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A publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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## Greetings from the SVAA BOARD



### Happy New Year Members!

Let's hope that 2022 brings us all a safe and prosperous year.

We held our annual Holiday party on December 11th and like last year, it was online. Thanks to members Carmen Lamp and Persy Evans for putting this party together. We had a small group, but it was a lot of fun. We played games and prizes were given out to winners.

A summary of accomplishments by our association for 2021 were announced also which included new board members, our updated newsletter, donations, and successful art shows.

I'm pleased to announce that each board member has agreed to stay in their positions for this year. Many thanks to each of them, for their dedication to work and keep our association going strong. Any member who wants to be more involved with our board should contact me or anyone of our Board members. We meet once a month and are open to any member who would like to attend. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday January 11th at 5pm. If you're interested contact me or our recording secretary, Carmen Lamp, and we can send you the link.

Our newsletter was updated this past year to include birthday announcements, members artwork, and artist of the month. We will continue these updates this year. If you have any suggestions about any additions or ideas to the newsletter, please let us know.

Finally, it's time for membership renewal. Please make sure to pay for your membership by the end of January. All the information for renewing or becoming a new member is found on our website. If you have any questions about your membership or if you need to update your current information, please don't hesitate to contact our Vice President Donna Snyder at (805) 527-6797. Thank you for your time and support. Let's continue to stay safe and healthy.

Tom

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Coming up:** Add to your calendar out paint our on January 5, 2022 10 AM to 1 pm at the Agoura Hills Recreation and Events Center. The address is 29900 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills. From this location we have 270 degree view of Agoura Hills, gardens and much more. I look forward to painting with all of you in 2022 and hope you have a GREAT NEW YEAR.

SVAA member **David Deyell** will be demonstrating for 2 art associations early this coming year. Verdugo Hills Art Association will feature a David Deyell demonstration on Friday January 7, 2022 at 7 PM. He will paint scenes from Lone Pine California. Included will be a demo on dry and wet paper. Mid-Valley Art League will feature a David Deyell demonstration on Wednesday April 20 at 7 30 PM. He will paint scenes from Yosemite. A painting will be done on dry paper and then another on wet paper.

## 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.



Helle Urban  
Labor of Love  
Oil, 16" x 20"



Terry Walson  
Photography



Victoria Marble  
Dashing Through the Snow  
Digital Illustration



# Artist of the Month

## Pat Duggan

Pat is a lifelong artist. Growing up in Ohio's Amish farm country, she was inspired at a very young age to draw the various farm animals and pets. Much to the dismay of her father, she chose to attend a vocational high school where she could study "Commercial Art" rather than choosing to attend the college prep school.

After graduating with a degree in Commercial Art, Pat worked as an apprentice artist for two ad agencies, a printing company, and a mural arts company while also studying art at Kent State University.

Studying at Kent State, Pat earned part of her tuition by drawing portraits at local county fairs. Graduating from KSU with a Bachelor's degree in art education, and with a vocational certificate to teach Commercial Art, Pat taught at Alliance High school in Ohio. She later taught Commercial Art at the Area Vocational Center in Phoenix, Arizona while earning a Master's degree from Arizona State University.

Moving to California in 1981, Pat worked for the Simi Valley school system through 1991, deciding then to return to graphic arts where she worked for two Ventura County magazines and as a freelance graphic designer.

Today, retired from teaching in public schools, Pat has moved into fine art painting and is giving private art lessons in her own studio.

Still intrigued by animals, and involved in showing her own horses, Pat is known for her "Horses in Action" series of paintings and her Koi fish series, done in a variety of mediums. Recently, Pat has started a series of still life paintings that highlight Native American artifacts done in a classical realistic style. While much of her work is representational, she also enjoys working with strong color and design in an expressionistic style. Years of studying graphics has given her an eye for design.

A member of the Westlake Village Art Guild, the Santa Clarita Art Guild and the Simi Valley Art Guild, Pat participates in many local art shows and has won numerous awards. She also has representation in several local galleries.

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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, February 17th @ 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 fees are due this month.

### 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:

***"In our time there are many artists who do something because it is new; they see their value and their justification in this newness. They are deceiving themselves; novelty is seldom the essential. This has to do with one thing only; making a subject better from its intrinsic nature."***  
– Henri de Toulouse Lautrec