



# ARTalk

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## President's Message



*Hello members and friends,*

I hope all of you are doing well. It is spring and the super bloom is expected to be fabulous this year. I recently hiked on Long Canyon Trail in Simi Valley and the bloom had not started. I was hoping to capture some photographs as references for painting.

SVAA is hosting its annual People's Choice Member's Only Art Show this month through April 26th. Even if you didn't enter any artwork, please come by the activity

center to vote on your favorite art pieces. Our reception is on Saturday, April 13th, from 2 to 4 pm. Stop by and join in the festivities, whether you are competing or not, and see the winning artists and their artwork.

We also have the members only "Bridges: Art & Community" art exhibit, which opens Sat, April 6th and runs through June 2nd, displayed in the Upper Gallery at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. Check with our Special Events Chairperson, Linda Quigley if you have any questions about the event.

I am pleased to announce we have filled another position on our Board. Dawn Marple was nominated and voted in by the Board as our new Annual Events Chairperson. Thank you, Dawn, for volunteering and being part of our Board. Also, Dawn was nominated and voted unanimously as Artist of the Month! Dawn does beautiful Fluid Acrylic artwork. Please join me in congratulating her.

Tom

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### Art Technique -

**Wet-on wet**, or *alla prima* (Italian, meaning at first attempt), a painting technique in which layers of wet paint are applied to previously administered layers of wet paint. Used mostly in oil painting, the technique requires a fast way of working, because the work has to be finished before the first layers have dried.



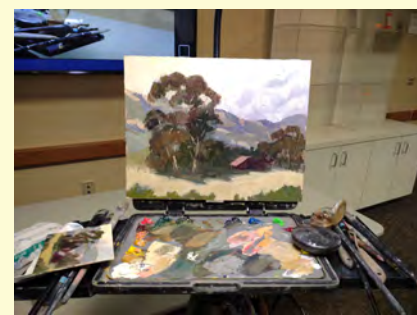
**Happy Birthday!!**

**Donna Snyder** 4/6  
**Bessie Jacinto** 4/18  
**Oxana Cramer** 4/27



## Recent SVAA Events

General Meeting and Artist Demo by Laurie Hendricks on March 21st was enlightening, rewarding and enjoyable. Thank you, Laurie, for driving here from Pasadena. Sharing your knowledge and techniques has enriched the skills of those who were present. View Laurie's work on her website - [www.lauriehendricksart.com](http://www.lauriehendricksart.com)



## Current SVAA Events

### People's Choice Spring Art Show

<b>Location:</b>	Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District Activity Center, 4201 Guardian Street, Simi Valley
<b>Show Opened:</b>	Monday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Show Hours:</b>	Mon-Fri 8 am to 6 pm; Sat / Sun Closed
<b>Public Voting:</b>	March 25 <sup>th</sup> – April 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Reception / Awards:</b>	Saturday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2 pm to 4 pm
<b>Show Closes:</b>	Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Pick-Up:</b>	Saturday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 10 am to 12 pm

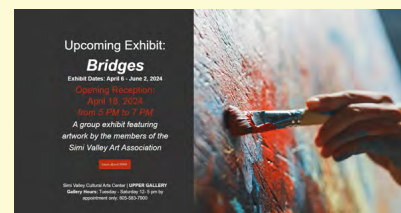


### Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center - "Bridges" Art Exhibit

(Displaying SVAA members only)

<b>Exhibit begins:</b>	Saturday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Open Reception:</b>	Thursday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 5 pm - 7 pm

(Hosted by SVCAC, welcomes all SVAA members, and their friends and family)



## Opportunity

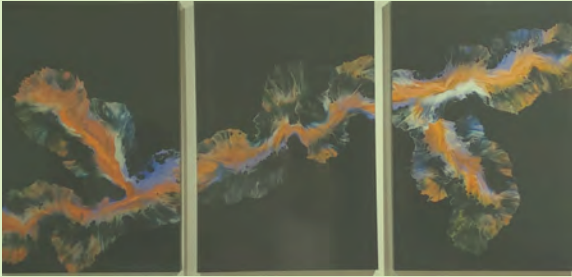
Instructors needed to teach **Evening classes** at the Simi Valley Senior Center:

- Oil / Acrylic Art
- Drawing
- Watercolor
- Mosaic

For more information, please contact Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Bryan Horstmanhof: [bryanh@rsrpd.us](mailto:bryanh@rsrpd.us) or by phone at (805) 584-4443.

# SVAA Members' Artwork

If you have art you would like to share in next month's issue, please don't hesitate to contact Persy Evans at: [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com) or any of our Board. Please submit your work between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.



