YLEM looks like an acronym, but it is not. It is the ancient Greek's word for the primordial stuff out of which the universe emerged.

Almost unbeknownst to the "Art World", a number of artists are creating challenging works which combine art, science and mathematics. If you are one of them, or enjoy their work, you will be glad to know of a group called Ylem to speak to their needs.

Plan to join us at our first meeting, Saturday, February 21st at 2 PM. It will be held at the Junior Museum, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. We would enjoy seeing 1 - 3 pieces of your work. Bring either the works themselves, or (labelled !) slides. Of course, this is not obligatory. Your specialty may be earthworks, holograms, or something as dematerialized as gedanken experiments. For further information, contact Gertrude Reagan, (415) 856-9593, or 967 Moreno, Palo Alto CA 94303.

Be thinking about what such a group could do for you. Diverse interests will be represented. Some will be primarily interested in specific techniques, materials, and hardware; others, in the beauties and puzzles uncovered by science and math; still others, with the philosophic implications of the scientific world view. Those of us with common interests can form study groups.

What people would you most like to meet? If you have felt unable to meet them as an unknown stray, perhaps we can lure them to talk with the Ylem group.

Where would you like to show? Groups such as this, which have unusual points of view and high selection standards for shows are welcome exhibitors at most art centers and museums.

What information would be useful to you? Do you need collaborators in your work? What projects can you start us on? What contacts can you share?