



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 Rosemalers, 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.



Dear Rosemaling Friends,



Happy Holidays to all of you! I was thrilled to see so many of you at our 2024 Convention in San Diego. It was one of the best Conventions we've had in Southern California. I heard so many positive comments. Also, many, many people requested we do it again in 2025, same place, same teacher, different project. So, that's what we are working on. Yay!!!

To those who were at the event, I want to apologize for not being able to be in the classroom all day. I had severe shoulder pain (in the left shoulder joint). It was just awful. After I went to the doctor, she ordered an X-ray and gave me anti-muscle spasm meds. After she got results, she had me make an appointment for an MRI. That will happen on 12/27. I have my fingers crossed that it will reveal the root cause. Prayers are welcome.

Many congratulations and thanks to the Board for all they did to make this a brilliant convention. They are:

VP Programs: Lynne Bradley
Treasurer: Onya Tolmasoff
Secretary: Michelle Graham
Membership: Joyce Field

They did a fabulous job and are quite possibly the best Board I've ever had the privilege to work with. Many thanks to them for 2024. Thankfully, they were all willing to serve again in 2025 and were resoundingly selected.

All the very best to all of you!

Ruth Ann



Save the date!

CRA Convention 2025

Thurs. Oct. 23-Sun. Oct. 26, 2025

Courtyard by Marriott in Old Town, San Diego

Instructor: Lise Lorentzen

Let's Do it Again in 2025!

By Lynne Bradley, CRA Vice President

What a wonderful time we had in San Diego for our 2024 Convention! The weather was great, the classes were fun and most of all it was wonderful to get together with all of our rosemaling friends! And Joel, our super helpful contact at the hotel, even made lefse for all of us for the banquet!! For those who weren't able to come, we missed you! But we're already looking ahead to 2025 and hope that you will put the dates for CRA Convention 2025 on your calendars now! We hope everyone will want to reserve their spot right away when registration opens in March. In 2024 we weren't sure exactly how many people we could accommodate because the classroom space had been recently remodeled and reconfigured—but now we know that we can comfortably fit 45 painters. So, in 2025 there will be a firm cut off at 45, with a waiting list of course.

By the way, we are now able to renew dues and pay with Zelle! More information on that at a later date!



36th CRA Convention-cont.

Our hotel contract is signed with the same rates for next year! (we won't know for sure about food prices yet).

And, back by popular demand, our instructor will again be Lise Lorentzen! The number of requests for her to return was historic, so we are excited that she is able to put us on her teaching schedule next year. We will know more about the rosemaling style she will be teaching and the specific project early next year so watch for info --and pictures-- hopefully in the next newsletter. We really appreciated your comments and suggestions, and we'll try to address them as we begin planning.



2024-2025 CRA Officers

Our Board: Ruth Ann, Lynne Bradley, Onya Tolmasoff, Michelle Graham and Joyce Field

The 35th 2024 CRA Convention!

By Lynne Bradley, CRA Vice President

There are so many people to thank for all that they did to make CRA Convention 2024 a success. I hesitate to list them all for fear of omitting anyone. A big thank you to Svitlana Ivasyuk for teaching the great add-on class in Petrykivka (Ukrainian folk art). Since both Lise and Svitlana were using round brushes, we got extra practice in using them! And quite a few cat brushes found new homes in our rosemalers paint boxes.

All the board members (Ruth Ann Petro, Onya Tolmasoff, Katie Allen, Joyce Field and Michele Graham) were awesome! And we can't forget four men whose support has been way above the call of duty. Gary Sakaki does an amazing job as our webmaster, managing all the registrations as they came in and solving any little glitch that came along as well as setting up the tech at the convention. Bill Allen and Doug Field were always on hand to do any job that needed doing (especially heavy lifting!). And then Steve Sullivan, a retired florist, stepped up to make the beautiful flower arrangements at the banquet. A big thank you to some of our local gals who were eager to help.



Members enjoy the lovely atmosphere of the Marriot outdoor patio!

The Painters:



Debbie Hoetzel working hard on her outer band with lyrical strokes!



Painter finishing top of bowl



Shaun Sasaki!



