



# CLOVIS ART GUILD NEWS

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## GENERAL MEETINGS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- 7:00PM – 9:00PM
- Clovis Veterans Memorial District (808 4<sup>th</sup> St., Clovis, Patriot Room)
- Membership dues \$30/year
- Guest is \$5 per meeting
- **Next meeting February 14, 2024**
- *No meetings November thru January*

## BOARD MEETINGS

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of each month
- 5:30PM – 6:30PM
- Denny's (Shaw & Willow)
- *Next meeting February 7, 2024*

## ART HOP

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday of each month (Downtown & Tower District)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (Metropolitan Fresno Area)
- 5:00PM – 8:00PM

## Featured Artist

February: Avo Atoian

## Art Demonstration

February: Myrna D. Axt

## Contest

Have your drawing on the Old West Show Brochure cover. We have a contest to choose a drawing for the front page.

- Enter a 5" X 7" pen and ink drawing (black and white) of an old west or rodeo subject.
- Drawing must be photocopy ready.
- Bring to one of the meetings, last chance to enter is at the April meeting.

There is a \$25.00 prize and your drawing on the show brochure. Good luck and bring in your drawing.

## New Members

We extend a warm welcome to all of our returning members, as well as our new members. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our new members Debra Plattner, Nancy Tan, and Peter Newell.

## Pick of the Month Winners - Rules

### **PICK OF THE MONTH**

#### PAINTINGS ENTERED:

- 1 - 3 PAINTINGS - 1st place only
- 4 - 6 PAINTINGS - 1st & 2nd PLACES
- 7 OR MORE - 1st, 2nd & 3rd PLACES

\* 1st PLACE CAN BE WON TWICE A YEAR \*

\* 2nd & 3rd CAN BE WON AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE\*

>IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, THE ARTISTS WILL BE AWARDED THE TWO CONSECUTIVE RIBBONS WITH THE PREVIOUS WINNER TAKING THE LOW PLACE RIBBON<

PICK OF THE YEAR IN OCTOBER  
ONLY FIRST PLACE PAINTINGS ARE ELIGIBLE

ALL ENTERIES MUST BE FRAMED

*Friendly Reminder: Please bring in your artwork for the month of February.*



**February – Artist of the Month**  
**AVO ATOIAN**



Avo Atoian is driven by the profound impact of the creative process. Through art, he finds fulfillment and embraces the freedom to make choices. The challenge of visually representing ideas fuels his artistic drive, resulting in a sense of empowerment that resonates throughout his work. Avo's artistic creations serve as a gateway for expressing his innermost self in a tangible and tactile way.

Drawing from his Armenian and Israeli heritage, Avo possesses a deep sensitivity towards the tragedies of genocide and human suffering. His art becomes a platform for portraying the world's grief through evocative elements, with the intention of ensuring that such atrocities are not forgotten and hopefully not repeated. However, Avo's artistic journey doesn't stop there. By acknowledging and embracing grief, he also seeks to uncover and appreciate the profound joys that exist within our world and beyond.

Avo's artistic pieces have a captivating quality that engages and intrigues viewers on multiple levels. Each artwork has the power to awaken emotions, provoke thought, and inspire a deeper understanding of the human experience. Through his art, Avo invites the audience to join him on a transformative journey that transcends traditional boundaries and opens new perspectives.

[www.galleryatoian.com](http://www.galleryatoian.com)

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## February Demonstrator – Myrna D. Axt

### Artist Statement

I've always been creative, but it wasn't until I retired at 65, that I started developing as an artist. I'm consciously involved in creating art and boldly discovering what I kept inside for so many years. My art is mixed media collage, and Assemblage-found object sculpture. It's creating two and three dimensional compositions, putting together found objects, altered bits and pieces, along with my imagery. I revamp, up-cycle, and repurpose creating something magical, ...whimsical. Its taking something ordinary, worn or dilapidated, and reviving it into something extraordinary. It's developing a unique voice, hoping to draw an emotional response from the viewer. I've always been creative, but it wasn't until I turned 65, I took the bold move of completing my first assemblage and and a collage and entered these in the Fresno County Fine Arts Show. To my surprise, the assemblage received a 2nd Place award in Beginning Mixed Media, and the collage an Honorable Mention. I was thrilled and the experience gave me the courage to become an artist.

My art has led to many awards and exhibitions:

Clovis Art Guild Rodeo Show, Alliance of California Artists, Sorensen Gallery, Fresno County, Fair Fine Art Show, Cayucos Art Association, Madera Circle Gallery, Visalia Art League

I've been honored with a numbers of exhibitions including:

Artisana Gallery (Pacific Grove), Cayucos Art Association, Fresno Art Hub, Broadway Studios (Fresno), M Street Gallery (Fresno), Studio 74 (Fresno), Historic Water Tower (Fresno), Tower District Records (Fresno), Brush and Easel Gallery (Fresno), Fresno Arts Council, Vernisage Gallery, Fresno (Studio Artist for 3 years, until Covid, forced the shutdown)

Born and raised in Reedley, graduated from Reedley College with Associated Arts Degree. Completed my BA, American University, Washington D.C., Communication.

Career in advertising working mainly on McDonald's business with both Fresno and S.F. advertising agencies.

Ended Career as Regional Advertising Manager, Kansas City, KS

### MEMBERSHIP and/or REVEWAL APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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Please do not publish my contact information.

Mail \$30 membership fee to: Clovis Art Guild, P.O. Box 1594, Clovis, CA, 93613