



# ARTalk

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## Greetings from the SVAA BOARD



*Hello members,*

*Our Simi Valley Art Association has been an organization for over 50 years and I believe this year will mark as one of the most extraordinary years. Amid the pandemic, our association has been dormant for the past several months which normally would be a very active time with demonstrations and art shows. With some restrictions slowly being lifted, the time may be closer where we can begin organizing some functions in a safe but spirited way. Undoubtedly, there will be changes on how we safely approach these functions, but it will be refreshing to start again. To begin, starting this month, we are continuing our monthly newsletter which will include any relevant news and updates. We are also including a section of the newsletter for you, as members, to show your most recent artwork done during the pandemic. I know that many of our members during these past few months have been doing a lot of artwork, so I hope that you will participate. Further, our Board members will begin to hold monthly meetings (virtual and/or in a safe manner) so we can continue to make decisions on future events, address our finances, and to prepare for our annual donations to our local high school art programs. These small steps will keep us in contact and give us some sense of normalcy. I hope you, your family, and friends are safe and well. If you have comments, suggestions, or any thoughts about anything of interest, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our Board Members.*

*Take care.*

*Tom*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall - to be announced

As mentioned in Tom's letter above, the Simi Valley Art Association has been around for more than 50 years. While this year may mark one of the most extraordinary years in the association's history, we wanted to take this time to look back on a moment from our past, in reflection of challenges faced and shifts in social attitude.

We would like to now take the time to acknowledge our local artists who have continued to persevere and create through these trying times. We face these new challenges together, and we recognize art as the universal language which illustrates this facet of the human experience. If you have art you would like to share for next month's issue, please don't hesitate to contact Tom or any of our Board Members



## Artists Quarantine Works



**Tom Evans**  
Untitled  
11x14 pastel on medium grit green paper



**Terry Walson**  
Untitled  
9x12 pastel



**Terry Walson**  
Untitled  
9x12 pastel



**Terry Walson**  
Untitled  
9x12 pastel



**Victoria Marble**  
Easter Bun  
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**Donna Snyder**  
Untitled



**Victoria Marble**  
MerMay 2020  
1668pix2388pi digital



**Carmen Lamp**  
Beyond the Cedars II



**Carmen Lamp**  
Breaker's Edge



**Boi Sibug**  
Pray



**Helle Urban**  
Ol' Rusty  
14x11" oil



**Boi Sibug**  
The Frontliners

# Congratulations...

**Congrats to Boi Sibug, whose works have won the following awards**

**.T'BOLI GRANDMOTHER, Watercolor**

- **BEST OF SHOW** Award out of 437 entries
- **1st Place**- Judges Award in Watercolor
- **1st Place**- Jury of Your Peers Award in Watercolor
- **1st Place**- People's Choice Award in Watercolor

**JUST RELAX, Pastel**

- **1st Place**- Judges Award in Pastel
- **1st Place**- Jury of Your Peers Award in Pastel
- **1st Place**- People's Choice Award in Pastel

83rd Annual Santa Paula Art & Photography Exhibit, Sponsored by Santa Paula Society of the Arts, March 10 - April 8, 2020 at the Blanchard Community Library, 119 N. 8th Street, Santa Paula, Ventura, California

*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 or speaking/demo engagement. 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.*

## • 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 <http://facebook.com/SVAAINC>.

\*\*\*Members interested in having photos of your artwork on facebook or website, please contact Terry Walson @trwalson@hotmail.com

# www.simivalleyart.org

Members who would like to add links to their personal website or upload some art works to our website, contact Terry Walson at [trwalson@hotmail.com](mailto:trwalson@hotmail.com)

**Message from our webmaster** 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.



# In Memory of Pong

**On April 22, 2020,  
Pong Apinyavat, a  
loving husband and  
father of three,  
passed away.**



Pong Apinyavat was born on March 20, in Nakhonsawan, Thailand to Lim and Heng Apinyavat. He received his bachelor's degree in management and education as well as a diploma from the Bangkok College of Fine Art and Art Education. Prior to pursuing a career in his lifelong hobby of painting, he was an assistant art director at the Montreal Hotel in Bangkok. In 1991, Pong fell in love with Veena and moved to America. He married her on September 21, 1991. They successfully raised three daughters.



Pong was a renowned impressionist Plein-air watercolor artist who was also a patient & beloved art teacher. He had a passion for painting since he was a young boy. He also loved being in nature and so he combined his two favorite hobbies to create phenomenal art. His paintings of various landscapes such as oceans, mountains, and freeways, are admired not only by his family and friends but also by various communities within southern California where his art is being displayed in the homes of private collectors and art galleries around. Pong's charismatic personality and infectious smile will be sincerely missed by his family, friends, and students.



He is survived by his wife, Veena, daughters, Angela, Sonya, and Gina. A memorial service will be held once COVID-19 passes. Please feel free to reach out to [angelaapinyavat@gmail.com](mailto:angelaapinyavat@gmail.com) for more details.

## MEMBERSHIPS

**Membership information can be found online at our website: [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org)**

**\*\*Members: Please note that this is the time to renew your SVAA membership.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Please sign up for the committees. Thanks to all who have signed up and please contact any Board member or Committee chairs for questions

### **MORE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:**

Our fees are \$40.00 for yearly dues with \$20.00 for the second family member. Students at \$20.00 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.

*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.*

**"Home is a shelter from storms-  
all sorts of storms."  
- William J Bennett**

## Advertise in the SVAA Newsletter

### **To Place a Newsletter Ad:**

Ads and payments must be received by the 20th of the month prior to the month you want your ad to appear. e.g. - June 20th for July newsletter.

Send a jpeg via email: 4" x 6", 300 dpi, of your print-ready ad or business card to: [info@simivalleyart.org](mailto:info@simivalleyart.org).

Place "Newsletter Submission" in the Subject Line.

<b>Per OneMonth</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-Members</b>
Business Card 2" x 3-1/2"	\$10	\$15
1/4 Page: 5" x 4"	\$20.00	\$25.00
1/2 Page: 5" x 8"	\$35.00	\$40.00