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President's message



Happy Holiday Members,

It always amazes me how fast the holidays come upon us. As the new year begins next month, I hope our Simi Valley Art Association continues to make a difference in the local art communities. I hope we continue to out-reach more, by collaborating with the Simi Valley Cultural Art Center, neighboring art associations, other non-profits and local businesses. We had more members join this year, than the past several years. Welcome new members and THANK YOU for joining us. Speaking of membership...

renewals are due now, no later than January. Please make sure to renew your membership and if you know anyone who wants to become a member, have them contact us. For information about renewal and payment, please go to our website or contact our Vice President Jason Lubas.

At our last Board Meeting, we nominated Caroline Lubas as our new Hospitality Chairperson. She will be stepping in for Helle Urban.

We would also like to thank Helle Urban, our former Hospitality chairperson for doing such a wonderful job handling the catering needs of SVAA's events. We will miss you Helle and the positivity you bring and wish you the best in your exciting journey as a dedicated Artist.

SVAA will be having our traditional members' Holiday party on Friday December 8th at 6pm. The party will be held at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center, in their beautifully decorated atrium. It will be a buffet potluck dinner and there will also be a gift exchange game for those who wish to participate. See more information below in this newsletter.

Oxana Cramer is our Artist of the Month! She does beautiful art and is well deserving of recognition. Oxana joined our association for the first time this year and has already participated in many of our events. Oxana also volunteered to become our Website / Social Media Chairperson. Thank you Oxana and congratulations for being Artist of the Month!

I wish you and your family a Wonderful and Safe Holiday.

Tom

Art Technique-

Shading refers to the depiction of depth perception in 3D models (within the field of 3D computer graphics) or illustrations (in visual art) by varying the level of darkness. Shading tries to approximate local behavior of light on the object's surface and is not to be confused with techniques of adding shadows, such as shadow mapping or shadow volumes, which fall under global behavior of light.



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Happy Birthday
Curtis Marple 12/1



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Recent SVAA Events

- Simi Valley Cultural Center - Winter Art Marketplace (December 2nd)

We had a fun turn out, meeting people and sharing our art with them. We sold some of our works and had several new members signed up. All in all, a very good day



Upcoming SVAA Events

• Holiday Party

Friday, December 8th. 6pm – 8pm

Location: Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District Activity Center
4201 Guardian Street Simi Valley

Note: Helle Urban cannot attend, so please email your rsvp's to Persy Evans (Persy9@gmail.com) or call 805-630-3421.

• This is a potluck event, so ask Persy what you can bring to compliment what others are bringing. If you plan to participate in the gift exchange game, please bring a wrapped gift (minimum of \$20) for each person in your party.

Opportunity

Looking for instructors to teach at the Simi Valley Senior Center:

- Advanced Oil/Acrylic Art
- Ceramics
- Mosaic

Previous art instruction/teaching is preferred, but not necessarily required.

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

SVAA Members' Artwork

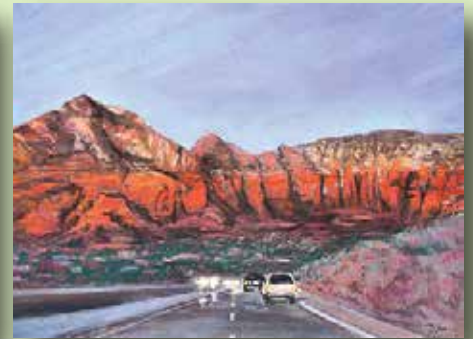
If you have art you would like to share in next month's issue, please don't hesitate to contact Persy Evans at: Persy9@gmail.com or any of our Board Members.



Tom Evans
Long Canyon_Pastel



Tom Evans
Santa Susana Tunnel_Pastel



Tom Evans
Sedona Rush Hour_Pastel



Tom Evans
Twilight at MoonStone Beach_Pastel



Tom Evans
Unsettling Sky_Pastel

SVAA Website

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 SVAA website for news on our events, information about our artists and their works, and how to donate or join: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/>.

