



# ARTalk

A monthly publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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## President's Message



*April proved productive for SVAA. Planning started for the upcoming People's Choice Award Show for May 5 & 6. (Please see more info in the following pages of this newsletter.) Some of our artists braved a cold and windy Saturday to set up a good show at The Village/Dos Vientos and*

*Don Ferre coordinated with artists to set up a Mini-Gallery at the recent general meeting. (Please see the new Mini-Gallery Featured Artists section of this newsletter.)*

*Thank you to all who attended the recent general meeting and shared information on art events around town, some of which are mentioned in the Art Happenings page of this issue. Terry Walson won the wonderful demo oil painting Carolyn Counnas had generously donated to our raffle for the evening and Alice Profitt won a composition viewer from Carolyn as well.*

*We also conducted our first art workshop at the Gallery this past weekend with Rita Joyce's watercolor session. Thanks to all who helped make this initial offering a success especially for the community.*

*Bessie Jacinto*

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## ART DEMOS at a GLANCE

**May 18, Morgan Kari**, multi-media portrait

**June 15, Johanna Spinks**, oil

**September 21, Cheryl Polakow Knight**, watercolor

**Oct. 19, Ron Regalado**, digital art/photography

**Nov. 16, Rose McCaughey**, printmaking

For further info call **Bessie Jacinto, 805-583-3690** or email at [bjacinto@bjacinto.com](mailto:bjacinto@bjacinto.com).

All demos **3rd Friday** of the month, **7:00 pm. Simi Valley Library Community Rm. at 2969 Tapo Canyon Rd.**

# GUEST DEMO ARTIST

7:00 pm on **Friday, May 18, 2012**, at the  
**Simi Valley Public Library Community Room.**

For further info contact Bessie at 805-583-3690

## Morgan Alexandra Kari

*Morgan Kari has over thirty-five years of painting experience. Her art training was completed at Art Center College of Design, UCLA, and holds a bachelor of fine art degree, with Honors, from the University of Washington, Seattle.*

*For fifteen years she worked as a fashion illustrator for Department stores, newspapers, advertising agencies, and Designers. Among her clients were Women's Wear Daily, May Company Department stores, Edith Head, I. Magnin stores, Broadway Department stores, Men's Wear Magazine, Bullocks Department stores and California Apparel News.*

*Morgan received her first of many blue ribbons as a teenager at the Dairy Day art show in Montesano, Washington. Through the years various galleries, juried shows, publications, and private collectors have recognized her work. Her most recent showings included an International juried Botanical Art Exhibit at the New York Horticultural Society, the Simon Wiesenthal Museum in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Fifoli estate in Woodside, California, a best in show at the San Fernando Valley Art Club Exhibit at Viva Gallery, the popular choice award at the Pastel Society show, an award winner at the Palos Verdes Art Center Winter Show, included in Amazing Pencil Portraits by Platte Productions Publishing, and a first place prize at the Colored Pencil Society Southern California exhibit for a recently completed portrait.*

*Current memberships include the Valley Watercolor Society, Botanical Artists Guild, San Fernando Valley Art Club, Colored Pencil Society of America, the Fine Arts Club, the Pastel Society, Paletteers Art Club, and the Portrait Society of America. She is also a member of the California Art Club.*

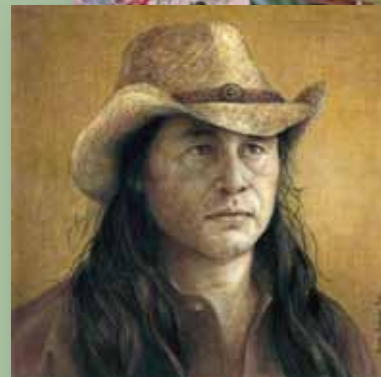
*A respected art instructor, Morgan teaches portrait painting, fashion illustration, animal portraits, beginning drawing, watercolor special effects, botanical illustration, still life, landscape, and abstract painting. Acrylic, oil, colored pencil, charcoal and graphite drawing as well as pastel, silver point, watercolor, gold leaf and pen and ink are also part of her Curriculum.*

