



# ARTalk

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## Greetings from the SVAA BOARD



### Dear members,

Our Open Juried Show last month was a great event. It was so refreshing to hold the art show in person. There is nothing better than seeing artwork in person. This show brought in 70 pieces of artwork entered and on display. We have been very fortunate over the past few years to be able to have our shows at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center. The atrium with its perfect lighting gave us ambiance and the space we needed. Since the building is open to the

public, there were many people who walked through to view all the fabulous artwork. I have received many compliments about the display of the artwork. We are very thankful to the Park District for allowing us to display the artwork for three weeks and we will consider extending the display time for our future shows. Sharon Weaver was our Juror and she said it was very difficult to make decisions for award selections. She said many of the artworks had great qualities. Congratulations to all those members and non-members who won an award. Our reception was also a success. We had 30+ people attend. Thanks to our Board Members, members, and other volunteers who helped put this show altogether. For pictures and the list of award winners please visit our website at [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org).

This year is coming to an end and the holidays are upon us. There are no plans to hold any meetings, demonstrations, or workshops for the remaining year however, we do expect to have our annual Christmas party in December either in person or virtual. Details and invitations will be sent out later this month.

As part of year's end, we also make our donations to the Simi Valley Unified School District High School Art Programs as part of our Annual Grant Program. Letters were recently sent to each High School principal. This year, like last year, we donate \$750.00 to each High School. Thanks to your membership, donation, and participation we can continue the Annual Grant Program.

**Happy Thanksgiving everyone!**

Tom



**Happy Birthday**  
• **Terry Walson-**  
**November 14th**

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## SVAA Member's Artwork

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.



Carmen Lamp  
New Beginnings  
Pastel, 18" x 24"



Gary Friedman  
Plein Air at Rockland  
Maine, Watercolor



Jessica Brock  
Purple Flames  
Photograph



Jessica Brock  
Peaceful Road  
Photograph



Jessica Brock  
What  
Photograph



Persy Evans  
Tawodi  
Pastel, 20" x 16"



Persy Evans  
Banner Peak  
Pastel, 16" x 20"



Persy Evans  
Lazy Daze  
Acrylic, 16" x 20"



Terry Walson  
Fall Harvest, Photograph



# Congratulations...

## to our 2021 Open Juried Show Winners

### Best of Show

Boi Sibug- Lady #12

### Barbara Burde Award

Pat Duggan- Native American Artifacts #28

### Oil/Acrylic

1st Helane Freeman- Melvin #2

2nd Rob Impellizzeri- Winter Sky Over the Topa  
Topa Mountains #7

3rd Naomi Lin- Soaked #11

HM Helle Urban- Old Soul #15

HM Jack McCalla- Wrangler #4

HM Pat Duggan- Native American Artifacts #28

### Pastel/Drawing & Graphics

1st Carmen Lamp- Morning's Churn #11

2nd Tom Evans- Day's End at Morro Bay #2

3rd Pat Duggan- Fluffy Friends #13

HM Terry Walson- Red Barn in Autumn #8

### Watercolor

1st Maggie Tata- Laundry Day #3

2nd Susan Contreras- Monkey Business #8

3rd Persy Evans- Presley's Day at Disney #9

HM Boi Sibug- Pow Wow #7

### Mixed Media

1st Holly Hughes- Red Flowers #10

2nd Sheri Jones- No Problema #4

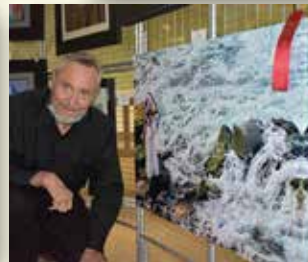
3rd Helga Vanden Berge- Protuberance #5

### Photo/Digital

1st Jason Lubas- Tree #7

2nd Ken Lubas- Winter's Return #5

3rd Doug Rucker- Red-Blue-Black #1





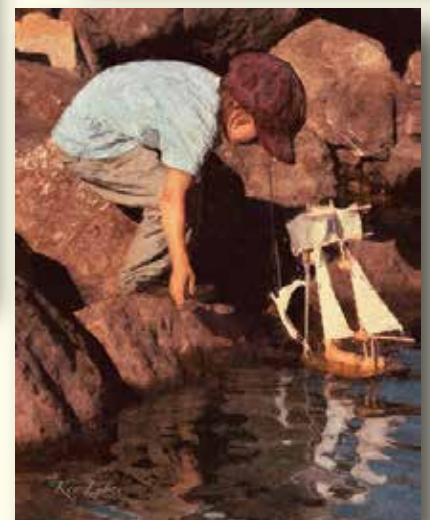
# Artist of the Month

## Ken Lubas

Today my work is both straight photography and photo illustration. My training was forged in photo-journalism where images are unaltered moments in time captured on film or a memory card. While having this, I also have the background as a reporter and editorial writer. An editorial writer can express opinions or weave tales. Digital illustration allows me that editorial freedom to create and share what I have seen in the mind's eye through photo illustration.

In recognition of this, I was given the name "True Eyes" in a sacred naming ceremony. The Chumash spiritual leader giving me the name said it was my ability to look beyond the immediate. As a photojournalist I record unaltered truths. As a digital artist I create. Professionally, I was on the editorial and photo staff of The Los Angeles Times for more than 30 years. My resume includes two Pulitzer Prizes for team projects dealing with the Northridge earthquake and the city's riots. Nominations submitted to Pulitzer judges included work dealing with the homeless, wildfires, floods, the O.J. Simpson saga, and stand-alone feature packages.

I am a former member of the Board of Directors of the Press Photographers of Los Angeles and was awarded their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. My photographs and digital illustrations have been recognized with showings in museums as well as at Los Angeles City Hall, public libraries and galleries throughout the United States.



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.

## 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 the SVAA Board. The next change-out date is Thursday, December 16 @ 10:00 am. For further information, please contact our treasurer Terry Walson at [trwalson@hotmail.com](mailto:trwalson@hotmail.com)

*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.

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*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:

***"If I could say it in words, there would be no reason to paint."***

***-- Edward Hopper***