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President's Message



Our Annual High School Art Scholarship Competition held last March 16 showcased once again the talented young artists in our community. The SVAA awarded over \$1,200 in cash and prizes and raffled off many gifts donated by local vendors and individual donors. Special recognition goes to the scholarship committee (Michelle Daniel, Chairperson, Teresa Nelesen, Barbara Castillo,

Alicia Profitt, Steve Parr and Catherine Gould) for coordinating with participating schools and donors and worked with the Reception/Hospitality committee (Donna Snyder and Terry Walson) to make the evening memorable for the standing-room only audience. The combined efforts and generosity of our members, gallery and outdoor art show participants who donated to the fund over the last year enabled us to give away more cash this year.

The evening was made even more exciting with the oil portrait speed painting demo completed by our guest Rafael Maniago in a breathtaking half-hour while managing to share a great sense of humor and valuable tips. The lucky model was Anne Cannata, an SVAA member.

Another March major event: The SVAA Gallery moved to another store space at the Simi Valley Town Center, just a couple of stores away from old one. Many thanks to the members for helping at short notice, especially to Donna Snyder and her family who also saved us a lot of time and money. The great teamwork got the new gallery up in less than a week! Do stop by and enjoy.

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ART DEMOS at a GLANCE

April 20, Carolyn Counnas, oil landscape

May 18, Morgan Kari, multi-media portrait

June 15, Johanna Spinks, oil

September 21, Cheryl Polakow Knight, watercolor

Oct. 19, Ron Regalado, digital art/photography

Nov. 16, Rose McCaughey, printmaking

For further info call **Bessie Jacinto, 805-583-3690** or email at bjacinto@bjacinto.com.

All demos **3rd Friday** of the month, **7:00 pm. Simi Valley Library Community Rm. at 2969 Tapo Canyon Rd.**

GUEST DEMO ARTIST

7:00 pm on **Friday, April 20, 2012**, at the
Simi Valley Public Library Community Room.

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Growing up on a horse farm in Maryland, I have always been inspired by the rich green textures of the landscape. So it was quite an adjustment a decade ago when I settled in Southern California, to fully appreciate this landscape where it doesn't rain for 8 months of the year. Now instead of seeing just green, I see color everywhere.

At this stage of my career, color is my primary spark, more so than form or subject matter. You might say that subject matter is just an excuse to use color. My favorite excuses for a subject is "Depth" with the cool colors as the land recedes combined with the textures and warm light on the golden grasses of the Southwest. My canvases are often large in scale (4 to 8 feet) to convey the feel of the open space.

I work in oil paint for its buttery, luminous effects. I use a dual primary color system incorporating a cool and warm version of red, yellow and blue, plus white. To create the most harmonious colors I mix all my browns, greys and secondary colors. I don't use black. My favorite painting tools, besides my sables, are a color shaper, looks like a spatula, and my pin-stripping sign painters brush.

When I'm not painting I drive race cars. It makes me brave enough to paint.



GALLERY NEWS

From Gallery Coordinator: Michelle McGrath 805-526-6897
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We have moved! Our Gypsy Gallery is on the move once again. With another business leasing our space we were offered several spots and chose space 540, right next door! Even though it is smaller it is more intimate, "looks like a studio loft". With the help of our wonderful SVAA Gallery artists it was a smooth transition. It is a great location which flows out to a beautiful patio garden area and we're next to the popular Apple store! We have a busy next few months ahead with spring upon us and milder weather (no winds, we hope!). Our SVAA president, Bessie will keep you informed of the upcoming events. Once again a big thank you to all of the heroic Gallery artists who made this happen and the Simi Valley Town Center for providing us with this beautiful space. Come visit us!

Thank you, Michelle



Reminder:

Gallery space requires sitting the gallery as well as being an active member in the association. Everyone needs to do their part, so that the gallery does not become a burden for a few, but a pleasure for all.

Congratulations...

David Sgambellone staged an exhibit of 15 paintings at the Simi Valley Senior Center for the month of March.

Kudos to our members who got juried into the Santa Paula Society of Arts 75th Annual Juried Show at Blanchard Library. The exhibit runs through Apr 4: Meli Calkins, Pat Duggan, Bessie Jacinto, Olga Kaczmar, Michelle Daniel and congratulations to Boi Sibug for winning 3rd place in the Pastels category.