**Dawn Marple**  
Untitled  
Acrylic Art



**Bernie Chin**  
Watering Hole Nambia  
Watercolor



**Persy Evans**  
Half Dome  
Watercolor

## Other Upcoming Art Events

### Westlake Village Art Guild (WVAG) 2024 Open Juried Show:

**Entries Open:** March 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Entry Deadline:** April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Show Dates:** June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Contact:** Linda Kidd - Show Chair ([lindakidd4re@gmail.com](mailto:lindakidd4re@gmail.com))

### Thousand Oaks Art Assoc (TOAA) 2024 Open Juried Art Show:

**Show Dates:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>



# Artist of the Month

## *Dawn Marple*

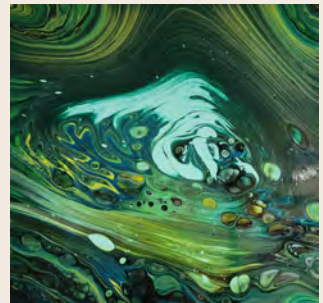
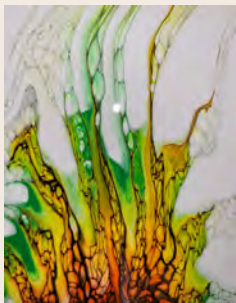
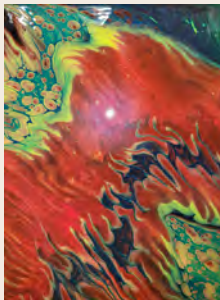
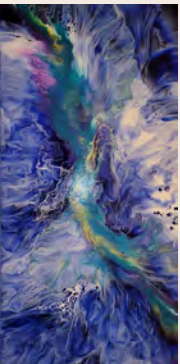
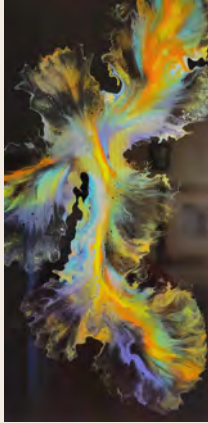
Born in Venice, California, I was surrounded by art. My Mom is a fine arts artist, so I have had a paintbrush in my hand as long as I can remember. As hard as I tried, fine art was not something I ever had the patience for. It was incredibly frustrating for me. My Mom introduced me to abstract art and I was hooked. But I never shared my art outside of my immediate family. It was my "secret".

My father passed away 15 years ago and my passion for art and creating passed with him. In December of 2020, with the stress of trying to keep 40 essential employees safe from Covid, my body fired a warning shot and I had a very small stroke. It left me mostly blind in my right eye. I was incredibly lucky. It could have been so much worse.

All of the doctors told me I needed to find a way to reduce the stress or this would happen again and it would be worse. I remembered seeing an artist in Santa Barbara that was getting the most incredible reactions using fluid paint. I spent months learning techniques, experimenting with mixing recipes for different reactions in paint. It wasn't long before I was making a mess and painting again. In May of 2021 I shared my very first piece with "the world". I posted a piece on Facebook. To my surprise, I received several requests to purchase the piece. It was exciting and so validating. Within weeks I had requests to buy more and was even commissioned to create custom work for people's homes.

In January of 2023, I walked away from over 30 years in operations management in corporate America. My health was more important than working 70 hours a week. Now I do several art shows a year, I teach fluid art, and I am commissioned regularly to create pieces for my clients. Recently I was approached to help bring art and culture back to downtown Oxnard. My first showing is in early April at an art crawl. I even had a piece hung in the Pro-Arts building for the Ventura County Fair. Far more exciting than I could ever have imagined.

With the support of my husband, family and dear friends, I am now fully absorbed in my art. No looking back. I couldn't be happier! Art, quite literally, saved my life.



## Library venue

- **Current Solo exhibit artist (Stuart Berlin) 3/28/24 - 5/30/24**

- **Next Solo exhibit artist is (Open) 5/30/24 - 7/25/24**



If you're interested in having your own exhibition, go to this link for more information: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/library-display.html> or contact Persy Evans, at [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

This is a great opportunity to display your art!!! We are looking for members interested in doing a "solo art exhibition" at the Library. The exhibit will change out every two months. The SVAA library committee will do all the work. All you have to do is drop off and pick up your artwork. Your art must be clean, properly framed and wired, with wire measured the same distance from the top of the frame for all art work. No saw-tooth hangers. Frames in poor condition will be rejected.