Laura Ganda & Elizabeth Buchman came up with ways to keep themselves busy by doing two projects at once—a bowl and back of a Clipboard! So much fun!

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Sydney Bailey-in her painting grove doing excellent work!



Proudly showing her accomplishment on the front of the project before packing up, Olga Kutuyev is congratulated on a job well done!



Welcome to one of many newcomers with a winning smile, Cynthia Thorstad! She hails from Colorado and her transparent Telemark bowl is coming along well.



The 35th 2024 CRA Convention-cont.

Our Teachers:



*2024 California Rosemaling Association
Convention members and teacher Lise
Lorenzen, San Diego*



*The Petrykivka Ukranian Project and teacher
Svitlana Ivasyok and her project*



Our Teachers - cont.



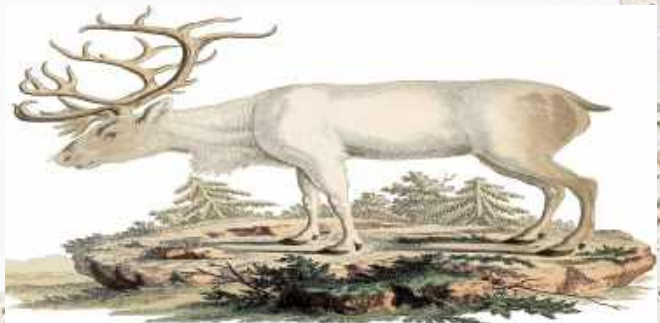
Lise Lorentzen showed up step by step method to how she creates.



Lise Lorentzen, our entertaining, educational, and helpful teacher who shows off her VGM (Vesterheim Gold Medal) pin! She was busy helping first time painters and enhancing skills for more advanced painters. She was so loved, she's asked back next year. She does know how to control adults as well as Special Ed High Schoolers!



Lise Lorentzen, our 2024 Convention teacher, showing students on the lovely Transparent Telemark Bowl she designed.



Our Teachers - cont.



Petrykivka Ukrainian folk art class final class photo with paintings. Group photo of class with their paintings! Great work! Thank you to Svitlana Ivasyok who had such a good heart and lots of patience! It's not as easy as it looks.



2024 California Rosemaling Association Convention members and teacher Lise Lorenzen, San Diego

The 35th 2024 CRA Convention!
The Banquet:



Members enjoy the lovely atmosphere of the table settings, outdoor patio, and friends and family!

The Banquet - Winners:



Very Happy winners 2024! Congratulations!



*The new annual Jurene While CRA
Convention Scholarship awarded in 2024 to
Kimberley Sather, both new to Rosemaling
and CRA! Congratulations!*



The Banquet - Entertainment:



Our entertainment for the evening was provided by the Southern California Dameor, lead by our VP Lynne Bradley! An excellent and fun performance. Tusen takk!



Who is this mystery woman? She is almost unrecognizable. Turns out she's our VP Lynne Bradley in her wild hat!

“My Favorite Rosemaling Things”

By Lynne Bradley, CRA Vice President

By the way, several people asked if I could share the words to the “My Favorite Rosemaling Things” song that Southern CA Damekor sang during the banquet. SO, here they are:

Oil paints, acrylics, retarder and kleister
Raphael quill brushes couldn't be finer
Tines and ambars, oh how my heart sings
These are a few of my favorite things

Brown madder, Prussian blue, ochre, vermillion
Don't tell my husband I've spent half a million
C strokes and S strokes, see how my brush swings
These are a few of my favorite things

Stabburs with rosemaling all over the rafters
Sigmund, Knute Hovde and all of the masters
Lise Lorentzen—such joy that she brings
These are a few of my favorite things

When the paint smears, when the line shakes
When things don't go right
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I can paint all night!



The Banquet - Feast:



Here, Cary Sullivan is getting a piece of the quickly disappearing lefse treat Joel from Marriott's Group Booking made us! Thank you.



Our feast awaits!



The Convention 2024 Ofrenda



Our thanks go out to Melissa Resnick for her amazing decorations, flowers, banners and Memory Tables honoring our deceased Rosemaling mentors.