Kudos to our members who got juried into the Westlake Village Art Guild's annual Open Juried Show: Pong Apinyavat, Lisa August, Bruce Bell, Meli Calkins, Pat Duggan, Bessie Jacinto, Michelle McGrath, Jennie Robin, Dickey Rowan, Anthony Verity, and Rose McCaughey who won the 2nd Place award in the Oil/Acrylic Category. Congrats!

Congratulations to Sherri Trout and Rita Joyce for having been juried into the San Marino League art show at the Huntington Library on May 5th with the Art Matters Encore Soiree. Show and awards are on Sunday, May 6. 10:30am-4pm.

ARTIST WORKSHOP

Sign Up Now for the Upcoming Artist Workshop held on Saturday, April 28 from 10am-3pm. This workshop is the first Artist Workshop to be held at the SVAA Art Gallery. The watercolor workshop will be taught by award-winning artist Rita Joyce. There will be a short supply list and paper can be purchased in class for a supply fee. Age 18 and over. The workshop fee is \$49 per person. For more info, contact Rita Joyce at 805-522-8026 or email ritajoyceartist@gmail.com. In your email please mention the SVAA workshop and include your full name, phone number and email address.

"STRUT YOUR STUFF"

Simi Town Center is partnering with the Simi Valley Art Association in presenting a Fine art Show on the first Saturday & Sunday of each month. This is a wonderful opportunity to show and sell your artwork and it will also help raise funds for our scholarship program. It is open to the SVAA as well as outside artists. Please contact our Town Center coordinator, Michelle McGrath, 805-526-6897 or mcmichelleart@roadrunner.com. \$5.00 for our members and \$10.00 for non-members plus 10% of sales.

The Village at Dos Vientos Fine Arts Walk: SVAA is partnering again with The Village in showcasing fine arts. Open to members only, the Art Walk will be held on Saturday, April 14, 10am – 5pm.

Simi Valley Plein Air Artist Group (SPAAG) is having a paint-out on April 16, from 10am-1pm, at the Malibu Lagoon (The Adamson's house). A map will be sent to all of the members via e-mail. Let's all enjoy a wonderful spring paint out by the beach! All trips are weather permitting. Contact Pong at (H) 805-527-8601, (C) 805-813-0667.

Newsletter submissions must be made by the 20th of the month to our Newsletter Coordinator Jennie Robin via email: svaaprints@gmail.com. Place "Newsletter Submission" in the Subject line.

Mini Gallery

Don Ferre, our Mini-Gallery Committee Chair, will help set up a members' art display at the monthly general meetings. Featured artists can bring bio to display with 3-4 art pieces on easels or stands. We have sold paintings at general meetings so please avail of this opportunity. This is also important for showcasing SVAA talent to the public. To sign up, please contact Don Ferre at 805-750-2703.

People's Choice Award

People's Choice Award: An annual event for SVAA painters, this competition is being held at the SV Town Center gallery on May 5 & 6. The public will vote for their favorite artwork. Planning for the event will be led by Committee Chair Barbara Castillo. [Please take note of the date change.]

LOCAL ART HAPPENINGS

The Westlake Village Art Guild will have a special art exhibition of 12 original paintings by a world renowned Equine Artist, Fred Stone. Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, April 27- 28, 2012. For more info. contact Carol Childers, (805)716-3068 or (805)490-5588, email: cchilders5@roadrunner.com or visit www.wvartguild.org.

Arts in the Park Juried Show. August 18 -19, at the Ventura Harbor Village. Submission of digital images of artwork is required for jurying. Deadline for application is on June 25. Early registration fee \$15 (3/5 - 4/13), regular registration \$20, (4/16-6/1), late registration \$25 (6/4-6/25). For more info and application form, contact Barbara Hinton 805-650-9858, email barbara@venturaartfestival.com or visit www.venturachamber.com.

The Green Show: Arts Council of the Conejo Valley's May Juried show. Pieces will be juried as they are submitted on May 1 – 4 to 7pm at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery. For more info and prospectus visit www.conejoarts.org.

