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Greetings from the SVAA BOARD



Dear members,

I hope your summer has been going well so far. Soon we will be into the fall months and the association will be having our Open Juried Show. We have set dates for the show to begin October 2nd and will display the entries through October 23rd. A reception is planned for October 9th. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Currently the show will be held in the Atrium at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center. Detailed information will be announced in September.

A few of our Board Members have been busy lately with several items outside their normal duties. We don't have a standing committee chairperson for annual events so Donna Snyder, our Vice President, has taken on that duty and is preparing items for our upcoming Open Juried Show. Treasurer, Terry Walson, has been busy working with the library display and all the setups. She continues to update our website which takes a lot of her time. Corresponding secretaries Helle Urban and Persy Evans have been reaching out to schools and placing flyers about our association where they can. Thanks to all of you for your extra help. We really could use some additional help from our members. There are several standing committee chairperson positions, and we could use members to help fill in some of these positions to assist our board members. To specify, we need a committee chairperson to assist with hospitality/receptions, people's choice award show, and the open juried art show. If you are interested or want to know more about these committees and others available contact me.

We are continuing to submit your artwork in our newsletters. Since many of us are not in quarantine, we are changing the name to: SVAA Member's Artwork. Thanks again to all those members who have submitted their artwork so far. To submit your artwork, send your artwork to Victoria Marble at victoriamarble2015@gmail.com

A reminder that the next change-out for the library is scheduled for September @10am. Terry Walson is our Library Director, so if you have any questions, make sure to contact her at trwalson@hotmail.com. Note: if you have art to exhibit, we could use your help to hang these paintings.

Finally, kudos to Lee Zimmerman for being artist of the month for August. Lee is a great award-winning artist!

Tom

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Happy Birthday

**• Phyllis Van
Crombrugghe-
August 5th**

UPCOMING EVENTS

David Deyell Watercolor Society Demo

In September, David Deyell will be doing both a demonstration and giving a workshop for Valley Watercolor Society. For information on this **Thursday, September 9th** demonstration, look up the website for Valley Watercolor Society and go to EVENTS. The demonstration will be on ZOOM and goes from 7PM to 9:30PM. Under EVENTS you will also find info on David's Sunday, September 12 watercolor workshop. The event is from 9 AM to noon and costs \$45.00 for non-members. It will also be held on ZOOM. Emphasis will be on what we learn and use from plein air painting. Materials: use what you have.

At this time, we expect the Thursday evening demo will be free. If you have questions, please email David Deyell

SVAA Member's Artwork

We would like to now take the time to acknowledge our local artists who have continued to persevere and create through these trying times. We face these new challenges together, and we recognize art as the universal language which illustrates this facet of the human experience. If you have art you would like to share for next month's issue, please don't hesitate to contact Tom or any of our Board Members.



Carmen Lamp
Strength, Resilience, and Grace
Mothers Day 2021



Terry Walson
Untitled



While on a recent visit to New York City, I noticed a little girl admiring a bronze sculpture. The sculpture, "Fearless Girl" was created by Kristen Visbal in 2017 for International Women's Day. It depicts a girl four feet high, promoting female empowerment.

My painting captures the moment of this little girl mesmerized by this sculpture, trying to take a photo using her mother's cell phone.

What struck me was the powerful message this beautiful dynamic work of art represents. The bronze sculpture, "Fearless Girl" radiates courage, bravery, boldness, lacking fear, not backing down. From a young age we must learn to stay FEARLESS!

Helle Urban 2021

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Helle Urban_
Fearless, 11" x 14", oil



Helle Urban_
Feeling Grateful, 11" x 14", oil



Tom Evans
Waimea Canyon, 11" x 14"
Pastel on medium grit paper

Artist of the Month

Lee Zimmerman is a native Californian, raised in Burbank, and graduated from UCLA with BS, MS and PhD degrees in engineering. He worked at Hughes Missile Systems in Canoga Park for 33 years and for ATK Missile Systems in Woodland Hills for 5 years. In his early career, he primarily designed radars for missile systems, and later he became a program manager.

Lee first took up watercolor painting in September, 2006 after retiring from ATK in 2004. He never attended art school but in retirement, he has taken watercolor painting classes from Dave Deyell and Pong Apinyavat.

Lee is a juried member of the Valley Watercolor Society and a member of the Westlake Village Art Guild. His talent has been recognized by winning several Honorable Mention awards from WVAG Members Shows.



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

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, August 26th @ 10am. For further information, please contact our treasurer Terry Walson at 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. 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 **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.

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Newsletter submissions must be made by the 20th of the month. Send your articles via email: 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:

"A true masterpiece does not tell everything."

-- Albert Camus