



# ARTalk

A publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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## Greetings from the SVAA BOARD



**Dear members,**

As we head into the fall season, it's normally that time of the year when our Association begins holding general meetings with art demonstrations but there are still too many reasons for us not to hold meetings. We are hoping that we can soon. In the meantime, our Board Members have been busy preparing for our Open Juried Show in October. It seems so long ago since we had our last show with the artwork on display, so we are excited about this show. Our virtual shows have been successful and received good reviews, however it is not the same

as having artwork hung in frames, on walls, for viewing. The show is scheduled to be held in the Atrium at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center and begins on October 2nd. The artwork will be on display through October 23rd and a reception will be held on October 9th to announce the winners. I hope all of you can participate and enter the show.

It has been a while since we had our own gallery space but the library exhibit has been a great substitute. Terry Walson, with the help from other members, has been displaying members' artwork at the library. Each month the artwork is changed out for other members to display their work. It's been a great exhibit and the library staff have been very kind to us for allowing wall space to hang members' artwork. We have received some very nice compliments. There is limited wall space so if you are interested, contact Terry to find out what is available. If you haven't been to the library, I would recommend you do and see the exhibit.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Stella Kwan for being artist of the month for September. She is a long-time member and is an amazing award-winning artist. Thanks, Stella, for all your contributions and for being a part of our Association!

Stay safe and we will see you at the show!

Tom

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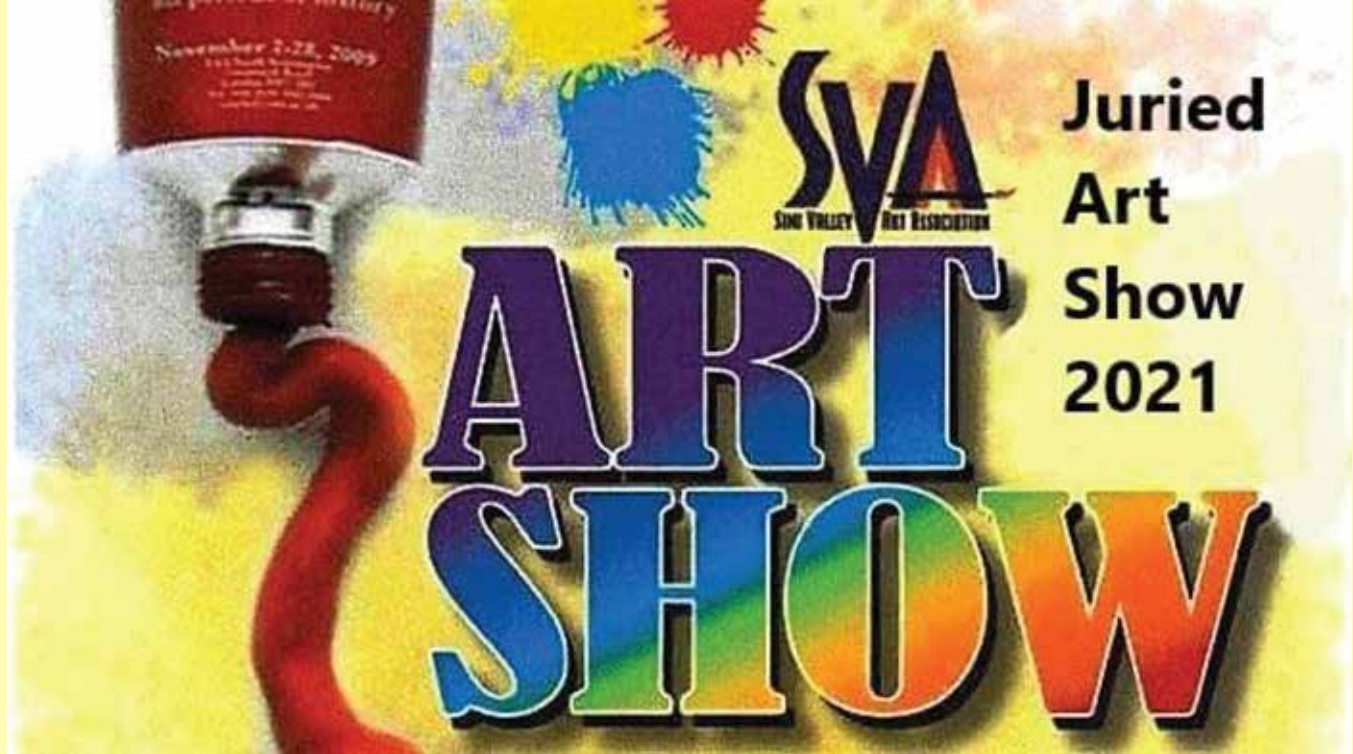
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### David Deyell Watercolor Society Demo

In September, David Deyell will be doing both a demonstration and giving a workshop for Valley Watercolor Society. For information on this **Thursday, September 9th** demonstration, look up the web-site for Valley Watercolor Society and go to EVENTS. The demonstration will be on ZOOM and goes from 7PM to 9:30PM. Under EVENTS you will also find info on David's Sunday, September 12 watercolor workshop. The event is from 9 AM to noon and costs \$45.00 for non-members. It will also be held on ZOOM. Emphasis will be on what we learn and use from plein air painting. Materials: use what you have.

At this time, we expect the Thursday evening demo will be free. If you have questions, please email David Deyell



**The Simi Valley Art Association will be taking submissions for  
the 2021 Open Juried On-Site Art Show.**

The show is open to all adult artists, ages 18 and over. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Online submissions begin **Wednesday, Sept. 29.**

Walk-in entries will be **Friday, Oct. 1 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**The show runs from Saturday, Oct. 2 through Saturday, Oct. 23 at:**

**Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District –**

**Activity Center, 4201 Guardian Street**

**Simi Valley, California**

***Awarding winning landscape artist and instructor Sharon Weaver will be judging this year's show.***

***For more information go to [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org)***



# Artist of the Month

## Stella Kwan

At the age of three, I picked up a piece of charcoal and started drawing on the dusty concrete floor and walls of the little shack I called home, in Taipei, Taiwan. I've never stopped drawing. Years later, after graduating from the National Taiwan College of Arts and studying at the Art Center College of Design and Otis Art Institute of Parsons School of Design, I'd hope it's safe to say my skills have improved slightly.

I worked as an art designer and illustrator for a media corporation in Taipei and for a fashion design company in Los Angeles. I have been a freelance artist for much of my career, whipping up political cartoons and illustrations for newspapers and magazines, yet I find fine art to be particularly intriguing.

I create with the intention of blending Oriental and Western influences to inspire an aura of mystery, romance, and spontaneity. Most of my work reflects my optimistic personality and appreciation for humor. While I don't limit myself to a certain style, technique or media, my favorite thus far has been watercolor and Chinese ink on rice paper.

I strive to bring laughter and smiles to people of all ages, and am very fortunate to be doing what I love best! My paintings combine the soul of traditional Chinese brushwork with modern techniques to create forms filled with freshness and energy. My current ambition is to compose a series of works based upon the twelve animals of the Chinese Zodiac calendar, each year providing a new subject for my brush. I believe that art is truly a universal language and therefore, is meant for the world's enjoyment.





# SIMI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

TO THE SIMI VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION,

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING  
IN OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM,  
"READING COLORS YOUR WORLD." YOU  
BROUGHT A LOT OF COLOR TO THE  
LIBRARY THIS SUMMER, AND FOR  
THAT WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL.

THANK YOU,

SVPL STAFF

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, October 28th @ 10am. 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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## QUOTES:

***"Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures."***

***-- Henry Ward Beecher***