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O C T O B E R 2 0 2 3

President's message



Dear Members,

I hope all of you are doing well and staying healthy.

Last month, on September 14th, Joe Cibere did a wonderful demonstration for us, as usual. Joe always does fabulous work and always brings in a crowd. We had a full house, so thank you Joe! We look forward to another demonstration in the future.

Our Fall Open Art Show 2023 begins October 2nd. Our honorable judge is Anette Power. I hope you plan to participate in the show and can make it to the

reception on Saturday, October 7th, from 2pm to 4pm. Awards will be announced and there will be an array of refreshments to enjoy. It's a great time to meet your fellow members, artists, and family. Thanks to those members and board members that helped to make this show happen. We have a great group!

A reminder to contact me or Jason Lubas, if you want to volunteer or be a chairperson. There are still positions open.

Soon we will be sending out letters to each Simi Valley High School principal, regarding our Annual Grant Program. Included this year, the Board agreed to donate to the City of Simi Valley Senior Center. Thanks to our member contributions and other donors, who help make such a generous donation to the schools and Senior Center possible.

Our Artist of the Month for October is Bessie Jacinto! Bessie is a long-time member and a past Board Member President from 2012 through 2015. Bessie now lives in Hawaii but still supports us as a member. Bessie has won awards for her artwork, and she still paints when she can. Congratulations Bessie and thank you for supporting our association. Mahalo!

Tom

Art Technique-

Drybrush is a painting technique in which a paint brush that is relatively dry, but still holds paint, is used to create a drawing or painting. Load is applied to a dry support such as paper or primed canvas. The resulting brush strokes have a characteristic scratchy and textured look that lacks the smooth appearance that washes or blended paint commonly have. This technique can be used to achieve a blurred or soft appearance.



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Happy Birthday

Persy Evans
Stuart Berlin
Stella Kwan
Susan Rice

10/15
10/16
10/21
10/24



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Recent SVAA Events

- General Meeting/Artist Demonstration by Watercolorist Joe Cibere

was a huge success. We had 33 attendees and as always Joe gave a very informative and enjoyable demonstration. Thank you Joe for sharing your skills and talents with our audience.



Upcoming SVAA Events

Fall Open Art Show 2023

Show Opens:	Monday, 10/2/23
Show Hours:	Open to the public: Mon-Fri, 8am - 6pm (closed Sat-Sun)
Reception & Awards:	Saturday, 10/7/23, 2pm - 4pm
Show Closes:	Friday, 10/27/23
Pick-Up:	Saturday, 10/28/23, 10am - 12pm

*** We need volunteers to help with the Reception on 10/7/23 and Pick-up/Take down on 10/28/23 . Please contact any of SVAA board member listed on page 1.

Opportunity

• **Looking for: Advanced Oil/Acrylic Art Instructor and Ceramics Instructor**, to teach at the Simi Valley Senior Center. Previous art instruction/teaching is preferred, but not necessarily required. For more information, please contact Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Bryan Horstmanhof: bryanh@rsrpd.us or by phone at (805) 584-4443.

• **Needed: Docent for Madera Elementary Art Program**

My name is Candace Handt. I am the Vice President of Programs for the Madera Elementary PTA. We are reaching out to the art community looking for an **Art Program Docent Coordinator** for our school. We are looking for someone who loves kids and has a passion for sharing art with them. At this time this is a volunteer position. Our school is transitional kindergarten through 5th grade. We would like 3 projects throughout the year each having a different cultural significance or artistic style. For example one could be Hispanic artists, one could be American artists and another could be Impressionists. The projects must be adaptable to each grade. The projects will have to be approved by the Principal, Mrs. Bowden. We have created a fully stocked Art Room on campus.

The Coordinator:

- will collaborate with room parents and teachers to show them how to do the projects.
- can be involved as much as they like with helping students, teachers and room parents in the art room. In the Spring, we will hold a Spring Carnival and Art Show. - would be responsible for arranging the art show and displaying the students' artwork.

