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President's message



Dear Members,
"Happy 4th of July"

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far!

When summer arrives, Simi Valley Art Association has notoriously kept events to a minimum. I guess you can call it our summer vacation! Our next pre-scheduled events will be our general meeting in September and our Open Art Show in October. We will give you dates in the upcoming months so you can add them into your calendar.

We had a spectacular time at our last general meeting. We were so privileged to have Johanna Spinks join us for an evening of a critique session with her. Johanna treated those who attended with their artwork, a review with such informative, constructive, and creative criticism. Johanna's professionalism not only shows in her own artwork, but also in how she presented her comments to each of us and our artwork. Everyone enjoyed this special and unique event. Johanna has already informed me that she is willing to do this for us at a future event.

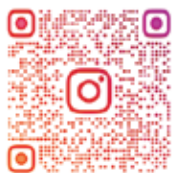
On June 26th the 'Boundless Encounters' Exhibit at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center closed and members picked up their artwork. This was a great opportunity for our members and I want to thank the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, including Sandee McGee, who put this show exhibit on for us. She along with our Special Events Chair, Linda Quigley, did a lot of coordinating to put everything together. We hope we can do this again in the near future.

Let's all congratulate our Artist of the Month, Persy Evans! Persy has been a long-time member of SVAA and is currently our Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Coordinator. Over the past years, she has become more involved with painting in several mediums. Most recently, she has been taking up photography and has submitted some of her beautiful photographs in shows and has received awards! Great job and congratulations!

Tom

Art Technique-

Animation is a method by which still figures are manipulated to appear as moving images. In traditional animation, images are drawn or painted by hand on transparent celluloid sheets to be photographed and exhibited on film. Today, many animations are made with computer-generated imagery (CGI).



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Happy Birthday

• Dawn Marple 7/1 • Carmen Lamp 7/12
• Holly Hughes 7/4 • Lyman Young 7/19
• Helle Urban 7/5 • Theresa Bell 7/30

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Recent SVAA Events:

• Art Critique by Johanna Spinks - June 15 @ RSRPD Activity Center

Many thanks to Johanna Spinks, who so graciously and generously gave of her knowledge, experience and expertise to help all who brought their work to be critiqued. Johanna, we value your opinions and your artistic insight. I think I can speak for all of the people who attended our general meeting. Everyone was electrified by your recommendations. I personally was so enlightened and eager to apply them to my current projects. We all look forward to another critique with you.

– Persy Evans (SVAA Newsletter Coordinator)



Opportunity

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is looking for an Advanced Oil/Acrylic Art Instructor and a Ceramics Instructor, to teach at the Simi Valley Senior Center. Previous art instruction/teaching is preferred, but not necessarily required. For more information, please contact 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.



Bessie Jacinto
Making Friends_Watercolor



Lee Zimmerman
Watercolor



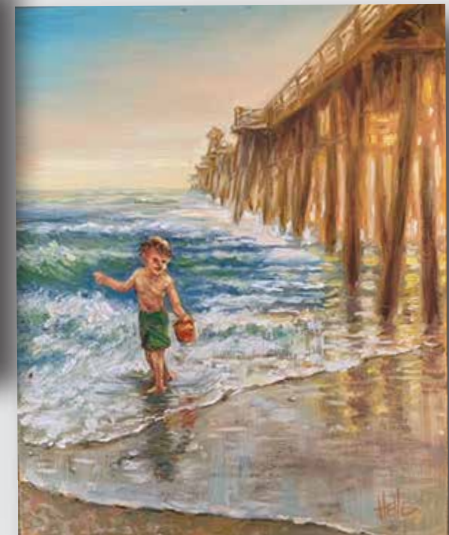
Sheri Jones
EweForia_ 15" x11"
Watercolor



Helle Urban
Blissful Afternoon



Helle Urban
Point Dume, Malibu



Helle Urban
Collecting Sea Shells



Helle Urban
Sunset at Back Bay, Newport Beach

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

Persy Evans

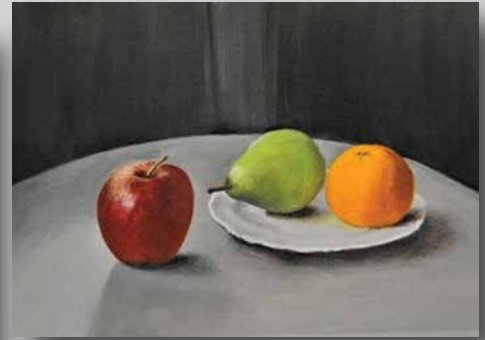
Originally from the island of Molokai, Hawaii. Growing up on a pineapple plantation, you learn how to make the most of what you have. You can be very creative when you don't have much. As long as I can remember, I loved art. It was my way of being with animals that I love but were not available to me. My favorite classes were drawing, painting and ceramics. I also loved music. I played the piano, guitar and ukulele by ear. Singing with friends and family at the end of the day, was a common thing.

