



ARTalk

A publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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Greetings from the SVAA BOARD



Dear members,

I hope you and your family are doing well. California is preparing to get back to normal. Beginning June 15th, capacity and distancing restrictions will be lifted for most businesses and activities. This is encouraging news. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center will be open and resuming classes, activities, and rentals. Our association does not hold meetings and demonstrations during summer between the months of June and August. Beginning in

September, we may start to have meetings and demonstrations. We will likely have our Open Juried Art Show in October and be able to use the RSRPD Activity Center Atrium for displaying the artwork, so start thinking about doing some art for the show. We will inform you of updates for meetings and the art show in the next few months.

We are still continuing to submit your quarantine artwork in our newsletters. Make sure to send your artwork to Victoria Marble at victoriamarble2015@gmail.com

Just a reminder to drop by the City of Simi Valley Library. Some of our members have their artwork displayed there and anyone can join. It's free and a great way to have your artwork displayed for public viewing. The next change-out is scheduled for Thursday, June 24th @10am. Also, during this summer's reading program 'Color your World', there is another opportunity for members at the library between June 7 and July 30. The library will be happy to display artwork during this event. Terry Walson is our Library Director, so if you have any questions, make sure to contact her at trwalson@hotmail.com.

Finally, I want to introduce another new member to our association, Gary Suarez. Gary has been living in Simi Valley for just a short time and found out about us recently and joined in April. If you want to see any of his artwork, he entered our Springtime Art show in April. Thanks, Gary, for joining the Simi Valley Art Association.

It's only going to get hotter now that summer is almost here, so enjoy these last few spring days!

Tom

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Happy Birthday
• **Victoria Marble!**
June 13th
• **Sheri Jones!**
June 15th

Artists Quarantine Works

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.



Victoria Marble
Egret, Digital Illustration



Victoria Marble
Indian Giant Squirrel, Digital Illustration



Donna Snyder
Untitled



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Untitled



Helle Urban
Spy Glass, Monterey, oil , 13"x 7"



Helle Urban
Richard Schmid, oil, 8"x10"



Helle Urban
Villa Salinara, Sicily, oil, 11"x 30"

Artist of the Month

Chris Darga was born and raised in the Detroit area. He started drawing at a young age, mostly monsters, dogs and dinosaurs. He took an oil painting class with his brother where he produced several masterpieces according to his mother.

In High School, Chris discovered a passion for theater after starring in two plays, he was hooked. He received a BFA from the University of Detroit and an MFA in acting, from the University of Nebraska. His dream was always to give Hollywood a try. After marrying his beautiful wife Monica (an artist in her own right) they headed to California.

Chris has been working as an actor for over 30 years appearing in well over 200 films, TV shows and commercials. His credits include: The Middle, Ford vs. Ferrari, Seinfeld, Friends, Bruce Almighty, Shameless and many more. He was also one of the Capital One Vikings for many years.

When the film Jurassic Park came out it renewed his interest in Dinosaurs. He taught himself how to sculpt and eventually created a line of dinosaur model kits. His sculpting then expanded into the human form. The human face has always been intriguing, especially those of Native Americans, because their faces tell a story. Chris' bronze sculpture of Sitting Bull is in a place of honor at the Standing Rock Reservation Visitor Center in Fort Yates, North Dakota where the great Sioux Chief is buried.

After creating sculptures for a few years he wanted to try his hand at oil painting again. His knowledge of sculpting, light and shadow and three dimensional form made the transition easier. Again, faces and people became an obsession as well as still life and animals. He loves to capture a photorealistic likeness using many layers of transparent glazing.

After all, "God is in the details!" Chris feels very blessed for being able to pursue what he loves.

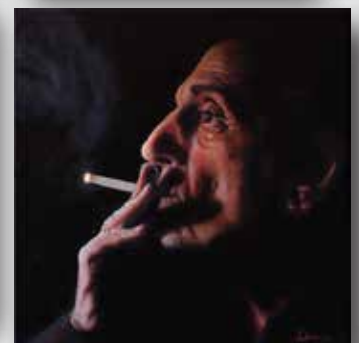
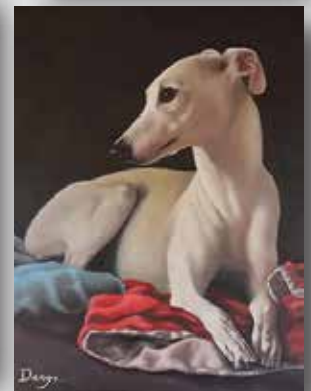
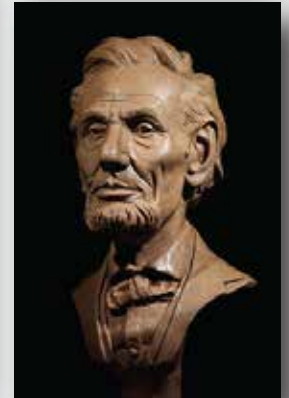
SVAA's Springtime Art Show 2021 Entries