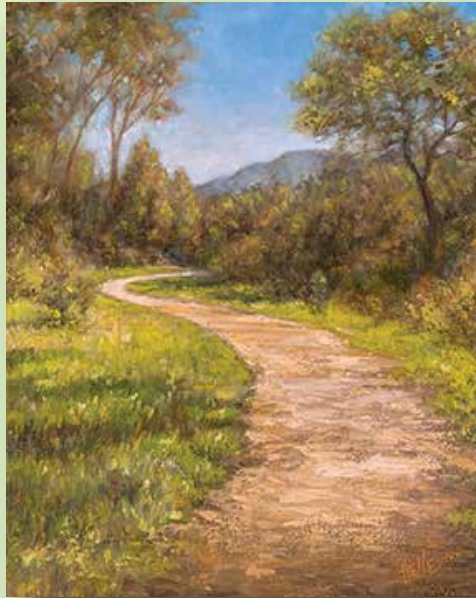
If interested, please contact Candace Handt <jeepgirl04@icloud.com>

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.



Helle Urban
Sun-kissed Glow



Helle Urban
Peter Strauss Ranch



Helle Urban
Lily Rock in Idyllwild

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

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

Ines Blesilda "Bessie" Jacinto



Ines Blesilda "Bessie" Jacinto is a published writer and artist. Born and raised in Manila, Philippines, she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and Master of Arts in Literature from Ateneo de Manila University. She taught Journalism and worked in Advertising and Public Relations before migrating to the US in November 1981.

She held her first solo art exhibit while working as an Information Technology Manager in Los Angeles in 2001 and has since been juried into local and national shows as well as invited to international shows in London and LA.

Bessie's passion for color and nature translates into images of joy and serenity, while her innate curiosity drives her to photograph scenes and explore old and new techniques in different media such as oil, pastel, acrylic and watercolor. She is currently learning surface design while coordinating plein air sessions at the Foster Botanical Gardens (for the Hawaii Watercolor Society) in Honolulu where she resides at the present.

A former SVAA President and longtime Board member, Bessie believes in giving back to the community through art promotion and talent development of the youth and fellow artists.

Currently a Board Member of the Association of Hawaii Artists, Bessie was also a Treasurer for the National PEN Women (Simi Valley Branch) and participated as an artist-speaker at the Cal Lutheran's Women's Conferences in the early 2000's. Her drawings were featured in Virginia Hutchinson's "Tracks in the Snow" book of poetry and her prize-winning short stories included in the "Philippine American Short Stories" published in Washington DC.

Inspired by Renoir's "Girl with a Watering Can" as a child, Bessie credits visiting art museums in her world travels and joining workshops conducted by different artists to help develop her skills. She is grateful to the many generous artists who have shared their time and talent, especially the late Pong Apinyavat whose half-day class was enough to get her started on exploring the joys of watercolor painting.

When asked if she prefers painting to writing, Bessie says, "I feel like I'm writing a story or a poem when painting and I feel like I'm painting images when writing."

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Library venue

Current Solo exhibit artist (Lyman Young) 9/28/23 – 11/30/23

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 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 properly framed and wired, with wire measured the same distance from the top of the frame for all art work. No saw-tooth hangers.

The next available slot will be on November 30, 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 if you have any questions.

SVAA Member Announcements:

• ***Congratulations to Oxana Cramer***, who sold two of her paintings that were on display at the Simi Valley Library.

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. 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

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

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.

Also, if you haven't yet submit a new membership form with your current contact and birthday information (mm/dd), please do. Membership form can be found online at our website: 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 the Website app 'Weebly', (position: Website Chairperson) or Publicity/Advertising, (board position: Coresponding Secretary). If you are willing and a member, we could really use your help. Contact any one of the board members to volunteer for either of these positions.

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 a form of Love. Art is the ultimate Gift. Art Heals Life.”

-- Robert Genn