



## New Year for the Painting Club

We hope you all enjoyed the holiday festivities and are looking forward to an active, fun 2016 as artists. January through March is typically the busiest time of year in Quail Creek. The club has chosen January as “Beginners Month” to help provide newcomers with a good foundation, but there’s plenty of offerings for more experienced artists too. Check the club calendar on the web site online at [QCFAPC.wordpress.com](http://QCFAPC.wordpress.com) for complete listings and the latest version of the catalog.

## Hot Topics and FAQ.

### Q: Membership renewals. What is the status?

A. About one-half of last year’s membership has renewed for 2016 already. More are expected this month. It is not too late to renew, but your application and funds must be received before you can register for new classes at the discounted member price. Your board would like to hear from you with any suggestions. If there were problems or a lack of programs that met your needs last year, now is the time to speak up. Please contact club president Debbie O’Rourke at [QCFAPCpresident@gmail.com](mailto:QCFAPCpresident@gmail.com). All comments will be confidential.

### Q: Oops. I forgot. Where can I get a renewal application?

A. There are three places to get a form. On the club web site, at the Madera Club house slot for the club, or in the Fine Arts Studio. Fill it out, sign your waiver and write a check. Turn it in at the concierge desk or to the monitor on duty during our club hours.

## January Member Meeting

Mark your calendar for Friday, January 8th, at 9:00AM in the Fine Arts Studio for our next member meeting. Bring your latest work for “show and tell.” Plan to arrive at 8:45 if you have work to show so we can arrange the display. Several members have volunteered to provide a sweet treat. Coffee and tea will be available. There will also be a short business meeting. Guests are welcome, so bring a friend.



Winter in the Santa Ritas: Photo courtesy of Steve Piepmeier

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## January 2016: Beginner's Month and so much more.

The new year means it is time once again to offer the club's very popular series of introductory workshops called "Come and Try It."

These short classes are designed for true beginners who want to sample a particular medium. Supplies and professional instruction are included at one low price.

Following the "Come and Try It" workshops, members can proceed to one of the many beginner level classes.

Don't delay registering. Many of these courses fill quickly.

For the full schedule of dates, times and offerings be sure to check the latest version of the catalog on our web site at [QCFAPC.wordpress.com](http://QCFAPC.wordpress.com)



January workshops, classes and seminars are about to begin.

## New Year, New Fine Arts Programs

Join your fellow painters for one or more of the many interesting new educational opportunities that begin in January. Whether you are here in Quail Creek for a short time or all year long, there is a class, seminar or workshop for you.

Here is a recap of upcoming programs. Check the online catalog for full details.

### Seminars:

Join guest artist Amanda Harris for a one-of-a-kind seminar on collage. This one day class offers an in-depth, hands on learning experience with all supplies included. Learn the art of collage from a master teacher and artist.

### Workshops:

Short on time? Try a three-hour workshop on Abstract Acrylic Painting or a fun, free form Watercolor Splash with teacher Joyce Finn.

### Classes:

Whether your medium is oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic or drawing there are classes available. Most meet on a weekly basis. New this year are an Art Appreciation class and Drawing with Colored Pencils.

Questions? We have the answers or can put you in touch with the teacher of any course. Our teachers are flexible and willing to help. Don't be afraid to ask if you need help.



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## Plein Air Group: January Sunrise at the Mission

The next plein air paint out will be held Thursday, January 14th.

Members will meet at 6:00AM at the Madera Clubhouse Parking Lot and carpool to the Tumacacori National Historic Park. Too early? Come later in the morning and join the group on site.

Sunrise painting and sketching at this unique park is a special experience. There is an admission fee of \$5 unless you have a park pass.

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Winter sunrise plein air painting at the Tumacacori mission.

## January Artist of the Month

Artist of the Month for January, 2016 is artist and teacher, Susan Grace Branch.

Susan has an extensive background in art with a Bachelor of Arts in Design, MA in Jewelry and Metalsmithing, a MFA in Multi Media and an Associate Diploma in Art Teaching. Susan has work in the permanent collections of the Art Gallery of Western Australia, the National Gallery of Victoria, Curtin University in Western Australia, and the University of Iowa as well as private collections in the UK, Germany, Australia and the USA. Susan, along with her husband is a recent full time resident of Quail Creek.

Artist's Statement: "One of my favorite quotes about art is from Tom Robbins book Another Roadside Attraction: "The purpose of art is to provide what life does not." I am inspired by the mysteries deep in our world and beyond. I am inspired by a combination of natural and dream like representations found in my meditations. My aim is to create thought-provoking images/stories placed in evocative landscapes and situations, real and unreal."

You can enjoy Susan's work all month in the gallery display windows. Openings in her classes are still available.

If you are interested in becoming the Artist of the Month, please contact Debbie O'Rourke at QCFAPCpresident@gmail.com for more details.



Susan Grace Branch

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