Winners of the SVAA's Springtime Art Show

"Best of Show" Christopher Darga



#12 "Blessed Mother" Oil on wood panel 18x24 by Christopher Darga (\$1600)



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 library coordinator Terry Walson @ trwalson@hotmail.com. The next scheduled change out date is Thursday, June 24th @ 10am.

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

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:

"As I work at my drawings, what seemed unattainable before is now gradually becoming possible. Slowly, I'm learning to observe and measure. I don't stand quite so helpless against nature any longer."

-- George Bridgman



Thousand Oaks Art Association

2021 GREATEST HITS ONLINE SHOW

Welcome member Artists in the Ventura County, California area! This show is a unique opportunity for members of the participating art organizations listed below to showcase your best work in an online show published on the Online Juried Show website. The Thousand Oaks Art Association invites you to submit up to three of your all-time best pieces. Anything you've created over your entire artistic career is acceptable, even if it was sold long ago or was a commission or gift. Submitted artwork can be available for sale or listed NFS. All media is eligible and entries will be judged together with awards to be chosen in a "Jury of Your Peers" process by the participating artists. This show is only open to members of the following Ventura County Art Organizations:

Thousand Oaks Art Association
Westlake Village Art Guild
Arts Council of the Conejo Valley
Simi Valley Art Association
Buenaventura Art Association.

The show is now posted on Online Juried Shows and the Prospectus is available for viewing at:

<https://www.OnlineJuriedShows.com/Default.aspx?OJSID=51305>

Entries open June 1 and close June 27.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Entries Open: Tuesday, June 1

Entries Close: Sunday, June 27

Show Opens: Thursday, July 1

Peer Voting for Awards Close: Wednesday, July 7

Awards Notification: Saturday, July 10

Show Closes for sales: Tuesday, August 31

AWARDS:

First Place: \$300

Second Place: \$200

Third Place: \$100

Fourth Place: \$50

Fifth Place: \$35

JUDGING:

This show will be judged by the participating artists in a "Jury of Your Peers" process. Details will be provided to all artists after the entries close on June 27.

ENTRY FEES:

- \$25 for up to 3 pieces.
- Entry fees are non-refundable and must be paid by the entry deadline.
- Entry fee payment is via PayPal/credit card to Online Juried Shows upon submission.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Open to all active member Artists of the following organizations only:
 - Thousand Oaks Art Association
 - Westlake Village Art Guild
 - Arts Council of the Conejo Valley
 - Simi Valley Art Association
 - Buena Ventura Art Association.
- Artist's original work only. No copies or likenesses of another's work including photographs, published works, or references not attributable to the artist are eligible.
- Work painted under the guidance of a teacher is not permitted.

SHOW ENTRY AND DIGITAL IMAGES:

- Enter online at: www.OnlineJuriedShows.com (scroll down under "current shows" to Thousand Oaks Art Association).
- Submitted images must not include matting or framing. Crop the images to include only the artwork. Be sure your images are right-side-up.
- Images should be smaller than 4MB, 1920 pixels on the longest side at 72 dpi, and saved as a JPEG.
- Help in photographing your work, properly sizing the images, contact info, and other useful information can be found at www.OnlineJuriedShows.com/help.aspx or from the menu bar of the Online Juried Shows website.
- Add Services@OnlineJuriedShows.com and Manager@OnlineJuriedShows.com to your safe senders list to ensure notifications are received.

SALES:

- TOAA will connect any potential buyer with the artist through August 31, 2021.
- The artist is responsible to submit a commission of 20% of the sale price to TOAA.
- TOAA accepts NO liability in the transaction of the sale.

CONTACTS:

- Please direct questions about the Greatest Hits Show to:
TOAAinfo@gmail.com