition-2021>

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute Classes

(closed Christmas through New Years)

"Tomo No Kai" senior classes (50 years old +)
\$12 annual membership + \$6 for each class attended
Oil Painting – Steve Jones – Tues 10:00am - 2:00pm,
Watercolor Painting – Masa Lee –
Weds 10:00am -12:00 noon
<https://www.jci-gardena.org/tnk-classes.html>

Destination: Art Classes and Workshops

Stretching Your Imagination with Color, workshop
– Mike Ishikawa– pastel, Jan 23, 2022 \$100

Creating Mood and Atmosphere in Pastel,
workshop – Tony Allain– pastel, May 5-6, 2022 \$275

Paint-Ins Tuesdays 10:00am-3:00pm, \$15 each, \$10
for Assoc.Artists, Drop in, no registration

www.destination-art.net Sign up on line.

Destination: Art offers a variety of art classes and
workshops to provide our community with quality
instruction, a comfortable environment and support
to improve technique and knowledge. Destination:
Art continues to hold classes in pastel, oil painting,
watercolor, mixed media and drawing.

Instructors are award winning artists, and classes
are kept small, granting students the best learning
opportunity. There is a Zoom option for most classes
along with the in person experience. If there is an art
skill you wish to learn please provide the information
by contacting Destination: Art.

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www.destination-art.net

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Torrance, CA 90501

Hours: Tu, Fri, Sat 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sun noon - 4:00 pm



Poetry by Elke

★ ★ *A Christmas Story Retold* ★ ★ ★

Christmas was needed on a place called Earth
Where the weather was dank, rainy and dearth
Where people were cold, lonely and without hope
Cheerless and hungry no fire to stoke
So old Santa pondered and thought what to do
At first he was baffled and hadn't a clue
As he bounced a little baby all jolly and warm
In the crook of a cradle that was his left arm
He called Rudolph and said, it's all starting tonight
The thing we call Christmas all happy and bright
He bundled the babe in swaddling clothes
With pillows of goose down so he wouldn't freeze his sweet nose
The babe smiled at Santa with beaming grace
It's ok dear Santa I'll leave my place
I'll go to the people who are sad and depressed
Hungry and lonely they all need a rest
I'll bring them good cheer and greetings of love
Of peace and joy from heaven above
I'll bring hope to them for a future in life
To console them for harshness, difficulty and strife
It was understood as they smiled at each other
That Rudolph was to come and deliver the babe to his mother
And they flew in peace through a star-studded night
The angel told Mary it gave her a fright
To Bethlehem where a star shone on the place
His home for the future, the human race
And so it's told a thousand times
To the people on earth and it even rhymes
This story of Christmas it has no end
For it spreads hope and joy across the land
So if you have a heart and a song to give
Give gladly to others, that you may live
Be remembered by many long past your years
with a smile on their lips, a twinkle in their eyes or maybe.. two tears

Elke Goodno

Written December 21, 2005



President's Message

The TAG board has reserved the Garden Rooms at the Torrance Civic Center for our **Christmas party on Dec. 14th from 7:00-9:00pm**. Each member attending will be given a raffle ticket. There will be three \$50 gift certificates to Blick and two poinsettias raffled off. If you have other art supplies that might be suitable for an additional raffle prize, please let Margarita Rey or me know. The presenter for our party will be Micah Knoll, who will provide a water marbling demonstration. It is traditional for TAG to have a potluck at the Christmas party. Those whose last names begin with **A-L, please bring a dessert or a side dish**. Those whose last names begin with **M-Z, please bring a main dish**. TAG will provide the drinks and paper/plastics supplies. We are going to have our "toy drive" again this year. Please bring a gift certificate to the party or mail it to the TAG P.O. Box 1494, Torrance, CA 90505. Due to the pandemic, this is the preferred form of giving again this year.

Our next TAG paint-in will be on January 8th, at Destination Art.

Your membership dues of \$30 are due January 1st.

At the party, we'll be voting on our new board members. There are still some open positions. Please consider volunteering. I'll remain on the board in an advisory capacity as the past-president. It has been a pleasure to serve TAG and to work with my dedicated board members.

Board Positions:

President: Richard Stephens

Vice-President:

Treasurer: Diane Reeves

Recording Secretary: Debbie Abshear

Corresponding Secretary: Parrish Hirasaki

Membership Secretary: Darlene Merle

Program Chair: Sylvia Smullen

Newsletter Editor: Alvin Takamori



Other Positions:

Show Chair:

General Meeting Competition Chair:

Publicity Chair:

Photographer: Leslie Chavez

Sunshine Chair: Bobbie Davison

To keep everyone safe, your TAG board asks that those who plan to attend be vaccinated.

Hope to see you next week,

2021 TAG President

Tricia Alexander

December TAG Demonstrator

Micah Knoll

During the TAG Holiday Party, Micah will show us how to do water marbling..



