



ARTalk

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President's Message



We'd like to thank Carol Steinberg for last month's demo and for her donation of a print for the evening's raffle. We now look forward to Bijan Fan's Feb. 15 demo on paper art and sculpture, which promises to be a fascinating and inspiring evening. Bijan was also recently honored by FOTM in Ventura. Congrats, Bijan!

Membership renewals should be submitted by February's general meeting so we can budget and plan for activities as early as possible. Please remember to sign up for committees as well.

*Some important announcements were made at the general meeting, foremost of which is that we are not able to hold the annual student scholarship competition in Spring this year. The Board is working out another way of awarding the SVAA scholarship funds due to several reasons. After the last Spring competition, the Board had identified areas of improvement necessary to execute future scholarship competitions and comply with IRS guidelines. However, because of the efforts expended and the time it took to restore SVAA's tax-exempt status and obtain the city solicitations permit -- all completed by late 2012 -- there was not enough time to pursue planning the student scholarship competition for Spring 2013. Additionally, the Board needs to focus on the ongoing housekeeping that would help SVAA operate more smoothly in the years to come. Hopefully, the changes planned this year will help mark another milestone in SVAA's 40 years of existence. Yes, this month on Feb. 16, we mark the founding of SVAA forty years ago. We thank all of those who have contributed and supported the SVAA over the years. **More power to SVAA!***

Bessie Jacinto



"SVAA celebrates 40 years promoting arts in the community"

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ART DEMOS at a GLANCE

Feb. 15 Bijan Fan, Paper Art/Sculpture

Mar. 15 Catherine Holcombe, Selling Your Art on the Internet

Apr 19 Meli Calkins, Pastel Painting

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

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

GUEST DEMO ARTIST

**7:00 pm on Friday, February 15, 2013, at the
Simi Valley Public Library Community Room.**

For further info contact Bessie at 805-583-3690

BiJian Fan was born in Beijing, China. When he grew up, He didn't have toys like children today, so he made his own. He learned paper works from his grandmother who led him into a paper wonderland. He cultivated his childhood fantasy and imagination while playing paper airplanes, boats, and pets. Today, he is still pushing envelop to create cutting-edge paper sculpture, but his media have expanded beyond paper to other interesting and beautiful materials.

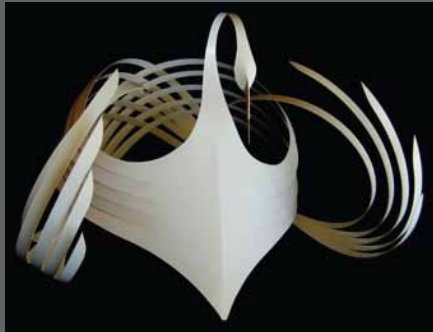
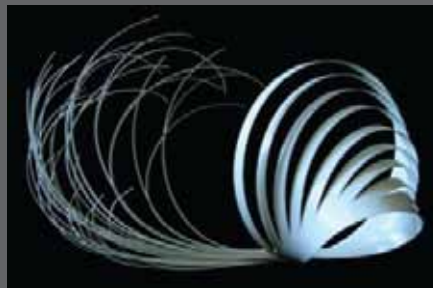
BiJian sculpts a 3D object using 2D materials, integrates many unconventional techniques to create light and airy sculptures. The interesting physical and aesthetical properties of materials give his sculptures solidarity with flexibility.

Many nature's creatures and forms inspired him, but his birds radiate a spatial sense of grace. Their elegant plumage shapes a myriad of emotions in glorious visual displays. The motion of feathers and bobbing heads brings his birds to life. The transition of 2D material to 3D kinetic sculpture represents nature's evolution in space and time.

BiJian studied in China, Japan, and USA, earned his B.S. and M.S. in Mathematics and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering. By day he is a biotech engineer, but by night he creates the figures of his imagination. He has shown his sculptures across the country and earned numerous awards. He also exhibited at Olympic Cultural Festival in his hometown for Beijing Olympics.



BiJian Fan



GALLERY NEWS

From Gallery Coordinator: Michelle McGrath 805-526-6897
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From Our Gallery Coordinator, Michelle McGrath:

During these chilly days of winter everyone is planning their calendar for the new year. In the art world there are so many events and not enough time to participate in everything but our gallery artists still find the time to support the SVAA and its gallery. The month of February is here and we have a special day to celebrate with our loved ones, Valentines day. The SVAA Gallery has fresh work to view so make this your destination which offers our guests and public a glimpse of amazing artwork to view and purchase. We are open on weekends, Saturday is 10-6 and Sunday 11-6. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Michelle



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www.simivalleyart.org

From our webmaster, Barbara Burde:

Our Website (www.simivalleyart.org) continues to develop. You can find the current and past issues of our newsletter there. On the Events page, there is a calendar of all our activities; as well as more information on upcoming events. Check out the Members page where you can get to know more about your fellow SVAA members and their art.

