



# ARTalk

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## President's message



Dear Members,

Simi Valley Art Association held its 60th anniversary at the reception of our People's Choice Art Show on Sunday April 16th. We had a lot of members and visitors join us for this celebration. There was a cake cutting, a memory album, video slide show, and a member participation drawing board signed by each participant. Thank you to all the members who volunteered their time to help make this such a special and successful event.

Congratulations to all the winners of the People's Choice Art Show. There were 68 artwork entries and almost 300 votes were cast. The reception was beautifully festive with delicious food and drinks. Thanks to our Hospitality Chairperson, Helle Urban and Donna Snyder, Annual Events Chairperson, who has a catering background and always donates delectable creations, in addition to compiling the SVAA Memory Book. A special thanks to Carmen Lamp, Recording Secretary, who donated the 60th Anniversary cake and Terry Walson, who worked tirelessly to compose the video of SVAA's history, past board members and events. Again, thank you to all those members who volunteered to help with the take-in, take-down and clean up. Everyone worked well together.

We have two upcoming events at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center (SVCAC). Beginning May 11th SVCAC will be hosting "Boundless Encounters". Boundless Encounters is an exhibit of our members' artwork. It will be on display in their upper gallery through June 25th. The other event is the SVCAC Arts and Crafts Fair.

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is hosting their second annual Art Fest on Saturday, May 20th. There is still space for members to have their artwork displayed and for sale. Please contact us if you want to be part of this event.

Congratulations to Artist of the month, Charlotte Jackowicz! Char does beautiful watercolor paintings and she recently had her artwork at our People's Choice Art Show. Well done!

I hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather and all the colors in our foothills.

Tom

## Art Technique-

**Sfumato** is a painting technique for softening the transition between colors, mimicking an area beyond what the human eye is focusing on, or the out-of-focus plane. It is one of the canonical painting modes of the Renaissance.



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### Happy Birthday

- **David Burde - May 13**
- **Sandra Keppler - May 20**
- **Daniel Rice - May 24**

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# Recent SVAA Events

## 2023 People's Choice/Member's only Art show



Best of Show, Tom Evans  
Landmark 106



1st Place, Bienvenido Sibug  
Relaxing



2nd Place, Holly Hughes  
On the rocks



3rd Place, Stella Kwan  
Family Love



HM, Bonnie Garcia  
Tranquility



HM, Carmen Lamp  
Quintessence of H2O.



HM, Daniel Rice  
Norman



HM, Donna Snyder  
Rachel



HM, Helga Vanden Berge  
Arrogant Bird



HM\_Helle Urban  
Day Dreaming



HM, Linda Clavette Quigley  
Gentle Spirit



HM, Stuart Mark Berlin  
Rock Garden



# 60<sup>th</sup> SVAA Anniversary Celebration



Ann Heglin'-one of SVAA Founding member'



Top: Bienvenido Sibug (Newsletter Designer), Tom Evans (President), Jason Lubas (Vice-President)

Bottom: Persy Evans (Newsletter Coordinator/Cooresponding Secr), Helle Urban (Hospitality/Cooresponding Secr), Carmen Lamp (Recording Secr.), Terry Walsen (Treasurer), Donna Snyder (Annual Events Chair), not present: Linda Clavette Quigley (Special Events Chairperson)



# Acorn Coverage



Story page SVAA Member Art Exhibit at Simi Valley Cultural Center and 60th Anniversary Celebration



Memorial, former SVAA board President Anne Cannata

# Upcoming SVAA Events

- **“Boundless Encounters” (SVAA Members’ Art Exhibit)**

**@Simi Valley Cultural Center ‘Upper Gallery’**

**Where:** 3050 Los Angeles Ave Simi Valley

**Exhibit dates:** May 11, June 25

**Reception:** May 18, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

**Artwork pickup:** June 27, noon - 6:00pm

- **Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Annual Art Festival**

**SVAA will have a tent for Members to display and sell their artwork**

**Where:** Rancho Tapo Community Park, 3700 Avenida Simi, in Simi Valley

**When:** Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Contact:** Linda Quigley at: [clavette275@hotmail.com](mailto:clavette275@hotmail.com) if interested, as space is limited

- **“Spring Arts & Crafts Fair” @Simi Valley Cultural Art Center.**

**Where:** 3050 Los Angeles Ave, Simi Valley

**When:** May 27th, 10am to 4pm

**Contact:** Linda Quigley at: [clavette275@hotmail.com](mailto:clavette275@hotmail.com) if interested, as space is limited

## 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](mailto: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.



**Lyman Young**  
Coffee Time, Acrylic



**Lyman Young**  
Survivor 2, Acrylic



**Lyman Young**  
Top of the Hill, Acrylic



**PEvans**  
Peace after the Storm  
Metal print, 18x24



**PEvans**  
Holding on to dear Life  
[Ancient Bristlecone]  
Metal print

## 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](mailto: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

## Char Jackowicz

I moved to Simi Valley in 1969 to buy a home and raise a family. I was in the medical field for 30 years and spent 10 years as an administrative assistant for a consultant. I was always too busy for anything other than my job and family until I reached retirement.

I always admired people with an artistic ability to paint and draw. 30 years ago, I began to make a bucket list and every year I would review it. Upon reviewing the list from the previous year, I would cross off things I had done. Some years I would add more to the list, yet the last one on the list was painting and drawing. Always thinking it was never possible.

In my early retirement years, I spent most of my time doing volunteer work which also included Simi Senior Center. I had not received any training in drawing and painting until I was 73 years old. Once my volunteer commitments had been completed, I had more time to focus on other areas of interest. With the encouragement of my husband, I joined the Simi Senior Center drawing class. My husband saw that they had classes and convinced me to just try it.

It was in July of 2019 that I pursued drawing. I had so much fun on my first experience that I wanted more. My first drawing was of "my little chicken". Although it took a few tries, I was enjoying every minute. It was then that the passion began. I practiced every day.

Covid hit and I just kept drawing. My dear friend suggested taking the online classes at Mt Sac Adult College program. My love for painting was born. Nothing compared to the passion I felt when I put the paint brush in my hand for a watercolor. Just the sound of the brush on the paper and the sound of the stroke. I was captivated. Every painting is an adventure. I would look at a project, thinking that this is too hard for me and then take a deep breath and follow through. When completed, I couldn't believe that painting came from inside of me. It was so personal.

I want my children to have a part of me when I'm gone, that is really me. The part of me that comes from deep inside. That is the essence of the idea "follow your heart". I paint for the love and the enrichment of the journey. To me painting is more than the expression of skill. It is the drive I feel inside to learn more. For me in my life, it is all about the seeking.





## Library venue

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



*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 May 25th, the next available slot will be for July 27, 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](mailto:trwalson@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.*

## SVAA Member Acknowledgment:

**Congratulations to the members who were juried-in to the following neighboring Art Association shows:**

- **Thousand Oaks Art Association 2023 Open Juried Art Show:**

Tom Evans, Helle Urban and Helane Freeman.

- **Westlake Village Art Guild 2023 Open Juried Art Show:**

Tom Evans, Helane Freeman, Sheri Jones, Helle Urban

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. 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](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](http://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 'Coresponding 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.

*“Art offers sanctuary to everyone willing to open their hearts as well as their eyes”*

*-- Nikki Giovanni*