

California Rosemaling Association

The purpose of the California Rosemaling Association is to promote the traditional art of Norwegian Rosemaling. Our members are committed to preserving Rosemaling as a unique art form.

CRA has approximately 120 members. Some are expert Rosemaler's, and others are beginning painters, all with a love to study this beautiful art form. Membership in CRA allows you to attend the annual convention featuring renowned Rosemalers from around the world and a subscription to the newsletter for only \$15 in annual membership dues



President's Report:



Hoping you all have had an excellent Spring and are all ready for a super summer. As we enjoy the Summer, I know many of us have been busy painting and planning fun summers.

CRA has concluded two successful zoom classes by now: Shaun Sasaki's lovely Christmas Ornament workshop in March and a successful Louise Bath Setesdal class just recently in June. Everyone had an excellent time painting and were so happy with our teachers. It's always fun to learn new things and see familiar and new faces. We hope to offer more zoom

classes next year. It affords many members who dislike traveling an alternative way of learning and connecting.

We do love to get together in person and are all looking forward to the 2023 Eureka Convention with JoSonja on September 21-24 at the Red Lion Hotel. We still have some space and the deadline for final payment is August 15th. If you haven't already booked your spot at the Convention, it's not too late. Go online to our website and fill out the form and obtain all the information. See our website: www.califrosemaler.org for details. Closer to the deadline and Convention you will receive additional reminders and information. In relation to selling things at conventions, CRA has allowed members that opportunity. If you plan on selling things at the Convention, get in touch with Joyce Field, our amazing and dedicated Trade Floor person, immediately (everything due by August 1st). In addition, at the Convention, we hold our annual CRA business meeting where we elect officers, have reports updating members, and hold a question/answer session. All details on what to bring to the convention is found online.





The election committee has a report on CRA's proposed officers for 2024 that we would appreciate it if everyone reviews it. We thank Lynne Bradley for heading this committee and thank everyone who has stepped up to the plate. We still have an opening so don't hesitate to volunteer and make a difference.

CRA is already working on the 2024 Convention in Southern California. There is a wonderful committee in place for that convention and it is composed of many experienced and terrific planners. Thank you, Lynne Bradley, for assembling this team Anyone interested in joining, contact her. However, we do need to fill one elected position so that we can continue as an organization so opt in to be our President next year!



Our organization successfully hosted a great Zoom class taught by Shaun Sasaki in March and everyone was able to complete (most likely) their first 2023 Christmas ornament! Some members were relieved to get a head start on the season. We had plenty of sign-ups and we called it a success. We thank Shaun for an excellent job. I heard many reports from participants that they really loved Zoom because they either don't live near classes or are too far away from places to take a class. The success of this class led us to hold a longer class taught over 3 mornings

in June (19-21) by Louise Bath, VGM. The project was a Setesdal style bowl or plate. This class also quickly filled up and we are very thankful for her conducting a class for us and Shaun for hosting it on Zoom. Louise is a wonderful and gracious teacher with so much to share. I am hoping we can offer additional zoom classes in 2024.





I have enjoyed many classes lately and based on one of my latest classes with Louise Bath, I was exposed to Trøndelag rosemaling. Trøndelag is found in north central Norway (on N/S basis). Cities such as Trondheim and Oppdal are well known in that area.

I've always admired this style, especially the Knut Ericksen Horne ceiling photos that Ruth Ann Petro has agreed to share again with us. The style is fun to paint, uses many of my favorite colors and the examples and information were interesting and led me into realizing how styles have more commonalities than I had previously realized and still have their differences.

I was inspired to do more research on this style and found that the more I learned, the less I knew. I figured that I'd turn to an expert, Louise Bath, to help write an article on this for a future newsletter. Because Louise told us about ale bowls in that area during the class and showed us some of the geometric designs used in Trøndelag.

I found that many pictures of Norwegian ale bowls on Pinterest or Facebook have geometric designs. Not all are listed from that area though. Many have no listing of where they come from or what style. I am working on understanding more about the geometric styles of the area. If you have



Knut Ericksen Horne ceiling panel from 1795 in Vika House's Dining Room (a large Oppdal farmhouse), currently housed at Sverresborg Trøndelag Folkmuseum, Trondheim. Photo by © Ruth Ann Petro.



any knowledge to share on this topic, please share it with us. An example of the geometric style in this area was done by Lynne Bradley in a Patti Goke class.