If you would like to have your information and artwork included on the website, contact the Webmaster, Barbara Burde at hhkid76-wm@yahoo.com

SVAA Alumni News



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In celebration of SVAA's 40th anniversary this month, we will display some work and photographs from our earliest SVAA members at the the general meeting. Ann Heglin, a founding member, will have a few art pieces at the meeting. Thanks to Ruth Marple, Barbara Schade and Anne Cannata for helping search for artifacts. We are hoping to present more of these at the meetings throughout the year.

Congratulations...

Rose McCaughey placed 3rd in the Graphics category at the recent Westlake Village Art Guild Members Juried Show.

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.

OTHER NEWS / LATEST EVENT

For sale: 13 outdoor display panels - 9 lightweight Black metal & 4 silver panels measuring 3' 2" W x 7' each. They have custom covers on each panel. Panels are built by Armstrong Products. You can see images on their website, www.armstrongproducts.com. If interested call Rose @ 805-624-7447.

January Demo with Guest Artist Carol Steinberg

To view more Demo Photos visit <http://www.simivalleyart.org/demo>



LOCAL ART HAPPENINGS

2013 WVAG Open Juried Show. April 4 to April 27, 2013, Digital Jury Process. Participants will need to submit up to 3 images of artwork they would like to enter in the show. These can be emailed to Dennis Griffin at studiogriffoto1@mac.com, or mailed on CD to the WVAG, P.O. Box 4573, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359. Submit by March 1, 2013. Visit <http://www.wvartguild.org/shows> for more information.

Moorpark Arts Festival 2013 - Call for entries: Featured Artist. Moorpark is calling for submissions to be the "Featured Artist" for their 2013 Arts Festival, Saturday, April 27th, 2013. Interested artists should submit 10 color jpeg images via e-mail or CD. All images should be available for display on the day of the festival. Submit a list, in order, of the .jpg artwork with description of each piece - title, size, medium, date. Also, artists should submit a resume and SASE for return of any submissions. This is open to all Ventura and West L.A. county

artists. Artwork must be appropriate for general public viewing. Submissions due by January 4th, 2013. Send to: Recreation Division, City of Moorpark, 799 Moorpark Ave., Moorpark, CA 93021, Attn: Dylan Gunning. e-mail to Dgunning@ci.moorpark.ca.us. For more information, call Dylan Gunning @ 805-517-6300 or visit <http://moorparkartsfestival.com/>. Artists not selected as "featured" can apply to exhibit at the event during a later general call for artists.

Sta. Paula Society of the Arts -76th Annual Art & Photography Exhibit. Show opens noon on Mar 12 and closes 6pm April 3 at the Blanchard Community Library. Entry dates: Thurs Mar 7 (noon-8PM) and Sat Mar 9 (10am - 2pm).. Over \$4,000 in cash awards will be given. For more info, call 805-525-1104 - www.thespsa.com for entry forms. Reception is on Sat. Mar 23, 3-7pm.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (from Barbara Castillo)

Welcome to our new members and those who have renewed! Please keep me informed of any email or address changes

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. 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 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 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, Twitter, and LinkedIn:

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on the latest news from our organization. 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. Connect with SVAA on LinkedIn and join our SVAA group. To visit our facebook page go to: <http://facebook.com/SVAAINC>. Follow SVAA on twitter: @SVAAINC. Search for Simi Valley Art Association Inc under Groups on Linked In.

2013 SVAA Committees: (Please sign up for at least one committee.)

• Annual Student Scholarship Committee:

Chair: President; Members: Board Members

• Publicity Committee:

 Chair: Don Ferre; Members: _____;

- Website/Social Media (includes Facebook/Twitter):

- Webmaster: Barbara Burde; Members: Cathy Holcombe; _____

- Newsletter: Coordinator/Editor: _____; Members: Boi Sibug, Designer; _____

Annual Open Juried Show:

Chair: [The Board]; Members: Teresa Nelesen, Sheryl Chapman; Kim Price; Michelle Daniel

People's Choice Awards (Members Only) Show:

Chair: _____; Members: _____; _____; _____

Town Center Gallery:

Coordinator: Michelle McGrath; Members: Rose McCaughey (Scheduler Coord.); Sheryl Chapman: _____

Fundraising/Solicitations:

Chair: _____; Members: _____;

Programs Committee (Demos/Workshops):

Program Director: _____; Members: _____;

Nominations Committee (for 2014):

Chair: _____; Members: _____;

Hospitality/Receptions Committee (for Demos, Special Events):

Chair: Donna Snyder; Members: Terry Walson; Meli Calkins; Catherine Gould; _____ with Special Events committee)

• Special Events (Plein Air, Fine Art Shows, Community Outreach):

Chair: _____; Members: Sherri Trout; _____; _____

• Telephone Brigade (must have email accounts also):

Chair: Pat Duggan; Members: _____;

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.

"True art is characterized by an irresistible urge in the creative artist" - Albert Einstein

"Art is the only way to run away without leaving home." - Twyla Tharp