



# ARTalk

A publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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## Greetings from the SVAA BOARD



Dear Members,

Spring has arrived and so has our first show of the year: our 2022 People's Choice / Members Only Show! Thank you to all our members and new members who are participating in the show. The artwork is amazing and beautiful! The show began on April 2nd and voting ends on April 21st. Make sure to tell your fellow artists, family, and friends to stop by the Activity Center to vote. Our reception is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th. Hope all of you enjoy our People's Choice / Members Only

Show and make sure to vote!

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At our last Board Meeting Board Members discussed how we can further reach out to newspapers, schools, and advertise in other ways. Besides our website and Facebook, we advertise our Art Shows through The Acorn newspaper. We have in the past also posted information about our association at schools and the city library. If you have any ideas or know someone that could help us with advertisements, please let us know.

I want to congratulate our new and incredibly talented SVAA member, Richard Omura, as artist of the month. Richard is an accomplished photographer and mixed media artist, but has also written books and screenplays, recorded and produced original music, and performed live and in movies. Welcome, Richard.

Tom



**Happy Birthday**

• **Donna Snyder - April 6**

• **Bessie Jacinto - April 18**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **2022 People's Choice/Members Only Show**

***IMPORTANT DATES:***

Take-In: Friday, April 1, 4pm to 6pm

Show Opens / Public Voting Starts: Saturday, April 2

Public Voting Ends: Thursday, April 21

Reception & Awards Ceremony: Sunday, April 24, 2pm to 4pm (announcement of awards at 3pm)

Show Closes: Friday, April 29

Pick-Up: Friday, April 29, 4pm to 6pm

- **Art Festival 2022**

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# Artist of the Month

## *Richard Omura*

I like to manifest my creativity and spiritual leadings by expressing them in various mediums from photography to music to writing and more. I follow the creative spirit within me.

Born in Tokyo, Japan as a US Army dependent, I was an "army brat", a result of two cultures, American and Japanese, taking the best of both and a little of the worst. My father is from Maui, Hawaii, but I lived many years on Kauai and Oahu. I have been in California for over 20 years and enjoy the diverse culture here.

My visual arts are centered in photography and mixed media. My themes are often spiritual in nature. I have a series on Seraphim (angels), and a series called The Piers of Southern California. I make my own unique frames for some of my works. Currently, I am starting to experiment with creating NFTs.

I have had many wonderful experiences. I swam with dolphins, surfed in most of the Hawaiian Islands, been in Hollywood films, played Eskimo baseball with Inuits, have written, recorded and produced original music, have written books and screenplays, been a radio DJ and copywriter, have played in various clubs in Los Angeles with my blues bands and currently enjoy optimizing my values through creativity and inspiration.

My main focus is to nurture spiritual consciousness and awareness in the world.



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

MESSAGE FROM OUR WEBMASTER Check out the new "SVAA Happenings" feature on the website home page: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/>. Here will be current news, with links to more complete information about the item. It is time to renew your SVAA membership. Forms and payment via PayPal are on the Membership page. Not yet a member? Join us now – the same form is used for new memberships as well as renewals.

## Library venue

This is a good opportunity to display your art!!! SVAA members interested in participating in the rotating art exhibit at the Simi Valley Library should contact the SVAA Board. The next change-out date is Thursday, April 21st @ 10am. For further information, please contact our treasurer Terry Walson at [trwalson@hotmail.com](mailto:trwalson@hotmail.com)

SVAA Members: We take pride in our members and by that we want to be able to congratulate and acknowledge you and your achievements in our own little way by including you in our newsletter. Let us know if you got juried in or won an award or if you are having a show or speaking/demo engagement. Email: [info@simivalleyart.org](mailto:info@simivalleyart.org). Place "Newsletter Submission" in the Subject line. Forwarded emails or emails without subject may not all be opened due to internet security reasons and spamming.

## SVAA 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 Terry Walson [@trwalson@hotmail.com](mailto:trwalson@hotmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIPS

Membership information can be found online at our website: [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org)

\*\*Members: Please note that this is the time to renew your SVAA membership.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Please sign up for the committees. Thanks to all who have signed up and please contact any Board member or Committee chairs for questions.

### MORE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Our fees are \$40.00 for yearly dues with \$20.00 for the second family member. Students at \$20.00 for the year with a \$3.00 demo fee unless, accompanied by a paying adult - then they get in for free. Membership dues are non-refundable. A donation of \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members is requested at the door for the monthly art demonstration and general meeting.

Newsletter submissions must be made by the 20th of the month. Send your articles via email: [info@simivalleyart.org](mailto:info@simivalleyart.org). Place "Newsletter Submission" in the Subject line. Forwarded emails or emails without subject may not all be opened due to internet security reasons and spamming.

## QUOTES:

*"The object of art is not to reproduce reality, but to create a reality of the same intensity."*  
– Alberto Giacometti