## SVAA Member Announcements:

**Member Gary Friedman** is teaching Watercolor Art classes at the Simi Valley Senior Center.

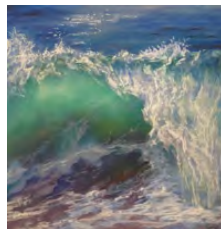
- Registration is open for the Spring sessions March - May
- Meet Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon
- Register at [rsrp.d.org](http://rsrp.d.org) and (go to the 50+ section).

Note: A good percentage of the people who signed up are SVAA members. Come and join us. Gary is fun and a great instructor!

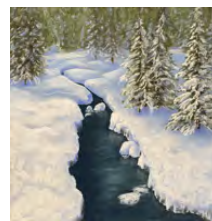
**Tom Evans, Carmen Lamp, and Sheri Jones** had artwork juried into the TOAA Open Juried Show. Congratulations!



Tom Evans  
Scrub Jay  
Pastel



Carmen Lamp  
Exuberance  
Pastel



Carmen Lamp  
Winter Blues  
Pastel



Sheri Jones  
Mussel Beach  
Watercolor

**Dawn Marple** artwork for sale at 200 Casey Road, Moorpark, CA. Sponsored by Rudy Perez Jr. Memorial Foundation Birthday & Boutique Fundraiser for High School Scholarships & Youth Sports.

**Let us know if you were juried in, won an award, or are having a show or speaking/demo engagement.**

**Newsletter submissions must be made between the 20th and 25th.**

**Email: [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com) and type "Newsletter Submission" in the Subject line.**

**Note: Forwarded emails or emails without subject may not all be opened due to internet security reasons and spamming.**

## SVAA Website

Members who would like to add links to their personal website or upload some art works to our website, contact to Oxana Cramer at: [ogcramer@hotmail.com](mailto:ogcramer@hotmail.com)

**MESSAGE FROM OUR WEBMASTER:** Check out the SVAA website for news on our events, information about our artists and their works, and how to donate or join: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/>.

## SVAA Social Media: Facebook:



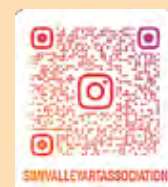
**Like us on Facebook.** Feel free to comment on our posts or "Share" posts from our Facebook Page timeline to your own timeline or your friends'. You can also Share our posts as a Facebook message. To visit our facebook <http://facebook.com/SVAAINC>.

Members interested in having photos of your artwork on facebook or website, please contact [Oxana Cramer@ogcramer@hotmail.com](mailto:Oxana.Cramer@ogcramer@hotmail.com)

## Instagram:

We are active on Instagram so be sure to stay connected with us.

Our link is <https://www.instagram.com/simivalleyartassociation/> or scan this image >



## MEMBERSHIP

***Time to renew your membership! With all the upcoming events, you should sign up today!***

***We rely on our members to be active as soon as possible because we believe in our goals to enrich our community with the beauty of art and the people who create art. So please renew if you haven't already done so, as we need your presence and participation to continue our efforts.***

***If you have not yet submitted a new membership form with your current contact and birthday information (mm/dd), please do so. Membership forms can be found online at our website: [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org). Then submit the form to SVAA Vice President Jason Lubas at: [mastersketcher@gmail.com](mailto:mastersketcher@gmail.com)***

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Welcome to our new Annual Events Chairperson, Dawn Marple. We look forward to working with you. Thank you Dawn for volunteering to help. We also thank Donna Snyder, who is stepping down from this same position after many years of service with SVAA. She has held almost every position on the board because of her love for art and the community. She is highly revered by all of us on the board. We can't thank her enough for everything she has done to keep SVAA alive and prospering. Her retirement from the board is well earned and we wish her happiness with finally having time to create art more frequently.

The Board needs committee volunteers to help our Hospitality chairperson, Caroline Lubas, for this yearly term. She is responsible for events this year, like General meeting/Demo, Art Shows, and the Holiday party. If you are an interested member, contact Caroline at: [LubasCaroline@gmail.com](mailto:LubasCaroline@gmail.com).

SVAA is only as successful as it's members. It takes hard work and dedication to put on events like our annual People's Choice and Fall Open Art shows, which is why the Board **NEEDS YOUR HELP**. We are asking all members to consider volunteering. Please sign up because your help is vital. Thanks to all who have signed up and please contact any Board member or Committee chairperson for questions.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Our fees are \$40.00 for yearly dues with \$20.00 for the second family member. Students are \$20.00 for the year. Membership dues are non-refundable.

### Quarterly Art demonstration/General meeting:

A donation of \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members and \$3.00 for students (unless accompanied by a paying adult, in which case demo fee is free) will be requested at the door.

*If you hear a voice within you saying, "You are not a painter", then by all means paint ... and that voice will be silenced.*

- Vincent van Gogh