Then life took over and I was steered away from the arts and into Computer Science. I stopped doing art and eventually music, until I retired from my corporate life. I finally had time to do whatever I want.

In 2017, I took a few art classes from Michelle Daniel, former president of SVAA, who taught at the Simi Valley Senior Center. She refreshed my memory of skills I learned in in my childhood and enlightened me with basic perspectives, techniques and color pallets. She opened the door to abilities I didn't realize I had. The last time I painted was in high school. I am rediscovering myself and enjoying different mediums. Acrylic was my first, then Watercolor and Pastels. My most recent adventure is Photography. I like them all and bounce from one to the other depending on my mood.

I am enjoying the art community and have been involved with the Simi Valley Art Association (SVAA), as Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Coordinator. I also help to support the efforts of my husband, Tom Evans, the current President of this wonderful organization.

It is so rewarding to be able to create something that captures my vision of the world, of nature and people. It's a part of me that will live on, long after I'm gone. My mark in this world...so to speak.



Library venue

Solo Exhibit by Artist:

Oxana Cramer 7/27/23 – 9/21/23

Since childhood I have felt enchanted by nature and it's beauty, especially when I am surrounded by it. As a young child, I often found myself drawing, coloring, painting, and making objects with modeling paste. Even though I maintained a passion for art, I pursued a different path in life, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. After working 12 years in the finance field, the need for exploring the freedom of fine arts has become a priority.

In 2010, I met an accomplished artist/instructor living in Northern CA. She became my instructor and sounding board for the sharing of ideas. Later on, I enrolled into an art program at California College and continued my journey of growth through studying and practice. About a year ago I decided to record my painting processes and techniques and share them through my YouTube channel, Art by Oxana Cramer.

As an artist, I choose to create work that imparts happiness, a sense of excitement, calm, warmth, and hope. Nature's colors, patterns, and textures fascinate me. Every piece of art is a learning and discovery process for me that brings great joy and satisfaction.

It is my greatest hope that you will continue to enjoy my work - a much as I love to create it.



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 every two months. The library committee will do all the work. All you have to do is drop off and pick up your artwork. Your art must be properly framed and wired. No saw-tooth hangers.

Since we already have an artist, Lyman Young, scheduled for next change out date on Thursday, September 21st, the next available slot will be on November 30, at noon.

If we don't have a member interested in doing a solo exhibit, then we will go back to exhibiting all member's art.

If you are interested 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.

SVAA Member Announcements:

- ***Gary Friedman Zoom watercolor classes on Thursdays 10:30a – 12:30p.***
-contact him via email for more information: gfriedamn@gmail.com
 - ***Gary Friedman scheduled to start teaching at the Simi Valley Senior Center:***
Go to: https://www.rsrpd.org/recreation/age_50.php to sign up for his class
(online enrollment starts 8/4/2023. Class starts Saturday, 9/9/2023 10:00am – noon)
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- Congratulations to SVAA Members who won awards in the Westlake Village Art Guild Open Jury Show.

- **Helane Freeman: 1st place (Digital)**
- **Sheri Jones: 3rd place (Watercolor)**

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. Email: Persy9@gmail.com and type "Newsletter Submission" in the Subject line. Newsletter submission must be made by the 20th of the month. 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. 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

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

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.

Also, if you haven't yet submit a new membership form with your current contact and birthday information (mm/dd), please do. Membership form can be found online at our website: www.simivalleyart.org

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

The Board needs committee volunteers.

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.

We really need someone who has expertise in Website administrator or Publicity/Advertising. If you are willing and a member, we could really use your help as a 'Website Chairperson' or 'Cooresponding Secretary'. Contact any one of the board members to volunteer for this position.

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. 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 for the quarterly art demonstration and general meeting.

"Art is as Natural as Sunshine and as vital as Nourishment"

-- MaryAnn F. Kohl