



# ARTalk

A monthly publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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## President's Message



*Not only did we learn a lot from Joe Cibere's watercolor painting demo, we also enjoyed his great sense of humor. Everyone envied Anne Cannata for winning the beautiful waterfall demo piece. Thanks, Joe, for donating it to our evening's prize drawing! We also enjoyed Donna Snyder's scrumptious carrot cake in celebration of the People's Choice Award Show. Thanks, Donna!*

*Congratulations to the members who participated in the exciting People's Choice Award Show last month! The public's top vote went to Rosina Paluzzi's Route 66-themed painting. The event's success was made possible also by the many members who volunteered to run the show and donated door prizes. Please see details of the Show in this issue. Special thanks go to David Sgambellone for the show billboards and for Ron Regalado for the gallery marquee poster!*

*Please note that the June general meeting and demo will be held at our Simi Town Center Art Gallery due to the SV Library renovations. The June 21 demo will be John Paul Thornton's oil portrait painting techniques. Don't miss this special evening as we are also holding our Scholarship Awards presentation. We are going to honor three graduating students selected from Santa Susana, Simi and Royal High Schools who are pursuing art education. Each of them will be awarded a \$500 scholarship grant, for a grand total of \$1500 that SVAA has raised for the event. We would like to thank the general membership and individuals who have donated to the fund.*

*The scholars' work will be on exhibit at our gallery June 21-July 28 so do come and view this gallery highlight for the month in addition to enjoying the art work of our gallery artists.*

*Hope to see you at the June meeting, our last one before our summer hiatus. Stay tuned for announcements of impromptu summer activities like paint outs and field trips. The next newsletter will be the September issue as well.*

Bessie Jacinto



"SVAA celebrates 50 years promoting arts in the community"

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## ART DEMOS at a GLANCE

**June 21 - John Paul Thornton**, Portrait Oil Painting and Scholarship Awards Night (Simi Town Center Art Gallery)

**Sept 20 - Katy Kearny**, Fun with Collage Mini-Workshop (Simi Town Center Art Gallery)

**Oct 18 - The Business of Being an Artist-** Featuring SVAA Artists (Simi Town Center Art Gallery)

**Nov 15 - Dan Schultz**, Figure in Landscape Oil Painting (Simi Town Center Art Gallery)

For further info call Bessie Jacinto, 805-419-4081 or email at [svaaprints@gmail.com](mailto:svaaprints@gmail.com).

All demos 3rd Friday of the month, 7pm. now at Simi Town Center Art Gallery, 1555 Simi Town Center Way, Store No. 140.

# GUEST DEMO ARTIST

**7:00 pm on Friday, June 21, 2013, at the  
Simi Town Center Art Gallery**

For further info contact Bessie at 805-583-3690

## John Paul Thornton

***John Paul Thornton is an American artist, educator and speaker. He is the author of the book: "Art and Courage: Stories to inspire the Artist-Warrior Within."***

While teaching art to underprivileged children, he learned that one of his students was reported as "missing." As a way to honor the families who have endured such a loss, John Paul created a series of paintings depicting the faces of America's missing children. Numbering in the hundreds, they have been exhibited in many public installations, most notably on the National Mall in front of the White House, and at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. In 2011 he worked in Haiti through a grant from the United Nations Foundation, Meridian Health Foundation and Full-Circle Learning. In 2010 he received a travel grant to work in Mexico from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) through the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. John Paul Thornton's "Peace Prints" project, created with the Natural World Museum for the United Nations' Environmental Programme, was displayed at the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway during the 2007 World Environment Day. He has received honors from CBS Television, the California State Senate and the United States Congress for his work linking social causes with art.

The Tibetan Government-in-exile in Dharamsala, India granted John Paul permission as an artist and educator to live and work in the Tibetan refugee settlements of Nepal, giving him first hand experience with the traditions and peoples of the Himalayas. This has led to the creation of a vast ongoing series of paintings exploring the imagery of global ceremonies, sacred religious rituals and rites of passage.

