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A publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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President's message



Dear Members,

May was a busy month for us!

We currently have members' artwork displayed at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center (SVCAC) for their "Boundless Encounters Exhibit". SVCAC provided and hosted a beautiful reception on May 18th. Many of our members were there along with dignitaries and the public. The exhibit will be on display through June 25th. Thanks go out to our Special Events Chair, Linda Clavette Quigley, for coordinating with SVCAC and our members.

On May 20, SVAA was co-participant with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District and SVCAC for their second year of Arts Fest held at Rancho Tapo Community Park. We had a large tent and about 8 of us displayed their artwork and had items up for sale. SVAA had many visitors throughout the day with interest of who and what we do as an association. It was a good event, and we look forward to it next year.

On May 27, we participated in the SVCAC Arts and Crafts Fair at the SVCAC. We had a great location to display our artwork and we interacted with numerous visitors throughout the day. Many of them local artists that discovered SVAA for the first time. It is for this reason we continue to participate in events like this. It was a very rewarding experience.

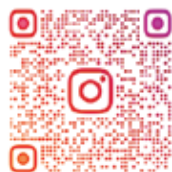
You won't want to miss our next General Meeting on Thursday June 15th. I'm proud to announce that we will have Johanna Spinks, a phenomenal artist, as our guest. In lieu of performing a demonstration, Johanna will be giving a critique session for all those in attendance, of their artwork. If you plan to join this meeting, please bring one but no more than two art pieces of yours to share with her. The meeting starts at 6pm and will be at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center.

Lastly, congratulations to Artist of the month, member Ian Lewis! Ian has been a member with us for a few years now and Ian's artwork is photography. His photographs are artistically beautiful. He recently had one of his photo art showcased in the advertisement brochure for the "Boundless Encounters Exhibit" hosted by the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. We look forward to seeing more of his talented work in future shows!

Tom

Art Technique-

Pointillism is a technique of painting in which small, distinct dots of color are applied in patterns to form an image. Georges Seurat and Paul Signac developed the technique in 1886, branching from Impressionism. The term "Pointillism" was coined by art critics in the late 1880s to ridicule the works of these artists, but is now used without its earlier pejorative connotation.



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Happy Birthday

- Sheri Jones June 15
- Ken Lubas June 16

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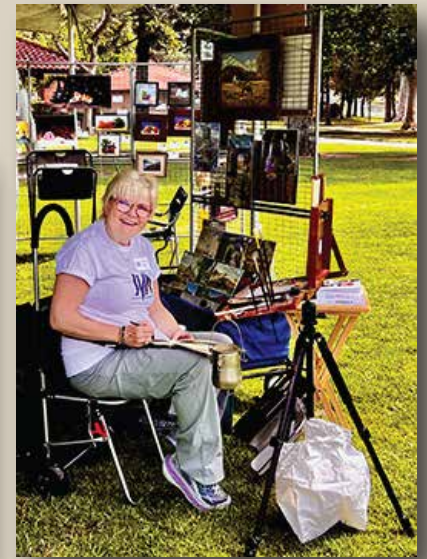
Recent SVAA Events:

• Boundless Encounter Exhibit Reception - May 18 @ Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center



Exhibit is currently going on until June 25th.

• Arts Fest 2023 – May 20
@ Rancho Tapo Community Park



• - SVCAC Spring Arts & Craft fair – May 27
@ Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center



Upcoming SVAA Events



- **General Meeting & Artist Critique by Johanna Spinks**
Thursday, June 15 @ 6pm

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

Simi Valley Art Association is very pleased to present you an evening with renowned artist Johanna Spinks, "**A Valued Approach to Creating by Johanna Spinks**" at our general meeting scheduled on Thursday, June 15th, from 6pm to 8pm at the Rancho

Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center.

Johanna will be providing us with a critique session whereas you will be able to bring in one but no more than two artwork pieces to the meeting for her to give constructive and creative critiques of your artwork. This is a wonderful way for you to get professional insight about your artwork.

