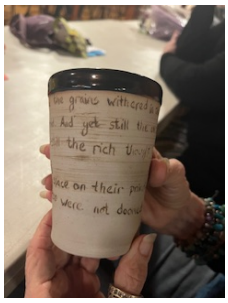
AHA Moments
Feb 12, 6.30pm
Aromas Grange

It was a very festive meeting with a lively chat time . Members found woven paper hearts at their seats that had been prepared by Claudia Harden and filled with little candies. There were also some flowers and sweets given away by Philippe.

Claudia Harden called the meeting to order and also handed out the materials to make the paper hearts. Just go to google making woven paper hearts and follow instructions.

Introductions of Members and Guests with the question what is your first sign of spring? Some of the answers blooming Narcissi, frogs, mating hawks, blooming acacia and plum trees.

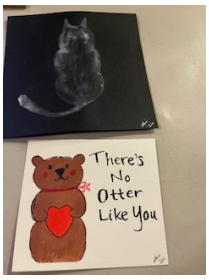
The art sharing theme was: one of your favorite pieces

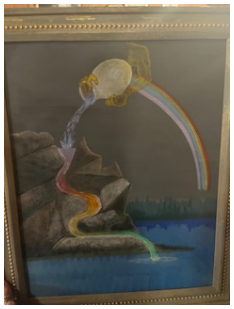


Jane Rekedahl Laurie Tholen Her husband Tim. Polly

Each person including the following had a story why these were special to them.

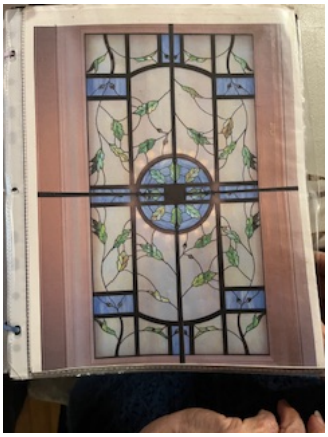
Jayne Camic, Barb Scoles, Kati D'Amore and Carolyn Pierson

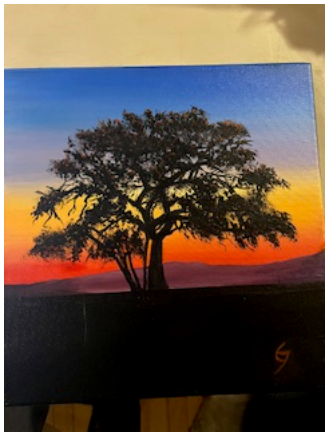




Tami Shankle, Susan Inman, Sandra Bragga's dad and Betty (didn't get her last name, new member, paints with acrylics)

Maureen O'Hara brought several of her favorite pieces, that were made by AHA members. A holder for her Gallileo's thermometer by Don Jensen, a watercolor by Linda and framed by Sandee Adams, and a laser woodcut that she painted.





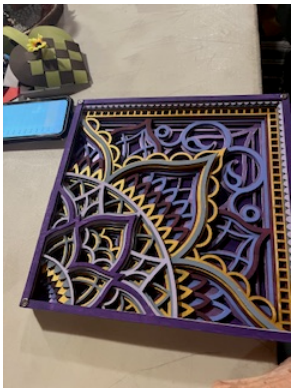
Linda Bjornson Peggy Hartman Betty

Members also shared work from the last “paint outside” at Claudia Harden’s property.

Linda Bj. Peggy Hartman, Cynthia Edgerly and Tami Shankle

Next Location for paint outside will be Pinto Lake, Feb20th 1pm

For our March Workshop we are painting laser cut Mandalas. Maureen O’Hara is the liaison and she brought several pieces for members to vote on. There was a sign up sheet to go around. The workshop costs 65 dollars and scholarships for 50% of that are available but you need to apply.
When you sign up to the work please pick whether you want the square or round design, since they have to be cut ahead of time.



Jane Rekedahl reported that she attended several zoom meetings with the San Benit0 Arts Council and that they have decided to have Open Studios May 16 and May17. You do not have to live in San Benito County to participate. They will advertise but only digitally, no printed catalogs etc. The cost to participate has not been decided yet. It is up to the artists to figure out their location and to advertise.

Jane is also teaching ceramics at Anzar high school and is enjoying it very much. Wednesday February 25th 5-7 pm there is a District wide Art Show at the Anzar High School Gym. Please come out and support the youth!

Christine West is out membership chair and in charge of the website. Our website is **AHA.org**, and if members want to be included or change their info please contact her. Also please pay your membership dues. $30 individual and $50 family.
She is also doing an impromptu workshop on kumihimo braiding for jewelry at her house on Tuesday 17th. No cost, just let her know if you want to come. She will provide the materials.

Tami Shankle is looking for artists and gardens for the May 9th garden tour. Please contact her if you know a garden and/ or want to be in the tour as an artist.

Further Announcements: Please join the Grange, either by downloading the App and mailing it in or on line. The grange provides the insurance for AHA among many other benefits.
Sandra Bragga is the featured artist at Lido Gallery in Gilroy on Saturday 10-2.
Peggy Hartman is featured at Artworks Salinas through March.
PVA Gallery in Watsonville still has the “coming home” member show. The new gallery space is right across from the Watsonville Library. The show ends Feb.21. Kati has a piece in it.
There is a new venture looking for donations of art supplies, pls see flyer.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.