



ARTalk

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President's Message



***Greetings Members.** This is the month of our Open Juried Show. The time for submissions has passed but I hope to see all of you at the reception on Sunday, October 9th from 2:30 - 5:00pm at the gallery. Please come and share in the beautiful artwork, the food and drink, and our awards ceremony.*

I wanted to take this time to let you know of the future demonstrators we have coming up for your enjoyment. We always endeavor to bring something new and exciting to our general meetings and we really have a tremendous year planned for you in 2017. Following is a list of the artists and their mediums. I encourage you to visit their websites, and save the dates on your calendars.

- November: Karen Mills, Watercolor**
- January: Stephen Silver, Animator/Illustrator**
- February: Annie Hoffman/ Landscape Oils**
- March: Madeleine Avirov / Watercolor**
- April: Sharon Weaver, Plein Air Oils**
- May: TBA**
- June: Bijian Fan, Paper Sculptor**

In January we are thinking of starting a "UFO" night at the gallery. In this case UFO refers to Unfinished Objects, ie: our artwork. It will just be a social fun night where artists can bring in paintings or whatever they feel like bringing in to work on and we can visit and be inspired by fellow artists. Making art can sometimes be a very solitary experience, so this is a fun way to share what we love. Of course, it will include wine! Let me know if you are interested.

Our Holiday Party will be Thursday, December 15th at 6:00pm. Since we all have so much fun with the White Elephant Gift Exchange, why change it? I am not sure if any gift can top the holiday themed toilet bowl cover but the challenge is on and I intend to find something equally as tacky! Plus I wonder which of our newest members will receive that certain special gift that is now making it's rounds for the 3rd year in a row! Our regulars know exactly which "treasure" I am referring to!

Please remember, this is your art association. I welcome your feedback on what we can do even better! Thank you

*Katy Kearny
President*

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ART DEMOS at a GLANCE

- October: No monthly demo**
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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, 6 pm. 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.

**6:00 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at the
Simi Valley Public Library Community Room**

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

Karen Mills

Dear Members, Karen Mills is an extraordinary woman. She has an amazing back-story which she will share at our meeting. She is multi-talented. She teaches workshops and classes and has been featured on HGTV. I encourage you to visit her website at www.ricepaperart.com. Here is her Bio



Art unexpectedly found me. I did not paint, displayed zero interest in art and fell asleep in museums. I woke up one day with this intense desire to paint. When I first picked up the Chinese Brush and painted on Rice-Paper, I fell in love. This was 2001.

I am mainly self taught. I practiced on my own, read books, visited China with Ning Yeh, sought feedback and examined my life. In Chinese spontaneous painting, the essence of the subject is expressed with one or as few strokes as possible. Color variations, wet/dry strokes, etc. are all done in one stroke! The honesty, simplicity, efficiency and speed appeals to me - probably because it's a reflection of who I am.

I paint spontaneously, driven by my feelings and subconscious. I love bright colors and contrast, different from traditional Chinese paintings. This is why I call my work "Watercolors on Rice Paper". I blend traditional Chinese techniques with innovative techniques I have created to convey my point of view.

GALLERY NEWS

Backup Gallery Coordinator/Scheduler: Donna Snyder 805-527-6797
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Summer heat continues to scorch us through the Fall. The association looks forward to our Open Juried Show which opens on October 6th and continues through October 28th. We will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 2pm to 6pm, Saturdays from 10am to 6pm and Sundays 11am to 6pm. Our reception will be held at the gallery October 9th from 2:30pm to 5pm.

We will be showcasing fine pieces of artwork from many different artists in the area.

Thank you



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.

- 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

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 --

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.

Message from our webmaster, Barbara Burde: 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.



LOCAL ART HAPPENINGS

• Mark your calendar for **Simi Valley Plein Air Artist's October 10th Paint Out**. Location is **Underwood Farm and Walnut Grove**. Take 23 frwy from either direction exit Tierra Rejada Road, turn west towards Moorpark, go Sunset Valley Rd., turn left, the farm is on the left. The Walnut Grove is to the rear of the farm. From 9 to noon. All members are encouraged to do their own Mapquest or GPS to get to the locations.. Any questions please email Susie T. at sytse3@verizon.net

Framing Workshop Demo



OPPORTUNITIES

• **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 sign up at our general meetings. You may also contact our Treasurer, Terry Walson, for further information. Our next change out date is scheduled for Saturday, November 26th @10:00am.

CONGRATULATIONS

Boi Sibug-

- BEST OF SHOW Award, Pres. Rodrigo Duterte, Pastel
- FRAME MAKER Award, Waiting, Watercolor

Cypress Art League, 2016 Annual Autumn Art Exhibition, Sept 18 - Oct 17, 2016, City of Cypress, California

Victoria Marble-

Contributed to the graphic design and production of *Cosmic and Eternal Love*, coloring book and designer brand gifts by **Amrita Sen**, published by Galison, now available for purchase at Barnes and Noble.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: 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.

"I dream my painting, and then I paint my dream "
-Vincent Van Gogh