Artist of the Month

Oxana Cramer

I was born in Kazakhstan, which was formerly a part of the Soviet Republic, and I am Ukrainian descent.

Since childhood, I have been captivated by the beauty of nature, and expressing my creativity through drawing, making objects with modeling paste, construction paper, coloring, and painting with watercolor and gouache. Attending a local children's art school, I honored my artistic skills and passion.

Despite pursuing a different path and obtaining a bachelor's degree in accounting, my longing for artistic freedom grew stronger after working in finance department for a number of years.

Currently, I am dedicated to pursuing a degree in Fine Arts. As an artist, my goal is to create artwork that evokes happiness, excitement, warmth, and hope. Nature's vibrant colors, intricate patterns, and textures fascinate me, serving as a constant source of inspiration. Each piece of art I create is a journey of learning and discovery, bringing me immense joy and satisfaction. I find great pleasure in observing the harmonious combination of mountains, clouds, trees, ocean waves, and garden, recognizing our inseparable connection to nature. I also enjoy painting portraits of people and animals.

The energy of nature continues to inspire me, and my greatest hope is that people will find as much joy in my artwork as I do in creating it.

I am very happy to be a part of the Simi Valley Art Association and enjoy being around talented artists.

I have my art studio at home where I teach children to design and create art. I record some of my art creating processes and post them to my Youtube channel - Art by Oxana Cramer.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and for taking the time to read about me!



Leah_Oll on canvas



Purity_Oll on canvas



Time_Oll on canvas



The Trio_Oll on canvas



Life_Oll on canvas



Tranquility_Oll on canvas



Mountain Cabin_Oll on canvas



My Childhood Memory
_Oil on paper



After the rain in
Greece_Oil on paper

Library venue

**- Current Solo exhibit
artist (Susan Rice)
11/30/23 – 1/25/24**

**The next available slot
on January 25th, 2024
is still open.**



• No upcoming Solo artist for January 25th change out. If you're interest in having your own exhibition, go to this link for more information: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/library-display.html> or contact our treasurer, Terry Walson, at trwalson@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

This is a good 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:

• Watercolor classes with Gary Friedman (Simi Valley Senior Center).

Go to rsrpd.org and scroll down to (Events, Programs & Classes):
click on:

- Age 50+
- Age 50+ Classes
- Age 50+ 2024
- Art and Music | Winter (December – February)
- Watercolor

(Then scroll down to):

- Watercolor Art SV 12/16



It doesn't show Gary Friedman as instructor but he is the only one teaching on Saturdays.

6 class series for \$90. Class starts 12/16, 10:00 am to 12:00 @Simi Valley Senior Center.

Note: This is a unique hybrid class, as it will be partially in-person and partially online.

We take pride in our members and want to congratulate and acknowledge you and your achievements, by including you in our newsletter.

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

Newsletter submission must be made by the 20th of the month.

Email: Persy9@gmail.com and type "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 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 at 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

It's time to renew your membership by January 2024!

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

The Board needs committee volunteers.

We really need members who have interest in Publicity/Advertising, (board position: Coresponding Secretary) and (Hospitality). If you are interested and a member, we could really use your help. As currently, board members are fulfilling multiple roles. Contact any one of the board members about this position. You may pair up with someone for a position as well.

It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to put on events like our annual People's Choice and Fall Open Art shows and the board is asking all members to consider volunteering. We can really use the help. Please sign up because your help is vital. Thanks to all who have signed up and please contact any Board member or Committee chairs for questions.

Welcome and Congratulations

We would like to Welcome and Congratulations Caroline Lubas, our new Hospitality chairperson. Caroline is married to our Vice President Jason Lubas. She often attends our art shows and is a very creative photographer. We are so happy to have you on our team and look forward to working with you. Thank you for volunteering your time and committing yourself to helping us to continue to enrich the community with Artistic experiences.

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.