



ARTalk

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President's Message



*Greetings Members.
Happy Holidays!*

It has been a wonderful year again for the Simi Valley Art Association and as always I am grateful to be your President. All of you are such wonderful members and I am honored to know you and participate with you in our many meetings and events. Thank you all for volunteering for the many positions that help our group function; without all your dedication and hard work, this association would not be the wonderful one that it is!

Please join us at our Annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 15th, 6:00pm at the Gallery. Don't forget your white elephant gift and something yummy to share with the group.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season filled with artistic creativity, love, family, and joy.

*Katy Kearny
President*

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ART DEMOS at a GLANCE

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

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.

GALLERY NEWS

Backup Gallery Coordinator/Scheduler: Donna Snyder 805-527-6797
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Where has 2016 gone....? The Holiday Season is once again upon us. Many enjoyable activities will be happening at the Town Center for children and their families. Our Gallery has on display many lovely pieces of art that would make wonderful gifts for someone on your holiday list. So please take time when at the Town Center and stop in for a look.

We wish to thank all our association artists who give of their time and talent to help promote the beauty of visual arts in our community.

We also thank the Town Center for its generosity and support this past year. They make it possible for our association to continue our Grants Program for our Simi Valley High Schools.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season and New Year ahead.

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 hhhkid76-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.



Congratulations...

• **Congratulations to our member Stella Kwan** for her big sale at our on going art exhibit at the Simi Library. Her mixed media painting "Water Lilies" sold in November. See opportunities below for further information.

• **Boi Sibug** won **1st Place**, Mother & Daughter, Watercolor at Art Colony of La Mirada presents "Mirrors of Your Mind 2016", Open Juried Art Show November 7-19, 2016, City of La Mirada Activity Center, La Mirada, California

--**Special Award**, Sax Player, Watercolor, **2nd Place**, Fred, Pan Pastel & Charcoal and **Honorable Mention**, T'boli Woman, Pastel at 2016 Anaheim Art Association 53rd Open Juried, Sept 23 - Nov. 6 at the Muzeo Museum & Cultural Center, Carnegie Gallery, Anaheim, 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. 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.

Karen Mills Demo



LOCAL ART HAPPENINGS

• **“Intergenerational Acrylic/Oil Painting”** is a brand new class. It meets on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 at the Senior Center. This class is designed to include adults of all ages (18 and over). It will cover the basics of oil/acrylic painting in a step by step easy to follow process. Join by yourself or invite a friend or family member. Learn something new and find your creative side. This is a great opportunity to spend time and create memories with your parent, kids and/or grandkids. It's also a great creative outlet for all of you hardworking professionals. The class begins on 10-25-16, and is \$65.00 + materials per person for seven weeks. For more info go to rsrpd.org or call Michelle at 805-526-4599

• **Also, mark your calendar for Simi Valley Plein Air Artist's Day, Dec. 12th.** Paint Out. Location is Strathern Historical Park & Museum, from 9 to noon. Directions: 118 fwy. Exit Madera Rd. go south to Strathern Street turn right, go to end of street, park in parking lot on the left.

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

OPPORTUNITIES

• **This is a good opportunity to display your art!!!** !!! SSVAA 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. trwalson@hotmail.com. Our next change out date is scheduled for **January 21st, 2017 at 10am.**

• **Thousand Oaks Art Association Open Juried Show.** Deadline for entries is January 8th, 2017. Enter on the website onlinejuriedshow.com.

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.

"Without atmosphere, a painting is nothing." - Rembrandt