GRY CHARLOTTE LJØTERUD ANDERSEN

FOLKEKUNSTEN I NUMEDAL

En presentasjon av stil- og motivutviklingen fra 1700 til 1880



Hovedoppgave i kunsthistorie, Universitetet i Oslo, høsten 1995

An interesting book you might want to know about has just come out per the Facebook page: Målarkunst i Numedal It is about the Numededal style of rosemaling. The book was written by Gre Charlotte and Ljøterud Andersen who never saw it published in her lifetime. The book is called: Folkekunsten i Numedal, En presentajon av stil og motivutviklingen fra 1700 til 1880 (The Folk Art in Numedal, A presentation of style and motif development from 1700 to 1880). It is written in Norwegian, however has many inspiring photos. To receive a copy that ships from Norway, contact: Even Tråen at geiteskallin@gmail.com. Include your name, address, email address and desire to purchase the book. The cost shows at 499 Norwegian Kroner (approximately \$48 USD). Shipping will be figured out and the method of payment (via bank account transfer it appears) will be sent to you by Even in return email.

May you all have a wonderful summer, many happy painting days and looking forward to seeing many of you at convention 2023 in September! Don't forget to book your rooms with CRA rates!

Best, Katie Allen



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CRA MEMBER PROFILE: Lynne Bradley, Historian:



I was always interested in art, but in high school, I had to choose between music and art as an elective and music won. After college I taught high school choral music in La Grande, IL, a suburb of Chicago.

As a second generation Norwegian American, I had seen a little rosemaling growing up, so when I saw a night school class in rosemaling, I signed up immediately! I joined the Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association and took a couple of classes at Vesterheim and loved it. In 1986 I moved to CA, teaching at Fallbrook High School. I got a call from Jurine While who said she was organizing a CA Rosemaling Association and asked if I would join. I said yes and I paid my dues regularly for several years even though my school responsibilities prevented me from participating in any activities.

I didn't have any time to paint at all for about 20 years, but when I retired, I decided to bring the paints out again. I discovered that most rosemalers in southern CA were using acrylics, thus a new challenge. I finally got to attend a CRA convention and found that was just the nudge I needed. I've attended almost every convention since then.

I've had the great fortune to take classes from Turid Helle Fatland, Bjørg Kleivi, Anna Hesvik and Oskar Kjetsaa



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The following nominations are presented for 2024 CRA officers:



Proposed Slate of Officers for 2024 Elected Positions:

President: -- OPEN-

Vice President: Lynne Bradley

Secretary: Michele Graham (Ck)

Treasurer: Onya Tolmasoff

Membership: Joyce Field

We will take nominations from the floor but if you wish to nominate someone you must get their permission before you nominate them. If you are interested in volunteering to fill a position, contact Lynne Bradley ASAP.

Thank you to the nominees for volunteering for the Board.

Sincerely, Lynne Bradley, Nominating Committee Chair





SHARING COUNTS!

In a recent article on what makes the Finnish people the happiest (FYI: Finland is rated the Happiest Place to Live), one of the things they listed as to what causes this happiness was sharing what one knows. Our members may do this in many ways. Here are some ways members (who must of course be very happy to share these items) are making an impact and making CRA the happiest of organizations!



Janann Winburn, donor Tusen Takk to our donors!

Jean Disterdick, donor

We have many members who are getting to the stage of downsizing or ending their painting days and they are sharing with our group! Others offer items for our raffle prize from their collections. We've had four members donate so far this year and know of another one soon to come! Their items will be found on our CRA Sale Table during the convention, or on the raffle table, depending on the members' choice. During conventions, other members usually bring woodenware, etc. they no longer wish to use to our table. We really appreciate their kindness. Tusen takk (Thank you) to everyone who has donated or plans to. We hope you enjoy seeing some of the items that we have received to date and a few of our happy donors who shared a photo, if you see one of these ladies thanking them. Be sure to bring your check books to the convention! The raffle and trade floor items will be great and this is just a small preview!





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CONVENTION IS COMING QUICKLY! ARE YOU BOOKED?







See you at the 2023 convention in Eureka! JoSonja Jansen, VGM, will teach a beautiful Hordland/Hardanger style rosemaling sewing basket. Paints and mediums are supplied, but please check online for the list of items you should bring (go to website and look under convention: www.califrosemaler.org). Don't forget to book hotel using CRA rates directly with hotel (use extension 0 when calling their number to get to front desk reservations at the hotel itself)!

CONVENTION 2023 Schedule

21: Wednesday Board Meeting & Convention set up.

22: Thursday Registration & base coating

23: Friday: Class: 8:00am - 4:30 pm (with breaks)

CRA Business Meeting: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

(Election of Officers & Reports, Q&A)

Evening open

24: Saturday: Class: 8:00am - 5pm (with breaks)

Banquet: 5:45 pm-8:00 pm

25: Sunday: Class: 8:00am - 4:30pm (with breaks)

This Schedule is always subject to change. Any questions, contact Penny Wilkins (penniewilkins@gmail.com)



Want to Sell Rosemaling Items at Convention? Contact Joyce NOW:

If you're hoping to sell rosemaling, supplies, packets, wood, etc. at the convention's trade floor, you need to contact Joyce Field ASAP so she knows what type of items will be coming in and can plan the spaces.

