



ARTalk

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President's message



Dear Members,

We had a very successful and exciting Open Fall Art Show 2023 last month! Thank you to everyone who participated in the show. Congratulations to all the winners! Well done and well deserved! We had 80 entries. Our judge, Anette Power, did a remarkable job. She spent hours assessing all the artwork and writing comments for each awarded art piece. In her words, all the artwork moved and inspired her. Thank you Anette, for going above and beyond to make our show a personal experience, by sharing your

knowledge and expertise in art. There was a large crowd and plenty of good food and drinks, thanks to our Hospitality chairperson Helle Urban and all of you who brought food to share, especially Terry Walson who provided a fabulous Carcuterie tray. Lastly, thank you to our Board and members who volunteered to help make this show a big success. Check out our website for additional photographs of the show.

We are preparing to join the Simi Valley Cultural Art Center Arts & Crafts Fair on December 2nd. See Upcoming Events below for details about the event and how you can participate.

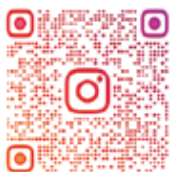
Our last event of the year will be our Holiday Party. It is scheduled for Friday, December 8. An email invitation was recently sent out. It will be held in the Atrium at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center. Hope most of you can attend. It's a great way to get to know each other, enjoy the festivities, good food and games, while supporting what we all believe in...the Love of Art.

Letters were recently sent to each Simi Valley High School principal regarding our Annual Grant Program. We are making a \$500 donation to each high school's art program. This year we are including a \$1,250 donation to the Simi Valley Senior Center for their Art Programs. Thanks to our members' contributions, we wouldn't be unable to make such generous donations.

Tom

Art Technique-

Sgraffito is a technique either of wall decor, produced by applying layers of plaster tinted in contrasting colors to a moistened surface, or in pottery, by applying to an unfired ceramic body two successive layers of contrasting slip or glaze, and then in either case scratching so as to reveal parts of the underlying layer.



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Happy Birthday
Rick Johnson 11/29



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Recent SVAA Events

• Fall Open Art Show 2023

Thank you, Simi Valley Art Association! It was an honor to be asked to judge the 2023 Fall Open Show and I'm so grateful for the time I got to spend with your artwork! As artists we all spend many, many hours perfecting our craft and putting ourselves on the canvas so I want you each to know that whether you received an award or not, I was moved, inspired, and impressed by the work in this show.

When it comes to the process of judging I look at the technical skill of the artist. How well do they know their medium? Have they used the composition and design of the space to help my eye move throughout the piece. How do they use color, values, light and dark contrasts, form, depth, and edges to draw the viewer in. Creativity and interpretation of the subject also play a part in my assessment. And lastly, how does the work move me and make me feel. What can I learn about the artist's intent and focus from this piece?

Thank you again! Looking at your pieces made my day and I hope to run into you (again) on this journey of creativity that we're all on.

Warm regards,
Anette Power



Best of Show_Nap Time
Bienvenido Sibug



Burde Award_Sweet Autumn
Elijah_Carrie Bogin



Sculpture_1st Place_
White Buffalo Calf
Woman_Walter Morosco

----- Mixed Media -----



1st Place_Crazy Eye_
Cheryl Polakow



2nd Place_Neptunes Angel
Comes to Life_
Helene Freeman



HM_All Dolled Up
Sheri Jones



HM_Find Beauty in the
Chaos_Susan Selvaggio

----- Oil-Acrylic -----



1st Place_California Coastal
Rhythms_Rob Impellizzeri



2nd Place_Sun-Kissed
Glow_Helle Urban



3rd Place_Macie's First
Love_Helene Rouse



HM_Barrel Cactus and
Snake_Pat Duggan



HM_Energy_Dawn Marple



----- Pastel-Drawing -----



1st Place_The Light Within_-
Carmen Lamp



2nd Place_A Pug Named
Cojo_Terry Walson



3rd Place_Still a Threat_Tom Evans



HM_Still Life_
Oxana Cramer



HM_Lady_
Bienvenido Sibug



HM_Reflection_
Theresa Bell

----- Photo-Digital -----



1st Place_Splash_
Frank Perrotta



2nd Place_Rainbow Zebras_Ken
Lubas



3rd Place_Peek at Heaven_Persy Evans



HM_Stone Warrior_Ken Lubas



HM_Struggle_Persy Evans



----- Watercolor -----



1st Place_Cactus Shrimp_
Linda Shaner.



2nd Place_Ewe Phoria_
Sheri Jones



3rd Place_Hidden Gems_Susan Selvaggio



HM_Hope Botanical Gardens_Bernie Chin



HM_Saguaro_
Linda Shaner



HM_Swimming_Cheryl
Polakow

Upcoming SVAA Events

• Winter Art Marketplace

Saturday, December 2nd 10am – 4pm

Location: Simi Valley Cultural Center

3050 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley

Note: If you are interested in representing your artwork on this day and available to stay for the entire time frame including setup and breakdown, please email Linda Clavette Quigley no later than November 15th at clavette275@hotmail.com to secure your spot under the tent(s). Space is limited so first come, first serve.

• Holiday Party

Friday, December 8th. 6pm – 8pm

Location: Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District Activity Center

4201 Guardian Street Simi Valley

Note: This will be a potluck as usual. Details are available in the email that was recently sent out to all members.

Opportunity

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

- Advanced Oil/Acrylic Art
- Ceramics
- Mosaic

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

For more information, please contact Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, 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.

SVAA Website

Members who would like to add links to their personal website or upload some art works to our website, contact Oxana Cramer at: 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/>.

Library venue

- **Current Solo exhibit artist (Lyman Young) 9/28/23 – 11/30/23**
- **Next Solo exhibit artist (Susan Rice) 11/30/23 – 1/25/24**

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 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 piece 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.

The next available slot will be on January 25, 2024 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

SVAA Member Announcements:

Gary Friedman participated in the Autumn Artpalooza, October 22 in Agoura which was sponsored by Malibu Art Association, Westlake Village Art Guild,

• **Watercolor classes with Gary Friedman (Simi Valley Senior Center).**

Go to rsrpd.org and scroll down to (Events, Programs & Classes):
click on:

- Age 50+
- Age 50+ Classes
- Age 50+ 2024
- Art and Music | Winter (December – February)
- Watercolor

(Then scroll down to):

- Watercolor Art SV 12/16



It doesn't show Gary Friedman as instructor but he is the only one teaching on Saturdays.

6 class series for \$90. Class starts 12/16, 10:00 am to 12:00 @Simi Valley Senior Center.

Note: This is a unique hybrid class, as it will be partially in-person and partially online.

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.

Newsletter submission must be made by the 20th of the month.

Email: 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 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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

The Board needs committee volunteers.

It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to put on events like our annual People's Choice and Fall Open Art shows and the board is asking all members to consider volunteering. We can really use the help. 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.

Board position coming available next year: Publicity/Advertising, (board position: Coresponding Secretary). If you are interested and a member, we could really use your help. As currently, board members are fulfilling multiple roles. Contact any one of the board members about this position. You may pair up with someone for this position as well.

Welcome and Congratulations

We would like to Thank and Welcome Oxana Cramer, our new Website / Social Media Chairperson. She is an accomplished, award-winning artist and is gracious enough to volunteer her precious time. Again, Thank you and Congratulations Oxana! You are greatly appreciated and the board looks forward to working with you

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 an image of who You are"

-- PEvans