



# ARTalk

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## President's message



*Hello members and friends,*

I hope you have broadened your skills and are doing more art lately. There's been enough rainy days to find time, unless you strictly do Plein Air painting. Hope we will see your work at one of our upcoming SVAA events.

On March 21st, artist Laurie Hendricks will be demonstrating for us. This is a great occasion for you to experience a renowned artist such as Laurie, demonstrating a live painting. Check Laurie's website at: [www.lauriehendricksart.com](http://www.lauriehendricksart.com).

SVAA will be hosting its annual People's Choice Member's Only Art Show from March 25th through April 26th. Entries must be submitted on Saturday, March 23rd. If you are not a member, you can sign-up before this show.

See below in "Upcoming Events" for more details. I encourage you to come and participate in this art show! Also, another opportunity for SVAA members: March 30th is the take-in for artwork to be displayed at the Simi Valley Cultural Art Center - "Bridges" Art Exhibit. Check with our Special Events Chairperson, Linda Quigley if you want to participate in this event. Space is limited.

We would like to honor and thank Terry Walson, our Treasurer, who is stepping down from this position. She has been a vital part of our organization and has worn many hats to keep things running smoothly. She has served on the board for over 14 years and has done just about everything, as a board member. Besides her Treasurer responsibilities, she filled in as: Website administrator, Social media and Library coordinator. We'll miss working with you Terry and are happy that you now have time to do more art and enjoy family time. Theresa Bell is on the Board as Treasurer. Theresa has an extensive background with non-profits and accounting so we are very happy she volunteered for this position. We are fortunate to have you on our team. Welcome Theresa!

The Annual Art Show Event Chairperson position is available. Please inquire with me or any other Board member if you are interested. We need more volunteers, so please help! Just want to thank all of those who have renewed or signed up as a new member of SVAA. For those who haven't renewed or want to join, please see our website for information or contact Jason Lubas at [mastersketcher@gmail.com](mailto:mastersketcher@gmail.com).

Lastly, congratulations to Theresa Bell as Artist of the Month! Theresa has submitted and won awards through the art shows SVAA offer. Please join me in congratulating her.

Tom

### Art Technique-

**Haboku** is a painting technique employed in suiboku (ink-wash painting) in China and Japan, as seen in landscape paintings, involving an abstract simplification of forms and freedom of brushwork.

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**Happy Birthday**

**Walter Morosco 3/1**

**Linda Clavette Quigley 3/7**

**Tom Evans 3/13**



## Upcoming SVAA Events

### SVAA General Mtg/Artist Demonstration - March 21st - 6PM

**Location: Rancho Simi Rec & Park Dist 4201 Guardian St., SV**

#### Laurie Hendricks - MFA (Contemporary Impressionist)

Laurie Hendricks is a California plein-air painter, with origins in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Raised in Kensington California, a neighborhood with painters, potters, Berkeley professors and radicals, she first moved to Los Angeles in the 80s to pursue acting, and after some success in this field, turned her focus to painting full time. She is a direct descendent of American painter John Trumbull (1756-1843), known best for The Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Hendricks is a modern-day champion of California Impressionism, and the early 20th-century landscape painters.

According to Laurie: "I'm a believer in the benefits of painting from life, whether from a live model, outdoors in the landscape or a still life, because it's the best way to see true color and value in nature. I endeavor to paint in direct response to my subject, in a loose impressionist/ expressionist way, taking the subject before me, filtering it through my feelings and emotions, to create something unique and original. Nature is my muse, but my interpretation of natural beauty is expressed in my own voice. I love to paint alla prima, rarely waiting for areas to dry, I prefer the thick immediate application of paint and expressive brushwork. My approach to Plein Air is to take my work to a degree of finish on location, rarely working on it later in the studio."

Laurie Hendricks earned a Master of Fine Arts Degree at the San Francisco Art Institute where she learned to blend technique and emotion to create her paintings. She continues to study painting, drawing and art history, viewing art as a life-long learning process. Her paintings have been exhibited in the California Art Club Gold Medal Shows for the past three years.

*View her work on her website - [www.lauriehendricksart.com](http://www.lauriehendricksart.com).*



#### People's Choice Spring Art Show:

**Walk-In Submission:** Saturday March 23rd, 10am to 12pm

**Location:** Rancho Simi Rec & Park District Activity Center. 4201 Guardian St., SV

**Show Opens:** Monday, March 25th

**Show Hours:** Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm; Sat/ Sun Closed

**Public Voting:** March 25th – April 10th

**Reception & Awards:** Saturday, April 13th, 2pm to 4pm

**Show Closes:** Friday, April 26th

**Go to:** [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org) (for entry requirements)

#### **Bridges :** Simi Valley Cultural Art Center presents an SVAA Art Exhibit

Sign up before March 13, Wednesday

Contact Linda Clavette Quigley  
[clavetter275@hotmail.com](mailto:clavetter275@hotmail.com)

Art Take-in March 30, Saturday Noon-2pm

Exhibit begins April 6, Saturday

Art Reception April 18, Thursday 5pm-7pm

(hosted by Simi Valley Cultural Art Center)

Upcoming Exhibit:

#### **Bridges**

Exhibit Dates: April 6 - June 2, 2024

Opening Reception:

April 18, 2024

from 5 PM to 7 PM

A group exhibit featuring  
artwork by the members of the  
Simi Valley Art Association

[View show info](#)

Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center | UPPER GALLERY  
Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12 - 5 pm by  
appointment only: 805-583-7900



## Opportunity

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

- Oil/Acrylic Art
- Drawing
- Water color
- Mosaic

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

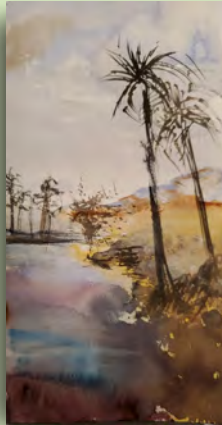
For more information, please contact Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Bryan Horstmanhof: [bryanh@srpd.us](mailto:bryanh@srpd.us) or by phone at (805) 584-4443.