John Paul attended Otis Parsons School of Design and California State University at Northridge, where he received his B.A. while working with two distinct voices in American art: Hans Burkhardt and Saul Bernstein. Extensive travels throughout Europe have given him the opportunity to study the history of Western Art. Invitations to work and teach in India, China, Nepal, Japan and Mexico have expanded his knowledge of traditional Eastern and Pre-Columbian art. As an award-winning professional painter, he regularly conducts workshops and lectures to audiences around the globe. He has had the honor of being invited to lecture in China at the International Conference on Comparative Studies of Modern Chinese and Western Art Education at Shandong University. Japan's Global Culture Center invited John Paul to represent the United States in exhibitions in Tokyo and in Cairns, Australia. He has taught at The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California State University of Los Angeles, Pierce College, the Los Angeles Unified School District Conservatory of the Arts, and the Sophia School of Painting in Tokyo, Japan. He also served as Art Education Coordinator with the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs working on projects with MOCA, the Getty Research Institute and on International exchanges with Taxco, Mexico. John Paul's paintings are in numerous private collections. He lives in Los Angeles, California.





# GALLERY NEWS

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

The Peoples Choice Show has always been a fun event for the Simi Valley Art Association. Held in the SVAA gallery we showcased 52 entries for peoples vote in addition to our gallery artist work displayed, we had a full house! It was nicely hung with the help of our working crew during the week. There were weekend festivities including ours held at the Town Center Mall which brought a lot of foot traffic thru the gallery and made for a busy weekend! Many were quick to remark how much they enjoyed the variety and talent of the shown works of art and it was difficult to make a decision. The People's Choice I am happy to say was "Filling Station Full Service Route 66" by Rosina Paluzzi the selected the winner. Congratulations Rosina! We will have the painting on display in the window so come see it before its sold! We especially should thank Barbara Castillo, Terry Walson and their work crew which made this year's members show an overwhelming success. I also would like to thank all the artists who generously donated items for the drawing give-away to the general public.

Come visit us on the weekends to view the changing artwork held in the gallery from our talented SVAA gallery artists and stay abreast of the upcoming events! We are most grateful to the Simi Valley Town Center for making this happen.

Thank you, Michelle



## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD SHOW

May 4 & 5 - Simi Town Center Art Gallery

### 25 PARTICIPATING ARTISTS and 52 ART WORKS:

Michele McGrath, Meli Calkins, Sherri Trout, Kim Price, Barbara Castillo, Ruth Marple, Anne Cannata, David Sgambellone, Catherine Gould, Katy Kearny, Boi Sibug, Steve Parr, Catherine Symonds, Donna Snyder, Phyllis Van Crombrugge, Janice Woods- Allen, Catherine Holcombe, Vikki Salmela, Pat Duggan, Rashmi Kothari, Rosina Paluzzi, Stella Kwan, Anthony Verity, Bessie Jacinto, Terry Walson

**We grossed \$385 from the entries and garnered over 150 votes**



- 1st Place - People's Choice Award (\$75 cash prize): Rosina Paluzzi
- 2nd place: Boi Sibug
- 3rd place: Barbara Castillo



Committee Chairperson: Barbara Castillo supported by Donna Snyder, Terry Walson and most of the participants who also helped draw voters into the gallery on both days.



- Awesome!
- Just good memories
- Like the medium the artist used
- Stunning use of color
- Creative
- Beautiful detail
- Very vintage, so realistic
- Lovely use of color
- Great show!

## 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.



## www.simivalleyart.org

### From our webmaster, Barbara Burde:

Our Website has a new page. It is called "Resources". This page has a list of websites that should be useful to our members. It includes art organizations, sources of art supplies, and educational resources. So, check it out and see if you will learn something new!

We hope to continue to add more resources to this page. If you know of other websites that you think should be included, please contact Webmaster Barbara Burde at hhkid76-wm@yahoo.com

# Congratulations...

**Two of Meli Calkins soft pastel paintings** were accepted by the California Art Club Associates Juried show "Waterscapes." This show will be the Altadena Town & Country Club located at 2290 Country Club Drive, Altadena, CA 91001. The show runs from May 24th to September 17th. An artist's reception is on a Thursday, June 6th starting at 6:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm.

**Pong Apinyavat** won The Jack Richeson Award at the Valley Watercolor Society. Gallery 800 is presenting the Valley Watercolor Society Annual Show until June 22. The Gallery is at 5108 Lankershim Blvd in the North Hollywood Art District. [www.gallery800.com](http://www.gallery800.com)

**Rose McCaughey** placed 1st & 3rd in the Pastels/Drawing category with her etchings at the Conejo Valley Arts Council show at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery.

**Rose McCaughey** was juried into the June 2013 "Simply the Best" Show at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery. The show runs from June 6 through June 26 from 11 am to 5 pm. Please check it out at [www.toartgallery.com](http://www.toartgallery.com).

