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A publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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President's message



Dear Members,

We are now in September and summer just seemed to have gone by so fast. I hope your summer was entertaining. For our association, September signals the time when we begin to prepare for a few "end of the year" events.

On Thursday, September 14th we will be holding our next general meeting. The general meetings are held quarterly each year and are for members, non-members, family, and friends. There is a donated entry fee required for all who attends, and we also hold a raffle which you can contribute towards, to

win a prize. Artist and instructor, Joe Cibere, will be demonstrating his talent and skills with watercolors. Joe has done demonstrations for us numerous times and always makes it a fun experience and leaves everyone with a lasting impression. You won't want to miss this great event with Joe.

The Simi Valley Art Association **Fall Open Art Show 2023** begins October 2nd. This show is open to everyone. We are pleased and excited to announce our honorary judge, Anette Power. The Prospectus, contains all the information, rules and forms that you will need to participate. It can be downloaded from our website: www.simivalleyart.org. Please read the Prospectus carefully if you are planning to enter the show. There are conditions that should be met before any artwork is accepted. The show runs through October 27th and the artwork is displayed in the beautiful atrium at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center.

Our Association currently doesn't mandate members to get involved with volunteer work, but we really need help with many things and hope that you can volunteer some of your time. We need some volunteers for the Open Art Show, specifically, the take-in of the artwork and setup on Saturday, September 30, from 10am to 12pm and the pick-up/ take-down on Saturday, October 28, from 10am to 12pm. Please contact me or Jason Lubas, if you can volunteer for the show and/or anything else involved with SVAA.

It is not confirmed yet, but we will likely be part of the Simi Valley Cultural Art Center's Arts and Crafts event held in December. Just keep this event in mind and contact me or any Board Member, if you're interested in participating.

Finally, our Artist of the Month for September is Walter (Crowman) Morosco! Congratulations Walter!

Tom

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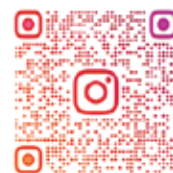
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Art Technique-

Chiaroscuro: In art, is the use of strong contrasts between light and dark, usually bold contrasts affecting a whole composition. It is also a technical term used by artists and art historians for the use of contrasts of light to achieve a sense of volume in modelling three-dimensional objects and figures.

Happy Birthday

Mary Mask 9/15



SIMIVALLEYARTASSOCIATION

Upcoming SVAA Events

- General Meeting/Artist Demonstration by Watercolorist Joe Cibere: (Thursday, September 14th from 6pm to 8pm).

Joe Cibere is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and his painting style demonstrates his love of nature and wilderness. His "abstract realism" paintings integrate strong design and balance with a sense of illusion and have appeared in "Watercolor Magazine" and in the International Artists book "The Watercolor Sky and Cloud Techniques of 23 International Artists". His work is also part of both corporate and private collections. Joe has been a guest demonstrator at several area art organizations and conducts workshops on watercolor technique throughout the year. He has also studied with several acclaimed watercolor artists including: Tony Couch, Nita Engle, Tom Fong, Katherine Ghang Liu, Stephen Quiller, Thomas Schaller and Karen Vernon. His studio is located at: Studio Channel Islands, Rm R4, Old Town Camarillo, CA

We are very honored to have him at our General Meeting/Demonstration to share his expertise in watercolor.



Fall Open Art Show 2023

Walk-in Submission: Saturday, 9/30/23, 10am - 12pm
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
(Please read all important details in the Prospectus on our website: www.simivalleyart.org)

***** We need volunteers to help with Walk-in Submissions on 9/30/23 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 Horstmanshof: 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.



GaryFriedman
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GaryFriedman
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GaryFriedman
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Stuart Berlin
Central Coast Oaks.



Stuart Berlin
Light and Shadow Ocean Cave

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

Walt (Crowman) Morosco

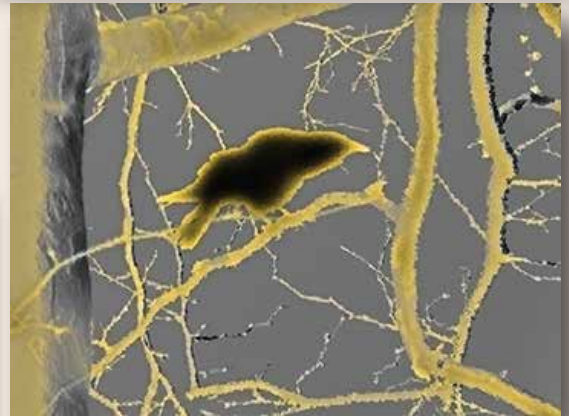
My parents moved us to Santa Susana in Mid 1960's. A two-stoplight town, as I recall, where I attended Simi Valley High School as a Sophomore and had taken art classes there. Then later, at Moorpark JC and CSUN, in addition to my engineering courses. My Dad and my Counselors always advised me to take classes that can net me a 'paying job'. Art was always on the back burner. However, I stole away to do Art projects on the side, whenever I could.

(Fast forward a half a century later.)

I have explored several mediums such as: Acrylic paintings, woodburning art, photography/photoshop, sculpturing. My latest venture is stone carvings. As encouraged by my Chumash stone carving friends, Ted and Tony. Who advised me to carve bigger pieces.

Most recently, I met Ken Lubas, at the Chumash Interpretive Center at one of his lectures. He encouraged me to get out and share some of my artwork. At his advice, I joined Simi Valley Art Association. I am a newbie and entered a couple of small sculptures in their art show.

There are so many talented artists here in Simi Valley Art Association and I hope I can meet them all. I can't thank you enough for the opportunity to be a part of this community of artists.



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:

• *Gary Friedman scheduled to start teaching at the Simi Valley Senior Center:*

Go to: https://www.rsrpd.org/recreation/age_50.php to sign up for his class

(online enrollment starts 8/4/2023. Class starts Saturday, 9/9/2023 10:00am – noon)

Sheri Jones won several awards:-



• "Sweet Ziggy"
3rd place in watercolor
at the ACCV Show



• "EwePhoria"
2nd place
in watercolor at the
Ventura County Fair

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 an international language, understood by all."

-- Igor Babailov