



# ARTalk

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## Greetings from the SVAA BOARD



Hello members,

This month signifies one year since the pandemic began and as we all know, it changed our lives in so many different ways. It is also one year ago that our association stopped holding general meetings and demonstrations. All things considered, we were able to hold a very successful members art show. We have now scheduled our next art show, SVAA's Springtime Art Show 2021. This art show is for members only however anyone who wants to join the show can become a

member for 2021 so let your fellow art friends know. For the show we are honored to have Dan Schultz as our judge. Please visit his website to see the wonderful fine art he does. Start painting and we look forward seeing your artwork in the show!

If you haven't already renewed your membership, now would be a good time to do so. I want to thank all of you who have signed up as members for this year. I would like to announce one new member, Thomas Steves. Thanks, Thomas, for joining our association.

Please join me in congratulating two of our own members who recently won awards for their artwork at the Thousand Oaks Art Association Open Juried Show. Honorable Member, Boi Sibug, won first place for his watercolor painting and member Gary Friedman won second place in the same category.

Lastly, we will be working on some changes and additions to our newsletter. Besides our continuation of members submitting their quarantine artwork, this issue, and for the first time, we are including an artist of the month section. Each month during our Executive Board meeting our board will select a member as artist of the month. For this issue our own Board Member, Victoria Marble, is our inaugural artist of the month! She does wonderful character artwork.

Take care of yourself and stay safe!

Tom

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# 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.



Donna Snyder  
Pansies, oil ( nfs )



Susan Bernet  
Pandemic Pink, Pastel, 9.25x9



Helle Urban  
Claude Monet At Giverny,  
Oil On Linen, 30x24, \$2000



Helle Urban  
HeadingToGrandmas,  
Oil On Panel, 30x24, \$2000



Helle Urban  
Peggy, Oil On Linen, 8x10



Helle Urban  
The Singh Family,  
Sepia Prisms Pencil On Wood,  
11x14



Jessica Brock  
Life Finds A Way,  
Acrylic, 16x12, \$50



Jessica Brock  
Rose By The Wall, Watercolor  
16x12, \$50



Jessica Brock  
TearsIn The Rain, Acrylic On Canvas  
3ftx5ft, \$200



Gary Friedman  
Deschutes River Shadows, Watercolor, 15x22, \$375



## Artist of the Month

**Victoria Marble is an award-winning Ventura County artist specializing in character & narrative design, with a particular emphasis on children, animals, insects, & floral designs.**

*"I have loved to draw, read, and write my entire life. Fables, fairytales, film, animation- the art of storytelling in all of its forms- has always fascinated me (I have a very wide and varied set of favorite movies, books, cartoons, and games, which could easily fill an entirely separate page), and I have always dreamed of sharing characters and places I've invented with anyone who would be moved, inspired, or educated by them. I can't remember a time in my life when I wasn't carrying a sketch-book with me."*

Victoria's love for drawing led her to pursue a well-rounded artistic background with courses completed in a wide range of concepts and media, including drawing and composition, figure drawing, painting, illustration, multi-media, and game design. She holds a general studies associate of arts degree with an emphasis on arts & humanities, as well as an associate of science in electronic game art & design. She became an executive board member of the Simi Valley Art Association at the beginning of 2015, where she quickly gained local recognition for her uniquely stylized pen-and-ink illustrations. Victoria helps edit and coordinate the association's monthly newsletter in addition to attending meetings and art demos, and participating in art shows, galleries, and contests. Her work in the association has won various awards.

Victoria's first books, Baum's Wonderful Wizard of Oz and Tux in the Zoo by Diana Aleksandrova were published by MacLaren-Cochrane in 2019 and 2020 respectively. As a member of SCBWI, Victoria has participated in critique groups, Sketch Crawls, the Ventura County regional chapter Traveling Sketchbook, and the monthly DrawThis! challenge.

Victoria lives in Southern California with her husband and daughter, and three little dogs. When not drawing, reading or writing, Victoria enjoys watching movies with her daughter, eating dessert, and drinking coffee or tea. She is a fan of traditional animation, the Great Gatsby and the roaring twenties, and Audrey Hepburn films.

Victoria adores creating art that emphasizes the beauty of nature- and particularly birds, fish, insects, and floral designs, along with cute children and animal characters.



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.

*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

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. security reasons and spamming.

*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:

***"To my mind, a picture should be something pleasant, cheerful, and pretty. There are too many unpleasant things in life as it is without creating still more of them."***

-- Renoir



# SVAA's Springtime Art Show 2021

**\*\* Judge Dan Schultz \*\***

Dear Members and friends -

We are very pleased to announce that we are having an on-line virtual art show, **SVAA's Springtime Art Show 2021**. This show is for **members only**. There is no charge. If you are not a member and would like to enter this show, **you can become a member now!** It will be \$40 for individuals, \$60 for families, and \$20 for a student. Please see membership on our website at [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org) for information and payment options.

Beginning on April 2<sup>nd</sup> each member is entitled to submit up to (3) three original art that has not received an award through an SVAA-sponsored art show and is recent artwork (nothing prior to 2017). Please send jpegs of your artwork along with your name, title, medium used, size and price of your art piece if you are selling to email [svaaprints@gmail.com](mailto:svaaprints@gmail.com) by Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in order to have your artwork considered for the SVAA's Springtime Art Show 2021.

Our judge will be award-winning fine artist Dan Schultz. Dan will vote for the following awards **across all artwork**:

- **Best of Show** to be awarded \$250
- **First Place** to be awarded \$150
- **Second Place** to be awarded \$100
- **Third Place** to be awarded \$75

**Honorable Mention(s)** will receive ribbon(s). An artist will not be eligible to receive more than one award. After the voting period is completed, we'd like to host a **Zoom Awards Reception** to announce and recognize our award winners.

## Important Dates to Know:

- **Friday April 2nd** – Submission of artwork begins
- **Sunday April 18th** – Submission of artwork ends
- **Saturday, April 24th at 3pm** - Zoom Awards Reception