[Paula from pg.2]

**Publicity in Newspapers/Newsletters/Online
Promo include:**

Torrance Artists' Guild Newsletter; Easy Reader; Palos Verdes Peninsula News; Torrance Tribune; Malaga Cove Plaza Library Newsletter; Torrance Home Page (sponsored by the Private Industry Council of the cities of Carson, Lomita and Torrance); Torrance Art Museum Advocates Facebook.

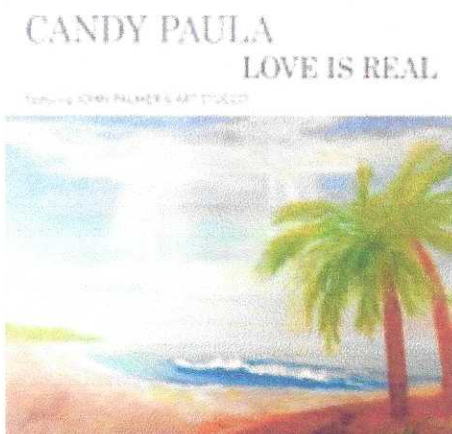
Other artistic ventures: art cards, flyers, post cards and brochures; conduct workshops for beginner artists; mentor first time art exhibitors inviting them to Group Art Exhibits I curate; teach art to youth in church summer programs; support other artists attending their events; invite other artists to join TAG.

Being an artist can be quite interesting. One client wanted a painting of 1 cowboy boot! "The Miracle Boot" was commissioned by the owner of a Shoe Repair Shop in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles. A musician friend (a drummer) has my permission to use the image of my Patriotic painting "Liberty I" on his drums!

It is gratifying to have my art works with many private collectors!

Since 2005 I volunteer with the Torrance Art Museum, I am a Member of the Torrance Art Museum Advocates and Autry Museum of the American West.

When not painting I pursue my passion for music. In 2019 my Debut Music CD "Love Is Real" Featuring John Palmer & Art Stucco was released and I used my original artwork for the cover. I work as a Folk Guitarist, Singer, Songwriter, Composer and Music Producer and have Membership with Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI).



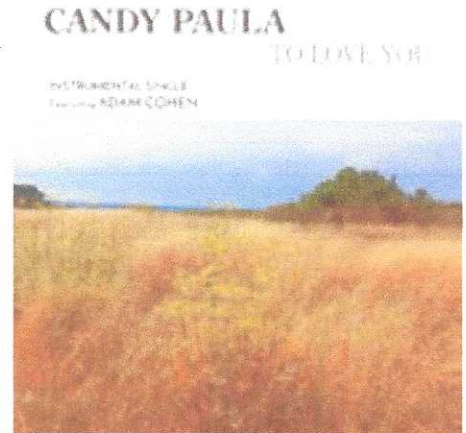
**Gentle Breezes
"Love is Real" album cover**

English Honor Society my poetry is featured in "Inkblot" (an online publication). In 2005 I launched my self-published poetry chapbook "Stars of Light". It was first published at 8 in the group poetry chapbook

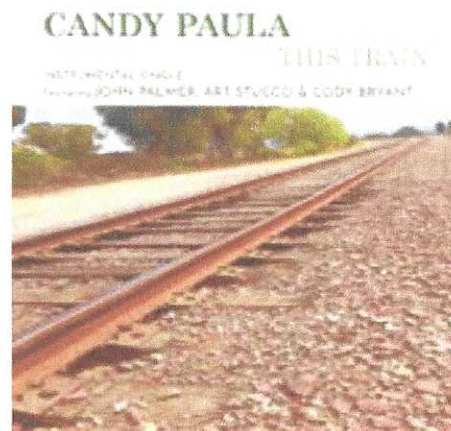
"Sparks With Skipping Stones".

I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in English: Literature emphasis from CSU Dominiguez Hills, Carson, CA and graduated with Honors.

I studied Art History (Art & Architecture) extensively at CSU Dominiguez Hills. Art Studies also included other universities I attended: Loyola Marymount



**Hopeful I (photo)
"To Love You" album cover**



**The Journey (photo)
"This Train" album cover**

University, Los Angeles; University of TN at Nashville, Nashville, TN and Fisk University, Nashville, TN. I also enjoy reviewing the Walter T. Foster Art Books!

I am employed part-time as a Library Page

at the Torrance Katy Geissert Civic Center Library and a Local 1117 AFSCME Member. In 2016 I graduated from "Leadership Torrance" sponsored by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

My husband Gary Di Meo (Local 44, Studio Propmaker) and I reside in Torrance. We stay busy with local churches activities and worked many years with outreach mission churches in South Central Los Angeles. My stepson, foster care son and daughter are adults.

During this Holiday season I look forward to TAG's Annual Holiday Party. I enjoy participating with other TAG Members who generously contribute to the Torrance Toy Drive which helps the Torrance Fire Department!

I am a Capricorn!

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[Paula from pg.1]

magic markers. Humble artistic beginnings but I was on my way!