All items must be Norwegian related. Table space is very limited — reserve your space with Joyce Field before August 1st. —If you have any questions, email Joyce at jafield@verizon.net or call her at: (310) 292-1332

The Inventory Form and additional information is available in the convention area of the website (http://califrosemaler.org/conv22/trade.shtml). You may print out the Inventory Form (PDF format) found online. Fill out the form and bring it to the CRA Convention. We thank everyone who plans on participating in advance! RULES FOR THE CRA TRADE FLOOR

- Items for sale must have something to do with Norway or Rosemaling.
- Fill in the Inventory Sheet with your item's name/number/price. If you have multiples of the same item, each one needs a separate number.
- All items must be tagged with your name and the above info. Turn in a copy of your items when you get your table.

CRA will send a check after the Convention.



California Rosemaler Association Newsletter Summer 2023 Your Name: Page Cell Phone Number: Fill this form out and bring to the convention Style/Identification Price Sold Item Total Inventory:

At the Convention, CRA collects membership dues for the 2024 year and hands out a bonus ornament packet once again designed by Marley Smith for your painting pleasure as a thank you for payment before the deadline. Thank you, Marley, once again for giving us lovely ornament designs for Christmas! For those not attending the convention, membership fee for 2024 will be due by November 30, 2023, and are past due on December 31st. The fee is \$15 and payable to California Rosemaling Association. You can send this to:

Joyce Field

jafield@verizon.net 19703 Tomlee Ave., Torrance, CA 90503 310-292-1332

HELP WANTED:

Want to take on a big (large-scale) project? Have the room and time? Paid commission! Wanted: a talented Rosemaler with skills willing to do commission work on ceiling panels, large furniture pieces (must have studio on ground floor), and more. Coordinate with customer designs and colors that meet their needs, tastes, and color preferences. Need to live within driving distance (you need not live in that area or our state) of Plumas County (Northern California near Lassen Park). Work with customers on continuing their addition to Nordic inspired interior of house. They will deliver and pick up items—just paint and design rosemaling to fulfil their dreams. For details on this contact Katie Allen, President. You will be sure to leave your legacy on this project! CRA was asked to find someone to refer to owner for review, portfolio exchange and more.



Upcoming Scandinavian Events....

- Sept. 15-17, 2023: Solvang's 85th Danish Days, Solvang, CA https://www.solvangdanishdays.org/
- Sept. 16-17: Vista Viking Festival, Vista (San Diego), CA https://vistavikingfestival.com/
- Sept. 21-26, CRA Convention 2023: Eureka, Red Lion Hotel. https://www.califrosemalers.com
- Sept. 23-25, Camp Norge Rosemaling Retreat, Sons of Norway, Alta,
 California Rosemaling class: contact Linda Johnson laarch@surewest.net or District 6,
 Sons of Norway

Webpages:

- Online Rosemaling class Listings in US: https://www.rosemalingcoasttocoast.org/classes
- Rosemaling Coast to Coast Classes: (Convention 2023) https://www.rosemalingcoasttocoast.org/classes
- o Gayle Oram: https://gayleoram.com/index.php (packets, classes, and more)
- JoSonja's: (Products, design packet/packages, classes and more): https://josonja.com/
- o Vesterheim Folk School: https://vesterheim.org/folk-art-school/ (Classes and more—great Rosemaling Newsletter if you sign up for it and join).
- Rune Nesher Rosemaling: https://runerosemaler.com/
- Lisa Lorentzen: http://www.artoflise.com/about-lise/
- o Målarkunst I Numedal (Painted Art in Numedal): https://www.facebook.com/groups/564378793708565



Nordic Canvas Folk Art Studio: classes:

https://www.nordiccanvasfolkartstudio.org/shop

Wooden ware: Turn of the Century Shop on Etsy:

https://www.etsy.com/shop/TurnofthecenturyShop?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing_id=1184501210

Friendly Online Rosemaling Links

Facebook pages:

- Western Rosemalers Association: https://www.facebook.com/groups/Westernrosemalers/
- o The Thorntown "Malers": https://www.facebook.com/groups/1518201928437409/
- o Rosemaling https://www.facebook.com/groups/Rosemaling/ Group by Forest Wood Rosemaling Design—largest group...many gold medalists, Norwegian rosemalers, as well new and old rosemalers post- great educational site. Excellent!
- Geir M Kåsastuls Rosemaling Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/678552482914745 wonderful telemark painter's follow page.
- o Art of Lise: https://www.facebook.com/ArtofLise1
- o <u>Målarkunst I Numedal</u> (Painted Art in Numedal): https://www.facebook.com/groups/564378793708565
- The Enchanted Palette: https://www.facebook.com/The.Enchanted.Palette
 Claudia Lohnes Teaches Rosemaling and decorative painting in person and zoom.