There will be refreshments and a raffle for one of Johanna's artwork.

Hope you can attend this exciting opportunity.

For more information about Johanna Spinks please visit her website at www.johannaspinks.com

Opportunity

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is looking for an art instructor to teach at the Simi Valley Senior Center. Open to a wide range of mediums. 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
waikiki sunset
mixed media, 8" x 10"



Dawn Marple
Strength, 10" x 20"



Dawn Marple
Untitled Commission 3pc
Mixed media, 24" x 36"



Dawn Marple
Together we Stand_12" x 12"



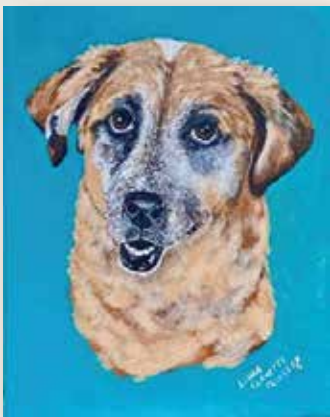
Dawn Marple
Deep Ocean Waves, 30" x 40"



Linda Clavette Quigley
#1



Linda Clavette Quigley
#2



Linda Clavette Quigley
#3



Linda Clavette Quigley
#4



Sheri Jones
All Dolled Up
Paper collage on canvas, 14" x 11"

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

Ian Lewis



I discovered photography in the mid 1990's while in high school and quickly developed a passion for the entire process. I found myself lost in the darkroom for hours; watching images appear on the old Ilford paper in the developing bath was like magic to me. As I write this, I can still smell the (oddly) appealing blend of chemicals that filled the room and feel the wooden tongs with rubber tips used to transfer the photography paper from the developer to the stop and fix baths. I remember the low glow of the red safelight in the corner of the room which illuminated the enlargers lined against one wall. That small and quiet darkroom awakened creativity inside of me I didn't know I had.

As life became busy and I settled into a career, I did not give myself the time to enjoy my passion for photography. Thankfully, I recently rediscovered the love I have for the craft and have provided space for it to become part of my journey moving forward.

Ever since I can remember, I have been told I notice details in my surroundings that others don't see. I use photography to show people the unique way I see the world and find it provides me a language to communicate the emotion I feel internally to others visually.

I am fortunate to be a member of the Simi Valley Arts Association and am humbled to be in a group of such fine artists!



Library venue

Solo Exhibit by Artist: Stuart Mark Berlin 5/25/23 – 7/26/23



I am Stuart Mark Berlin, a self taught Fauvist landscape painter. I have had the good fortune of going to art museums from age five in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Paris and Amsterdam.

What always affected me the most was the tension between seeing colors up close and the images that appear at distance. My paintings are like Rorschach tests, shapes and colors rearrange themselves in your mind.

Color is not just determined by mixing pigments, but by what colors are adjacent. My goal is to make colors pop.

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 scheduled for next change out date on Thursday July 27th, the next available slot will be for September 28, 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 invitation to a 3 person art exhibit in Newhall:

Greetings friends!

I'd like to invite you to a new art exhibit I'm proud to be part of. Myself, along with Jeanne Iler and Laura Ledesma (extremely talented artists) will be hosting a show of our works (paintings and small gift items) at the SCAA Gallery in downtown Newhall from June 2nd thru June 11th. A Reception will be held Sat. June 3rd from 4 to 8pm. The address is 22508 Sixth St.. Old Town Newhall (parking available). I will be featuring my new series of watercolor laminates that I'm very excited about. These 'original' watercolors are lightweight, simple to mount and relatively inexpensive. They indeed look better than the originals and don't need expensive and heavy frames! Hope to see you sometime during the duration of our stay. Gallery hours are 3 to 7pm most days.



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. 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)

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

Membership renewal is due. 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 creates art. So please renew if you haven’t already done so, as we need your presence and participation to continue our efforts.

We also would like everyone to submit a new membership form with your current contact and birthday information (mm/dd). Membership information 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.

MORE 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.

“A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who inspires others”
-- Salvador Dali