Artisan Row Home Arts & Crafts Show, March 31- April 1, William S. Hart Park. For more info and for vendors, contact Al Ewing (661)259-1750 or visit <http://www.friendsofhartpark.org>

Santa Clarita Artist's Association will hold an artist reception for SCAA President, Laurie Morgan, on April 14. Exhibit March 1-30, 12pm-5pm, at Valencia Art & Framing in Granary Square, 25850 McBean Pkwy, Valencia. RSVP (661)406-7139.

David Deyell's holding watercolor art classes at the Reyes Adobe historical site for all skill levels. Session 1 - Apr 3-24 (\$48), Session 2 - May 1-22, (\$48), Session III - May 29-June 12 (\$36), Drop-in: \$15. Please call the Agoura Hills Recreation Center (818)597-7361 to sign up or for more information.

Sandy Fisher, Watercolor Artist, On exhibit, Canyon Theater Guild, Mar 30-May 3. Reception Apr 13. 4-7pm.

March 16th Demo With Guest Artist Rafael Maniago



Rafael Maniago, Guest Demo Artist did a speed-painting oil portrait. The lucky model was Anne Cannata, an SVAA member.

2012 High School Art Scholarship Competition

This year we had 19 incredibly talented students participated in the scholarship competition from Royal, Simi, and Santa Susana High Schools.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

- First Place:** Lu Han, received \$500.00 plus a \$150.00 gift certificate from Fast Frame
- Second Place:** Connor Tingley, received \$400.00
- Third Place:** Omar Gomez, received \$300.00
- Honorable Mention:** Kat Strait, received \$50.00 Graphaids Gift Card
- Honorable Mention:** Janene Viola, received \$50.00 Graphaids Gift Card
- Honorable Mention:** Clarissa Caplinger, received \$50.00 Graphaids Gift Card
- Honorable Mention:** Paule Rosas, received \$50.00 Graphaids Gift Card
- Members Choice Award:** Ashley Horne, received \$50.00
- Members Choice Award:** Apurva Govande, received \$50.00

The other very talented students who participated are:

Raahima Shoaib, Alee Ruggieri, Ricardo Olmedo, Xiao Peng, Isha Patel, Nina Vo, Alyssa Davis, Andrew Allen, Song Park, and Taylor Currie. They each received a drawing pad.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

SVAA awarded over **\$1,200.00** in cash awards and artist materials to our talented students. SVAA also gave two Members Choice Awards of \$50 each, which were chosen by contributing members that included Anne Cannata. Gifts donated by local vendors and individual donors were also raffled off. **We THANK all the generous contributors who helped make that possible.**



OUR CONTRIBUTORS:

- **Anne Cannata**, SVAA Member
2679 Tapo Canyon, Simi Valley, CA 93063
- **Doug and Alice Profitt**, SVAA Members
- **Chipotle**
- **Fast Frame**
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- **Subway**
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- **TGI Friday's**
2795 Tapo Canyon Rd., Simi Valley, CA 93063
- **Town Center Artists and Gallery**
*Catch us the first weekend of every month
at the Simi Valley Town Center
- **Trader Joe's**
805-520-3135, www.traderjoes.com
2975-A Cochran St., Simi Valley, CA 93065

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2012 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE from Barbara Castillo: **Welcome** to our new members and those who have renewed! We have an exciting year of events and look forward to working with our new artists.

JANUARY BEGINS OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

Please fill out a new membership form and pay your yearly dues by the February general meeting to avoid paying non-member admission price on March.

2012 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Sign-ups in progress – Thanks to all who have signed up and please contact any Board member or Committee chairs for questions.

MORE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

- Our fees are \$35.00 for yearly dues with \$15.00 for the second family member. Students will remain at \$15.00 for the year with a \$3.00 demo fee, unless accompanied by a paying adult – then they get in for free. Our demonstration fees are \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non members.
- For membership questions, please contact Barbara Castillo at 805-791-3566 or email Barbara.cast52@gmail.com.

MAGAZINE/BOOK/MATERIALS FUNDRAISER

Do you have any old art books or magazines that you have read or no longer need? Or how about art materials that you know you won't use? Please bring them to our monthly meetings. We will have a table set up where members and guests can "buy" them for a donation. Clean out that clutter!

