



ARTalk

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President's Message



Greetings Members, What a fabulous demonstration we had in January with Karen Sadlowski! She showed us the old world art of marbling on paper and fabric. Her work was unique and modern and she showed us the many techniques used to achieve those beautiful swirls on paper. She also demonstrated her work on silk scarves that she shows and sells. She is thinking about doing a workshop so if you are interested, please let me know and I can pass along your information to her. Terry Walson won a beautiful scarf in the drawing!

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. We have many wonderful demonstrations coming up and would love to see you there! I have a question for all our members. I notice our attendance at the meetings is dropping and as your president, this concerns me. I want to see our members enjoying our association and participating. If there is something that we can do better, I would love to hear from you. My email is on the masthead of this newsletter and I promise, I will take to heart anything you say. This is your art association, let's all enjoy it together!

We have a wonderful demo planned in March with a ceramic and jewelry artist. Then in April and May, we have oils and watercolor. Our People's Choice Show is coming up again, we will have the info for you at the next meeting and in the next newsletter. Happy Painting!

*Katy Kearny
President*

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ART DEMOS at a GLANCE

- March - Anu Subramanian** - Sculptor and Jewelry Making
- April - Jane Thorpe** - Plein Air Oils
- May - Brenda Swenson** - Watercolor

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, March 17, 2016**, at the
Simi Valley Public Library Community Room

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Anu Subramanian

Sculptor and Jewelry Making



My journey to becoming an artist started relatively late in my life. My formal training started quite informally in 2003 with a watercolor class offered by the Conejo Valley Parks and Recreation department. Finding the medium challenging but rewarding I quickly realized I wanted to learn more. So I signed up for watercolor and drawing classes at Moorpark College. Within the first week, however, I discovered an even more enticing medium, clay. There was a ceramics class that was being offered right next door to the watercolor class. It turned out to be twice as challenging (hair-pulling frustrating) and therefore twice as rewarding. During the course of the next three years I enrolled in every ceramics, drawing and sculpture class that was available at Moorpark College. In 2008 I partnered with a colleague to open Serenity Pottery Studio, a fully equipped home based studio in Thousand Oaks. In 2009 my partner and I opened our own individual shops on the online forum Etsy. Since then I have sold over 1000 ceramic pieces domestically and internationally. In 2011 I ventured out on my own to create my own studio space in my home so that I could more easily balance my work with motherhood. Currently I continue to create projects for my Etsy shop, and am co-chair of the art program at my son's school, Earth's Magnet School. It has been wonderful to be able to create a clay curriculum for my son's school that builds in terms of technique and creativity every year from kindergarten to fifth grade.



GALLERY NEWS

Backup Gallery Coordinator/Scheduler: Donna Snyder 805-527-6797
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Spring is soon approaching and here are some activities to look forward to at the Town center. The arrival of the Easter Bunny is March 11th, followed by an Easter Egg hunt 5pm to 7pm.

Simi Valley Art Association Members Only People's Choice Award Show is in the planning stage.

Anyone interested in joining the SVAA should consider entering. Please keep an eye out for upcoming information about the place and time, etc. So artists, start painting....

We wish to thank everyone who has visited our gallery and also taken home something special to enjoy. Our thanks to the Town Center is ongoing for their help and support in keeping our gallery a place for fine art to be seen and enjoyed in our city.

Thanks 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.

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 --

- 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

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 Sherri Trout** for having two paintings in the Juried Art Show of the Ventura County Arts Council at the Government Center. Reception is March 18th in the Atrium Room from 5:30 to 7:30.

She also has another show at the Stagecoach Inn Museum in Thousand Oaks on display for the next month.

Congratulations to David Deyell, who won Third Place in the Thousand Oaks Art Association Open Juried Show for a watercolor painting.

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.

LOCAL ART HAPPENINGS

• **Mark your calendar for Simi Valley Plein Air Artist's March 14th Paint Out.** Location is **Old Town Moorpark**. Go west on 118 fwy, exit at Princeton Ave. Turn left and follow road around to signal, continue to train station on your left. All members are encouraged to use Map Quest or GPS. If they have any questions, email Susie T. at sytse3@verizon.net

• **For information about the Spring 2016 West End Window Gallery Art Exhibit Competition "California Dreaming"** contact www.westendartdistrict.com Entry deadline is March 25, 2016.

Karen Sadlowski 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 March 19th, at 10 AM.

• **Reminder all Senior Adult Ed. Classes are now offered through Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District. New Season begins March 7, 2016**

Mondays 9 to 12 Beginning Drawing and Painting

Monday 12:30 to 3:30 Intermediate & Advanced Painting

Tuesday 12:30 to 3:30 Watercolor (focus on beginners)

Wednesday 9 to 12 Multimedia (all levels and media)

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Please register on line at www.RSRPD.org or at the Senior Center 805-583-6059

Classes are \$40 paid to RSRPD and \$5 to instructor first day of class.

Intermediate and Advanced students welcome in all classes. All mediums are welcome on Mondays & Wednesdays. **Thanks you , Michelle Daniel Instructor**

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 could not paint at all, if I had to paint slowly"
- Joaquin Sorolla y Bastida