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President's Message



Greetings Members! Thank you for your wonderful turnout at our March General Meeting. We had an amazing demo artist, Rob Impellizzeri who showed us his mastery of plein air painting with his stunning seascape. Lucky Anne Cannata won the raffle prize of his work.

We are so fortunate to have new members who have joined our organization. Victoria Marble, Zoya Bokhoor-Mills, Sondra Ah Tye, Carmen Lamp, and Mike Yamada. They are all wonderful artists and we are so pleased that they have decided to be a part of our family. Please introduce yourselves to them at our next events. Victoria Marble has taken on the daunting task of helping create our newsletter, so if you have anything you would like to have included, please email her and let her know.

I attended the Santa Paula Art Show reception recently and was pleased to see many of our members were accepted into the show. It is a wonderful and very large show, I encourage you all to participate next year. Meli Calkins did a phenomenal job arranging the pastel wall for the show and she sold a beautiful piece. Congrats, Meli!

Coming up on our schedule is Sherri Trout's member -led demo showing us gourd artistry. She is a master of this art form. I have been fortunate to see many of her works in her home and they are amazing! She will be providing small gourds for us at the April meeting to learn this craft. It should be so much fun and I hope you will all attend!

Coming up in May is our People's Choice Awards Show, and a watercolor demonstration by the tremendously talented Boi Sibug.

Thank you all for being such wonderful members. You truly make this group a joy to be a part of!

*Katy Kearny
President*

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ART DEMOS at a GLANCE

• April 16, The Gourd as Canvas (Gourd Painting Demo) Sherri Trout

• May 21, Watercolor Landscape Painting, Bienvenido "Boi" Sibug

For further info call Katy Kearny, 805-579-9199 or email the Board at svaaprints@gmail.com. Demos/General Meetings held usually on 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm. at Simi Valley Public Library Community Room, 2969 Tapo Canyon Rd. The SVAA gallery is located at Store#140, 1555 Simi Town Center Way, Simi Valley

**7:00 pm on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the
Simi Valley Public Library Community Room**

For further info contact Katy Kearny at 805-579-9199

SHERRI TROUT

GOURD PAINTING DEMO

"I paint on anything that stands still, such as rocks, feathers, canvas, bottles, people and now on gourds. I am a graduate of C.S.U.N. and majored in Art at Moorpark College. I belong to the Simi Valley Art Association, and have my work in the Art Gallery at the Simi Town Center Mall. I am a past member of Westlake Art Association. I am actively involved with a plein air group in Thousand Oaks, and I am a member of the Conejo Valley Garden Club.

I come from a family of talent. My Uncle Richard drew cartoons and worked for the fingerprinting division of the City of Los Angeles. My cousin Charles Ortega motivated me at an early age to draw. He was a creative designer who drew the first Mustang for Ford. My grandfather was the first baker on Catalina Island and visited regularly with Mr. Wrigley Sr. I have visited the island every year during the Art Festival since I was little. I have met many famous artists; Ruth Mayer, Patti Rock (whom I have an original painting of), and became good friends with Snake Jagger and John Partridge (Watercolorist). I have also painted at the Huntington Library after the 9/11 crises with 200 artists and demo teacher Thomas Kinkade. May, 2012 was juried in at Huntington Library.

I enjoy all types of art, and also believe in living life to the fullest that God gives each of us!" - **Sherri Trout.**

Thursday, April 16, 2015, Demo Artist Sherri Trout will be doing a hands-on workshop "Creating with Gourds". She is a member of the Ventura County Gourd Artists, Thursday Plein Air, Thousand Oaks Plein Air and works in all media's. This demo will start at 7:00 pm at the Simi Valley Library, 2969 Tapo Cyn. Rd, in the Community Room. Bring Sharpies, Woodburner, and J.W.s Right-Step Waterbase Clear Matte Varnish. First 25 will be able to do hands-on workshop. Possibly more gourds will be available to create from. Still cutting them out. Contact Katy Kearny for further information at 805-579-9199 Students under 18 free with paying adult. Admission \$7. non-members.



GALLERY NEWS

Backup Gallery Coordinator/Scheduler: Donna Snyder 805-527-6797
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Once again it's spring!! Time to take advantage of the longer daylight hours and maybe get some late afternoon plein air painting done. I think many of us were really inspired by Rob Impellizzeri's demo last month.

The People's Choice Show and opportunity to display and sell our art is coming up in May, so don't forget to let Katy know if you are planning to be there.

Amazingly we have had some pretty good foot traffic and some sales, even with all the construction barriers around. The gallery is still a lovely place to stop in and check out work done by our local artists.

Gallery Artists please don't forget to rotate out your artwork, possible sales ahead with Easter and Mother's Day coming up.

Thanks again to the Simi Valley Town Center for our space 140. We not only are able to showcase our artwork, but are able to supplement funds for our Simi Valley High Schools' Scholarship Program.



SVAA Board Open Positions:

- Vice President & Membership
- Corresponding Secretary
- Gallery Coordinator

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- Publicity/Newsletter/Web Site/Facebook
- Fundraising/Solicitations
- Program Coordinator - assists the Board in planning Demos/Workshops/Plein Air
- Annual Open Juried Show
- People's Choice/Re-Mastered Show (Members Only Show)
- Hospitality/Reception (General Meetings/Special Events)

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.