BOARD MEETINGS: Members are welcome to attend the monthly board meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Simi Town Center Art Gallery at 6:30 PM. Please call any board member to confirm in case of any reschedules or agenda suggestions.

SVAA Web Site: Development is nearing completion with the leadership of Barbara Burde, website development committee chair, and the assistance of Ron Regalado, Brett Higgins and Jennie Robin.

SVAA YAHOO GROUP SITE: Sign up and exchange information and event photos with the group members. Both members and non-members are invited to access the site. This is where we store

newsletters and many event information. Check out photos of the Simi Town Center shows and more! Go to WWW.YAHOO.COM, go to Groups, search for SVAARTISTS and sign up. Contact Bessie Jacinto for further details at bjacinto@bjacinto.com

2012 SVAA Committees: (Sign-ups still needed for open spots)

- **Hospitality/Reception (includes Gallery Receptions)** - Chair: Donna Snyder, Terry Walson, Betty Evans, Catherine Gould, Tony Snyder, Karen Barnes, Teresa Nelesen
- **Annual Scholarship Event** - Chair: Michelle Daniel, Steve Parr, Alice Profitt, Barbara Castillo, Teresa Nelesen.
- **Annual Open Juried Show** - Chair: Rita Joyce, Bob Bladow, Miriam Thorin, Anthony Verity.
- **Annual People's Choice Members Show** - Chair: Barbara Castillo, Carlene Robertson.
- **Plein Air/Paint Out (2x a year)** - Chair: **(OPEN)** Pat Duggan, Sherri Trout.
- **Fundraising/ Solicitations** - Chair: **(OPEN)**, Michelle Daniel, Pong Apinyavat, Lisa August.
- **Website** - Chair: Barbara Burde, Ron Regalado, Brett Higgins.
- **Mini-Gallery (general meetings)** - Chair: Don Ferre.
- **Telephone Coordinator** - Virginia Clancy.
- **Strathearn Show** - Chair: Anne Cannata, Ruth Marple.
- **Athletic Club Show (rotating)** - Chair: Mary Ulrich, Rita Joyce, Rose Mcaughey.
- **Town Center Gallery** - Coordinator: Michelle McGrath, Rose McCaughey, Steve Parr, David Sgambellone, Frank McGrath.
- **Publicity: Chairperson and members (OPEN)**
- **Program Coordinator (program planning and coordination with guest demo artists and speakers): OPEN**

"Every artist was first an amateur." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." - Pablo Picasso



2012 Calendar of Events

JANUARY

20 – Gen Mtg/
Election

24 – Board Mtg

FEBRUARY

4/5 – Mall
Outdoor Show

15 – Board
Mtg

17 – Gen Mtg

MARCH

3/4 – Mall
Outdoor Show

13 – Board Mtg

16 – Gen Mtg/
Scholarship
Awards Night

31 – Mall
Outdoor Show

APRIL

1 – Mall Outdoor
Show

10 – Board Mtg

14 – Dos Vientos
Art Walk

20 – Gen Mtg

MAY

5/6 – Mall Out-
door Show

5/6 – People's
Choice Award
Show (Members
Only)

8 – Board Mtg

18 – Gen Mtg

JUNE

2/3 – Mall
Outdoor Show

12 – Board Mtg

15 – Gen Mtg

JULY

7/8 – Mall
Outdoor Show

-No Gen Mtg

[Activity To Be
Announced]

AUGUST

4/5 – Mall
Outdoor Show

-No Gen Mtg

[Activity To Be
Announced]

SEPTEMBER

1/2 – Mall
Outdoor Show

11 – Board Mtg

21 – Gen Mtg

OCTOBER

6/7 – Mall
Outdoor Show

9 – Board Mtg

12 – Open Juried
Show Take -In

14 – Reception/
Awards

19 – Gen Mtg/
Nomination
Committee

NOVEMBER

1 – Open Juried
Show Take Down

3/4 – Mall Out-
door Show

13 – Board Mtg

16 – Gen Mtg

DECEMBER

1/2 – Mall
Outdoor Show

11 – Board Mtg

21 – Gen Mtg/
Election