The Convention 2024 cont:

Donations

CRA was very lucky this year to receive so many wonderful donations for both the Trade Floor and our Special Table Event. Joyce Field donated the items that Onya Tolmasoff put in the goodie bags to be used as water containers. Also, a huge thank you is sent to CRA member Karen Shepard for her many priceless and beautiful donations. Eric Solheim (Marie's son) donated many lovely items as well and we thank him as well. Thank you, Shirley Jones, again for going the extra step to get us items.



*Thank you Karen Shepard for thinking of us! We thank you so very much!
Happiest of holiday greetings sent your way.*



On right Karen Shepard, our wonderful and talented CRA friend from a photo with David Jansen from the past. Thank you for thinking of CRA Karen and being so generous! We appreciate your artwork and collections. Hope you have a wonderful holiday!



Step Right Up and Volunteer!

(Nominating Committee Chair Wanted!)

Every year the president is tasked with appointing a nominating Committee Chair whose job it is to oversee the committee tasked with selecting the following year's slate of officers. We have at least one member ready to serve under you. Your job is to find people to fill the 2026 slate of officers (with their permission of course) and present it to the membership before our second newsletter comes out before convention. This committee must be appointed at least 3 months prior to the annual general business meeting. Your fearless president is ready to guide you along the way. So, please try and volunteer. Many members of the current board have served many years and plan to retire their offices at the end of 2025 and they need to be replaced for 2026.

Contact President Ruth Petro ASAP (email rpetro1@mac.com). **She will not do this job so please step up!**



Welcome back to our long-time treasured CRA Charter Member: Marley Smith! So nice to see you again!





"So that's who Gary is" was exclaimed so many times, we wish to introduce you all to our very helpful tech and website wizard, Gary Sasaki! He's been helping us for many years and makes our lives so much better! Thank you Gary!



Tips/takeaways from Convention 2024:

1. For better lighting and to save space in luggage, bring a small portable battery-operated light.
2. Bring a small portable battery-operated hair dryer to speed up drying time on project.
3. Cut a roll of shop blue paper towels (lint free) in half (top to bottom-half) and pull from center (from Lori Larkey, Robin Gardner, Linda Ware & Doris Kitzmiller).
4. Cut the blue paper towels (lint free) into small squares (ca. 2" x 2" and bag up for use on projects (Lise Lorentzen)—remember to fold to use corners and keep from spreading excess paint. Also, great to use when spreading paint on a bead in controlled fashion
5. For evenly spacing your patterns, use a KLOCKIT on round objects – complements of Lise Lorentzen.



What a great tool to provide extra light on a project without the need to plug in!



KLOCKIT pattern provided to class by Lise Lorentzen. Maureen Kleinman took it to next level and after cutting it out, traced it onto a transparency so she could easily use it! Thank you, ladies, for these ideas!

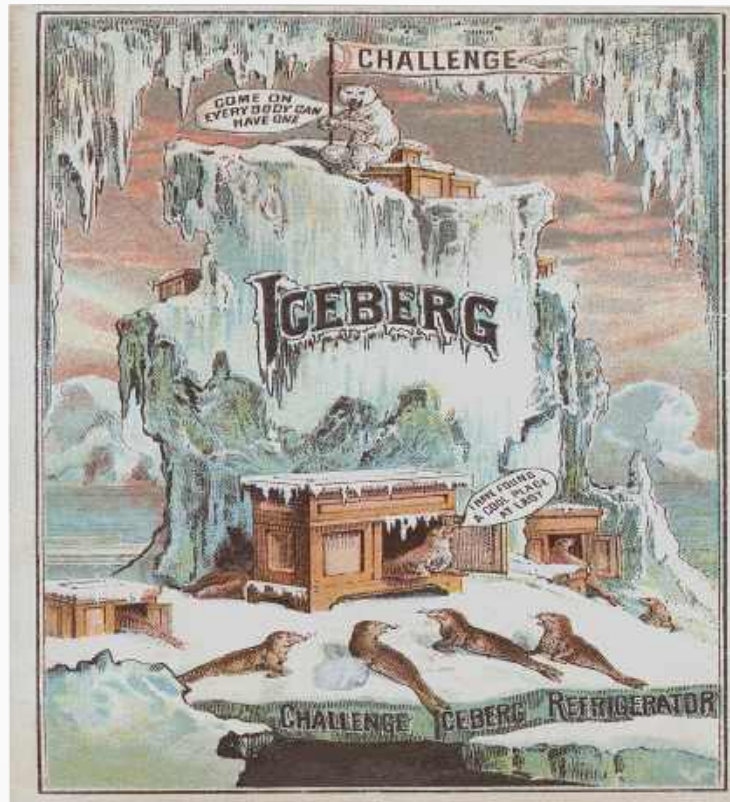
Tips/takeaways -cont:

6. Lise's Mix was a hit at the convention. Make your own using JoSonja's mediums: Flow, Retarder and Clear Glaze in ratio: 1:1:1. Your brushes will take those long strokes easily. Thank you Onya Tolmasoff for adding this to our goodie bag and bottling the mix up!
7. Making a new burl wood antiquing tool. Use the inside wrapper from a Cereal box and cut out a piece, then fold it, rubber band secure it, snip it and finally use it to create the burl wood appearance. YouTube video online with Lisa showing how to do it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZAlFh5ua0>

Antiquing/burled wood faux finish tutorial, rosemaling wooden plates.

Art of Lise - ASMR Friendly.



ZOOMING' ALONG AT CRA

By Katie Allen

Join us on Jan. 29-30, 2025 for the CRA Viksdal class we set up with the expert Cathy Castellanos.

Reservations have begun online at our website. This class is geared to intermediate to advanced students. The class will be taught in oils, but acrylic conversions will be provided. We suggest you hurry and sign up so you have plenty of time to get your materials you need.

We will advise you if your 2024 membership was renewed at convention or not before the end of December



Viksdal Zoom Class
CRA Jan. 29-30,
2025

Viksdal class Zoom Class details:

- Jan. 29, 2025: 8:30 am PT – 1:00 pm PT with 30 minutes off for lunch.
- Jan. 30, 2025: 8:30 am PT – 1:00 pm PT with short break
- Cost: \$45.00 plus 2025 membership if not paid (\$15.00). Send check within 7 days.
- Instructor: Cathy Castellanos
- Style: Viksdal
- Class will be recorded and available for you to view when you want.
- Registration and details at: califrosemaler.org website, click on Events link, then on Viksdal Class to register and see additional details.
- Registration closes Jan. 20, 2025.



*Seven and a Half Years more
for
being part of a community...
It's good for us!*

Recently I caught an interesting presentation on Sunday Morning! The focus was art enhancing one's life to add 7.5 more healthy years. The episode highlighted a Yale study where findings showed people with a more positive outlook and with a community around them lived longer. Being in a community is good for us.

The main presenter for this segment was Jane Fonda who focused on her art community. She shared that her art outlet, which included a community of artists enjoying art in its myriad forms, has the profound ability to enhance quality of life. It serves as a universal language that transcends barriers, allowing individuals to connect, communicate, and express themselves in unique and meaningful ways.

Art enriches our lives by providing a source of inspiration, beauty, and emotional resonance and friendships. By making art a part of our routine, we can all reap its numerous benefits and enhance all of our overall quality of life.

By Sherri Tafel

Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQXAJRY6XYs>



Upcoming Scandinavian Events.....

Webpages:

- Online Rosemaling class Listings in US:
<https://www.rosemalingcoasttocoast.org/classes>
- Rosemaling Coast to Coast Classes:
<https://www.rosemalingcoasttocoast.org/classes>
- Gayle Oram: <https://gayleoram.com/index.php> (packets, classes, and more)
- JoSonja's: (Products, design packet/packages, classes and more):
<https://jasonja.com/>
- 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/>
- Lise Lorentzen: <http://www.artoflise.com/about-lise/>
- 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

More Friendly Online Rosemaling Links

Facebook pages:

- Western Rosemalers Association:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Westernrosemalers/>
- The Thorntown "Malers":
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1518201928437409/>
- 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.
- Art of Lise: <https://www.facebook.com/ArtofLise1>
- Målarkunst I Numedal (Painted Art in Numedal) :
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/564378793708565>

Check Out Paint Mixing recipes and More

(JoSonja's Site has the information on these)

<https://jasonja.com/pages/background-colors-mixing-recipes>