My favorite medium is acrylic paints. Their fast-drying time really works for me! My favorite themes are: Landscapes, Seascapes, Patriotic, Spiritual, Abstracts, Holiday, and my Kente Heritage Series. It is named after the Kente cloth woven mostly in Ghana, Africa which has distinct geometric shapes and rich, vibrant red, orange, green and black colors.

As a Torrance Artists' Guild Member, I experience many opportunities to participate in Community activities. Art exhibits and receptions are a great way to fellowship with artists and the community.

Some memorable TAG exhibits juried and non-juried include:



Rugged Nature

Online Show 2021 with "Rugged Nature" and "Dryland"; Online Show 2020 with "Way Of The Cross II" and "Spring Flowers II"; Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center; South Bay Lexus; Torrance Woman's Club; Arts Alive! Festival Ken Miller Recreation Center; Family Arts Festival Ken Miller Plaza Recreation



Way of the Cross II

Center; James R. Armstrong Theatre Lobby; Joslyn Fine Arts Gallery "An Art Odyssey" (2001); Borders Books and Music; "Art at the Beach" at Miramar Park (2000).

Solo, Curated and other Community Exhibits include:

Solo Exhibits: Staying busy during the pandemic I created Virtual

Art Exhibits on the YouTube Channel Candy Paula Arts which include: "Soul Survivor"; "Soul Survivor: Narrative"; "Ode to Roots" and "Time & Chance"; City of Torrance City Clerk's Office; "Art on View" Office of Dr. Rodney Ruge Back In Action 2014; "Celebrating Kente Heritage"; "Holiday Treasures, Traditions & Keepsakes" a Special Online Exhibit; "A Celebration of Life" 2001.

Curated Group Exhibits: "Eight Dimensions" Group Exhibit at Malaga Cove Library Gallery Palos Verdes Estates, CA 2002; "Community Art Show" Group Exhibit Office of Dr. Rodney Ruge Back in Action 2019; and "The Glory of the Holidays" Group Exhibit at Java Man Coffee House Dessert Bar, Hermosa Beach, CA 2016.



Liberty I

Fundraiser Events: Torrance Art Museum 2018 and 2021; Cannery Row Art Studios "Art for Haiti" and the Manhattan Beach Country Club Mission Uganda/Hope 4 Kids International.

Other Community Art Exhibits:

APC Fine Arts & Graphics Gallery

"Celebrate Torrance"; Palos Verdes Library District Annual Community Group Art Exhibit; Art Jam and Holiday Shows at Summer Studios Arts Academy in Lomita; CSU Dominguez Hills Multicultural Center; Leimert Park Art Walk; and the "Holiday Music Show" at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center with commissioned work "Winter Cabin"; and "May Art Transpose You" in Culver City.

Co-curated: "Expressions of the Human Spirit" with Sharon Barraclough at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library 2004.

Curator Consultant: "Octagon Group: Eight Angles of Art" Group Exhibit, Malaga Cove Library Gallery, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 2003.



Christmas Candles II

[See Paula pg.3]



Torrance Artists' Guild

P.O. Box 1494, Torrance, CA 90505

December 2021

TAG Holiday Party, Tues. 7:00-9:00 pm, Dec. 14 Garden Meeting Rooms, Torrance Cultural Arts Center

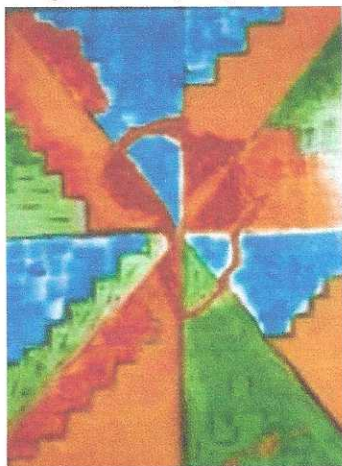
Featured Artist Candy Paula



"Living the Dream" as a Professional Artist brings me great joy!

Growing up in the Midwest, my brothers, sisters and I were encouraged to participate in cultural arts. For me participating in school art exhibits, plays and musicals, dance classes, poetry contests and poetry recitals was the norm. Family visits to the Swope Art Museum in my hometown in Indiana left a strong, positive impression. At such an early age, the paintings had a mystique all their own!

Since first grade I have indulged my passion for drawing. First using crayons and then graduating to pencil, pen, watercolors, pastels and colored markers. As a teenager, my first "commission" was for a classmate's family restaurant – a poster drawing of a hamburger, coke and fries using



Alpha & Omega

[See Paula pg.2]

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Statement of Purpose

The Torrance Artists' Guild is a non-profit corporation organized to cultivate art skills, promote awareness and encourage appreciation of art in our community. It is chartered by the City of Torrance in cooperation with the Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month.

General TAG Meeting: Holiday Party, Sat. 12-14-21, 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Meeting Rooms, 3350 Civic Center Drive, Torrance

TAG Paint-Together: Free at Destination Art, Sat. 1-8-22, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Board Meeting: Tues. 1-4-22, 6:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline: Wed. 1-5-22

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