**Anthony Verity** was accepted into Los Altos Fine Art Show San Francisco.

*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](mailto: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

**WANTED:** Chairs for the SVAA Art Gallery, preferably folding or stacking. Any questions, please contact Gallery Coordinator Michelle McGrath, [mcmichelleart@roadrunner.com](mailto:mcmichelleart@roadrunner.com).

## LOCAL ART HAPPENINGS

**David Deyell's** holding two one-week painting workshops at Yosemite. Please call David at 805.494.1700. He won the Salis International & Strathmore Papers Award at the ongoing Valley Watercolors' Society Show.

## May Demo with Joe Cibere

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





# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SVAA ARTISTS

**From Basya Gurary (805-584-9758):** This will be a luncheon for women so any art that is pretty and family-friendly will be great! Event on Sunday, June 23 at the Ziegler Center (6150 Mt. Sinai Drive – off Yosemite Ave.) begins at 10:00 am but art display needed by 12:30. Artists are welcome to set up earlier and join the luncheon. Something that can be displayed on a table/easel and easy enough to buy and carry home. An \$18 fee for display & set-up covers all.

**Simi Valley Plein Air Artists Group:** Monday, June 10, 2013, Simi Hills Golf Course., (9:00 am). for more info call Don Ferre at 805-750-2703.

**Arts in the Park 2013** - August 17th and 18th 10 am-5 pm-Ventura Harbor Village, Ventura, CA: Artists of all original fine art and fine craft disciplines may apply. Artists must submit one application per category. All entries will be juried and digital images of artwork required for jurying. Booth Fees: \$100 for 10x10 booth. Artists must provide own tent and/or canopy. Volunteers provide booth sitting and assistance as available. Arts in the Park will select a Featured Artist whose work will be displayed on festival materials and publicity. This outdoor event will feature fine art, a street chalk art festival and music throughout the day. For more information or an application: [www.foodshare.com](http://www.foodshare.com) (click on the Arts in the Park Logo in the lower left hand corner.) Email: [Barbara@venturaartfestival.com](mailto:Barbara@venturaartfestival.com).

**Nautica 2013 (juried) show at the Maritime Museum, 3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard., May 3-June 26.** Tel. 805-984-6260. [CIMMVC.org](http://CIMMVC.org).

**June 9th Depot Art Show is now available.** The Annual Depot Art Show has been presented by the Chatsworth Fine Arts Council for the

last 15 years at the Chatsworth Metrolink Station. The Depot Show is both an outdoor booth art show, and a themed single-piece, all media, exhibit hung inside the Depot building. [www.chatsworthfineartsCouncil.com](http://www.chatsworthfineartsCouncil.com), or request by email at [chatsworth-arts@att.net](mailto:chatsworth-arts@att.net), or call 818 772-1639.

**Ojai Art Center (June Show):** This year's theme, *Small is the New Big*, is an open juried exhibit exploring the potential of the small photographic print. This competition is open to any subject matter, theme, or photographic style. Images may be framed singly, in multiples or stitched together and can be any size, but frames must be at least 11 inches or greater in width. Cash awards will be given for first, second and third place winners in the amount of \$150, \$100 and \$75. Entry fees are \$15 each or 3 for \$40 with a maximum of 3 per artist. Bring work to the Art Center on Thursday, May 30, 4-7 pm or Friday, May 31, 8-10 am. For more info call Roger Conrad, 933-2828.

**Camarillo Art Center:** entries for its "Red, White and Blue" exhibit (June 3-30) may be submitted from 6-8 pm May 31 and 9-11 am June 1 at 3150 Ponderosa Dr. For more info or to arrange another time for submission, call Dan Allison at 805-443-4558. For entry form, email [dumpindan@verizon.net](mailto:dumpindan@verizon.net). Nonrefundable entry fee is \$20 per piece; artists may submit up to two pieces of two-dimensional framed and properly wired artwork. Subject matter needs to include content relating to red, white and blue and may be of patriotic nature but is not limited to that theme.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** (from Barbara Castillo)  
Welcome to new members Rashmi Kothari! Also, thanks to those who have renewed. Please keep me informed of any email or address changes. Membership Directory printouts were handed out at May's general meeting.

**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 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, 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.

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

**"I dream my painting and I paint my dream"  
- Vincent van Gogh**