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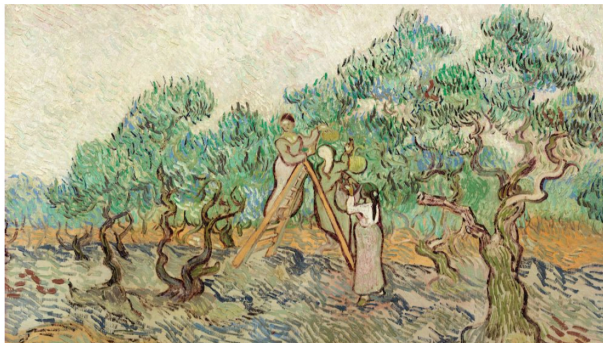
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Zoom Events

- September 15th - Happy Hour
- October 20th - ArtCurious with Jennifer Dasal

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

This summer began with high hopes of unmasked togetherness and getting back to some semblance of normal (new or otherwise), but the Delta variant is forcing us to pump the brakes a bit. So ASA-LA is pivoting back a step from hosting an in-person event in September to refocus on virtual programs and educational offerings in the near term, including our monthly Zoom Happy Hour (which will resume in September.) While ASA-LA is traditionally dark in the month of August, the Board will be meeting to plan upcoming events and stay up to date on issues that are important to our members and the profession.

I've been reaching out to colleagues in various valuation circles, and many are reporting record volumes over the past 16 months... "this is the busiest I have ever been in my 20-30-40-year career..." is a familiar refrain. I sometimes hear a faint sense of overwhelm in their voices, but the underlying tone is one of gratitude and a new-found appreciation for the durability of the valuation profession. We have all heard about the "graying" of our industry, but in this moment I am seeing more hiring and willingness to train new people than I've seen in many years. Since many are recent graduates or coming from other industries, the value of professional organizations such as ASA has never been clearer. Let's face it...those first few years of apprenticeship can be challenging for a trainee...I am hoping we can provide a welcoming environment for new entrants to the field, and I encourage all of our members to invite a newbie to one of our Happy Hours, or direct them to any of our Board members or Discipline Chairs for assistance in getting involved with ASA and pursuing a professional designation. ASA-LA has a long tradition of mentorship and fellowship, which has benefited me and many others greatly over the years.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable late summer, and see you in September (at least on screen...)

All best,
Gazelle

Gazelle Raye Wichner, ASA
President, ASA-LA

IN THE NEWS**Save the Date**

On October 20th we will have an in-depth discussion with Jennifer Dasal about her book and podcast, ArtCurious, exploring the unexpected, the slightly odd, and the strangely wonderful in art history. To learn more about ArtCurious, click the link [here](#). A Mailchimp email will be sent next month with details and the registration link for this Zoom program.

The Appraisal Foundation Releases Diversity Survey Results

Important findings and takeaways revealed in TAF's recent survey. To view the results, [click here](#).

California Assembly Bill 948

Assembly member Chris Holden introduced legislation, AB 948, to address discrimination in the real estate appraisal process. AB 948 requires the Bureau of California Real Estate Appraisals to gather data on demographic information of sellers of real estate property and compile data of homeowners from protected classes who file complaints based on low appraisals. The legislation also requires appraisers to take anti-bias training when renewing their license.

"This bill proposes a series of measures to prevent unlawful discrimination in the conduct of real estate appraisals. Specifically, the bill requires: (1) provides notice to buyers and sellers of their right to an unbiased appraisal of the property; (2) establishes a mechanism to track complaints of underappraisals by demographics; (3) requires appraisers to complete continuing education eliminating bias and cultural competency."

To view AB948, [click here](#). We will be providing more information in our next newsletter with a statement by National to assist our members in addressing this matter.

Website

National is launching a new website in October with updates and major changes to the search engine for finding appraisers. The "Find an Appraiser" function will be integrated back into our own website, which is also being improved.

Member Advancements

Congratulations to the following member:
Raffi Aharonian, ASA - MTS

Newsletter and Facebook

Excited about upcoming events or talks related to your discipline? Send us the details and we'll include it in next month's newsletter along with posting it on our Facebook page. Please email it to: info@appraisersla.com or cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com

Opening on Chapter Board

The Secretary position on the board for 2021-22 is open. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your local chapter, while gaining experience serving as a board member. Since we are now meeting via Zoom, monthly meetings are easier than ever to attend. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cindy Cronk Vukovic at: cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Board Meeting over Zoom Dates:


Wednesday, August 18, 8am - 9am
Wednesday, September 15, 8am - 9am

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