# 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.



**Persy Evans**  
Ancient  
Bristlecone



**Persy Evans**  
1st Class Project



**Persy Evans**  
Gifts from  
Nature

## Other Upcoming Art Events

### •Thousand Oaks Art Assoc (TOAA):

**2024 Open Juried Art Show** will be held May 2-29 at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery (by the Newbury Park Library). Entries open Thursday, February 1 and close on Monday, March 25 on the Online Juried Shows (OJS) website. Entry can be made via the TOAA website (ThousandOaksArtAssoc.org) by clicking on the "2024 OPEN SHOW" button in the upper right.

### •Westlake Village Art Guild (WVAG):

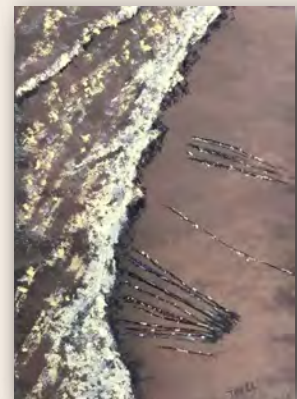
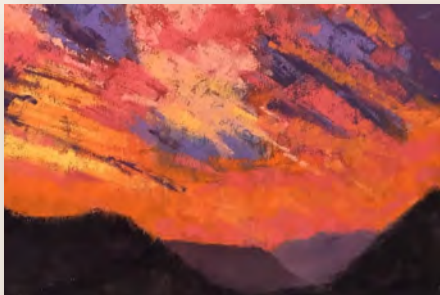
**2024 Open Juried Art Show** will be held June 3-28 at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery (by the Newbury Park Library).

Entries open: March 15th  
Entry deadline: April 22nd  
Contact: Linda Kidd - Show Chair  
lindakidd4re@gmail.com



# Artist of the Month

## *Theresa Bell*



I was born in Massachusetts. My mom did not like the winters, so we moved to sunny California. I grew up in Thousand Oaks and moved to Simi Valley after I got married. I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from California State University, Northridge and retired from Department of the Interior in 2022.

One year while at Burning Man, I was thinking - what am I going to do when I retire. I need something to do, but I do not want to be a consultant. I want to do something creative. I always did some type of craft: painting tee-shirts, sewing, crocheting, jeweler making, drawing as a kid. One day bicycling on the Playa at Burning Man, it flashed in my mind – ART. I need to bring art into my life. When I got home, I started to look around. Every other month a group of my friends hang out at beach for Beach Friday and the artists were painting the ocean using Pastels. So, Pastels are it. I took some lessons from my friends as part of my development; however, I still struggled and found it very stressful to even pick out a few colors to start a painting. It could take 45 – 60 min. Everything changed in 2018 when I took my first workshop (3 days) with Jacob Aguiar. He had us doing 20 min. painting on the first day. Very, very stressful! The very next Beach Friday I finished a painting. Over time I realized I love to paint the color and feel of a scene.

FYI – I joined SVAA in 2023 and I am happy to be your new Treasurer. Also, I still go to Burning Man.

## Library venue

**- Current Solo exhibit artist (Gary Friedman) 1/25/24 – 3/28/24**

**- Next Solo exhibit artist is (Stuart Berlin) 3/28/24 - 5/30/24**



*If you're interested in having your own exhibition, go to this link for more information: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/library-display.html> or contact Persy Evans, at [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com) if you have any questions.*

This is a great 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:

• **Gary Friedman** is teaching Watercolor Art Classes at the Simi Valley Senior Center. Registration is open for the Spring sessions March-May. Visit [www.rsrpd.org](http://www.rsrpd.org) for registration and/or call the Senior Center.

• **Royal High School** recently sent a thank you note to SVAA thanking members for their contribution and donation to their Arts Departments. Each year SVAA provides grants to Simi Valley high schools to purchase supplies for their fine arts programs. Thank you members for making this happen!

Please pass along our sincerest gratitude for the generous donation for our arts department. We will utilize the funds for our students and it will help develop our arts and crafts class. One of the biggest obstacles to our arts courses is funding for our supplies and needs for the class. Royal High School truly appreciates the donation to help our students.

Michael Hall  
Principal  
Royal High School

***Royal High School thank you note***

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](mailto: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 Website

Members who would like to add links to their personal website or upload some art works to our website, contact to Oxana Cramer at: [ogcramer@hotmail.com](mailto:ogcramer@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/>.

## 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@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

***Time to renew your membership! With all the upcoming events, you should sign up today!***

***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](http://www.simivalleyart.org). Then submit the form to SVAA Vice President Jason Lubas at: [mastersketcher@gmail.com](mailto:mastersketcher@gmail.com)***

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

**Open Board Position. We need committee volunteers.**

**- Annual Events Chairperson position is OPEN**

**If you are interested and a member, contact any one of the board members.**

***SVAA is only as successful as it's members. It takes hard work and dedication to put on events like our annual People's Choice and Fall Open Art shows, which is why the Board NEEDS YOUR HELP. We are asking all members to consider volunteering.***

***Please sign up, your help is vital. Thanks to those who have signed up.***

***Contact any Board member or Committee chairs for questions.***

### 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.

***"Art is freedom of your inner Being"***

***-- Persy Evans***