WANT A FREE TICKET FOR THE DOOR PRIZE?

SVAA members, have you heard? Wearing a personalized name tag or badge to the general meeting will entitle you to one free ticket for the door prize drawings! Here are some name tags seen recently --

- Please make SVAA your non-profit organization of choice when you shop at AMAZON SMILE!
- SVAA now accepts PAYPAL for donations and fee payments - check

www.simivalleyart.org

New members who would like to add links to their personal websites or upload some art works to the SVAA Members Page, please contact our Webmaster, Barbara Burde at hhkid76-wm@yahoo.com.

From our webmaster, Barbara Burde: Check out our updated Resources page on the web site for more links to national and local art organizations, art material suppliers and instructional/educational references.



Congratulations...

• **David Deyell** is one of the featured artists at the Plein Air Show at UBS running Jan to May 4. Reception March 26 at 3011 Townsgate, Westlake Village 3rd floor. RSVP at 805.367.3639.

• Congrats to **Michelle Adler, Stella Kwan** and **Katy Kearny** for being juried into the Westlake Village Art Guild Open Juried Show.

• Congrats to **Michelle Adler, Meli Calkins, David Deyell, Katy Kearny** and **Boi Sibug** for being juried into the Santa Paula Art Show.

• **Katy** won 2nd and 3rd place People's Choice Awards for her works "9/11: By the Numbers" and "Starry Night Hollywood".

• **Boi Sibug** won several awards recently:

---Won-Judge's Award (Outstanding Watercolor), Kalesa, Watercolor

---Judge's Award (Outstanding Other Media), Ruben

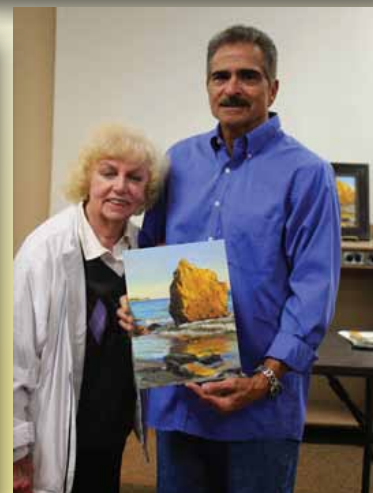
---2nd Place, Sampaguita Vendor Watercolor (Portrait Category) at 34th Panorama Traditional Art Show, Traditional Artists' Guild of Paramount, March 8, 2015. Judged by: Elin Pendleton

---1st Place at the Monthly Competition, March 10, 2015, Torrance Artists Guild, Torrance California.

Judge by: Michael Humphries

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. Email: svaaprints@gmail.com. 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.

ROBERT IMPELLIZZERI March 19 Demo



LOCAL ART HAPPENINGS

• **Simi Valley Plein Air Artists Group** meets once a month. We will be meeting on April 13th at the Ronald Reagan Library, 118 fwy to Madera Rd. go south about 3.2 miles to Presidential Drive. Turn right follow up to Reagan Library. Parking lot is before library.

For more information call: Bobbi Yablow 818-645-4592 or Susie Tse 805-469-1968 ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME !!

• **The annual Westlake Village Art Guild Open Juried Show begins April 3, 2015 and runs through April 29, 2015** at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery at 2331-A Borchard Road, Newbury Park.

• **Santa Paula Art Museum presents "Dos Del Sur: Carlos Grasso & Sylvia Raz" on Jan. 31-June 14.**

• **The Blackboard Gallery at Studio Channel Islands Art Center in Camarillo is pleased to host an exhibition of painting and sculpture by two contemporary artists, Gretchen Batcheller and Ty Pownall.** The exhibition runs from March 10 to April 3 at The Blackboard Gallery. The free Artists' Reception is on Saturday, March 14 from 4 – 6 pm.

Studio Channel Islands Art Center and Blackboard Gallery are at 2222 Ventura Boulevard in Old Town Camarillo. Hours are Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 11:00 to 5:00 and Saturday 10:00 to 3:00. For information, visit www.studiochannelislands.org or call 805-383-1368. On the First Saturday of the month, as many as 40 professional resident artist studios are open to the public.

OPPORTUNITIES

• **SVAA members** interested in joining the rotating art exhibit at the Simi Valley Library, should sign up at the next SVAA general meeting on Thurs, April 16.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

2015 Membership renewals were due in January so please remember to send them in or come to the April meeting to join or renew. Email svaaprints@gmail.com of any email/contact or address changes. The position of Vice President/Membership Chair is currently vacant so anyone who can volunteer to be Membership Coordinator is most welcome. Please contact a Board Member for more information.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: 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. **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 at the Simi Valley Public Library Community Room. Membership form is now available for download at our SVAA website (<http://www.simivalleyart.org/membership.html>).

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 1st Wednesday 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 Website: To visit, go to: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/>. There you can find information about our past, current and upcoming events, demos and meetings, guest demo artists, event calendar and schedules, members list, members' artwork, event photos, and other information you might need regarding our organization.

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 page go to: <http://facebook.com/SVAAINC>.

Newsletter submissions must be made by the 20th of the month. Send your articles via email: svaaprints@gmail.com. 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.

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

- Pablo Picasso