*Morgan has been the featured speaker for many organizations. Recent demonstrations have been for the Colored Pencil Society of Southern California, San Fernando Valley Art Club, Glendale Art Club, Botanical Artists, and the Pastel Society of Southern California.*

*Her experience has lead her to teach at Art Center College of Design, Learning Tree University, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Palos Verdes Art Center, Otis College of Art and Design, Manhattan Beach Creative Art Center and through custom instruction at client's homes. Morgan now conducts art classes from her new teaching studio overlooking the beautiful English cottage gardens at her Woodland Hills home.*

*Please call or email Morgan for group workshops, demonstrations, commissions, speaking engagements, appointments for her classes and for further information.*

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# GALLERY NEWS

From Gallery Coordinator: Michelle McGrath 805-526-6897  
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*Being in our new Gallery space has gotten us a lot of attention. In moving right next door, our repeat customers were pleased to see that we are still around and they love the new Gallery! The Town Center has scheduled the next couple months with a lot of activities which will keep us busy in the Gallery also. Stop by the Guest Services office and pick up a calendar for a list of events for May. We will have a change of artwork from our talented artists for your viewing in May and also a SVAA's Members People's Choice Award Show. Please bring your family and friends and see the SVAA members' artwork displayed. The public is invited to vote for their favorite piece of art Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6. Also there will be artwork donated for a drawing, just in time for Mother's day! See you there!*

*Thank you, Michelle*



## 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.

# Congratulations...

Teresa Nelesen is the featured artist at the Simi Valley Senior Center Art Gallery for the month of May. The thirteen paintings are mostly watercolor with some oil and collage.

Meli Calkins and Karin Saks posted sales at the recent fine arts show held at The Village (Dos Vientos). Kudos to the other participants who braved the weather and set up a good show: Barbara Castillo, Ron Regalado, Donna Snyder, Michelle McGrath, Jennie Robin, Boi Sibug, Pat Duggan and Bessie Jacinto.

Olga Kaczmar's humorous article, "Artists' Clutter...just one more step to hoarding" was published in the Santa Clarita Gazette (Mar 30-Apr 5 issue).

*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.*

## "STRUT YOUR STUFF"

**Simi Town Centers** partnering with the Simi Valley Art Association in presenting a Fine art Show on the first Saturday & Sunday of each month. This is a wonderful opportunity to show and sell your artwork and it will also help raise funds for our scholarship program. It is open to the SVAA as well as outside artists. Please contact our Town Center coordinator, Michelle McGrath, 805-526-6897 or [mcmichelleart@roadrunner.com](mailto:mcmichelleart@roadrunner.com). Fee is \$5.00 for our members and \$10.00 for non-members plus 10% of sales.

***Newsletter submissions** must be made by the 20th of the month to our Newsletter Coordinator Jennie Robin 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.*

## April 20th Demo with Guest Artist Carolyn Counnas



**Carolyn Counnas, Landscape Oil Painting Demonstration**



## April Featured Artists

### Don Ferré



Don Ferré has been drawing for as long as he can remember. He pursued art in High School and College and worked with a variety of mediums, such as clay, tempera and oils. Retirement opened up an opportunity for him to pursue art on a full time basis and the decision to work in watercolor is his true love of the medium. The transparency of color and the way the water and colors can blend and the exciting anticipation of what will develop.

His love for the outdoors inspires a passion to capture that which he sees and Plein Air outings are the perfect ticket. Not to limit his scope of subjects, he also loves to paint animals and pets that have a deep emotional tie, not only for himself, but the people he paints for. He loves to learn the many different brush techniques and use of color that many artists use. Looking forward to art demonstrations by well known artists is like a kid in a candy store for him. He attends workshops throughout the year and is always seeking information on the internet and in books. His mentor and biggest influence is Pong Apinyavat, a world renowned Watercolorist and Plein Air Artist.

Don has several paintings hanging at the Simi Valley Town Center Art Gallery, the Thousand Oaks Art Gallery, and currently has a painting hanging at the Shapiro, Rodarte & Forman LLP Law office in Santa Monica. He is a member of the Simi Valley Art Association, Simi Valley Plein Air Artists Group, Westlake Village Art Guild, Valley Watercolor Society and the Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore, Inc. "Enjoy what you do and you'll never go wrong."

### Ruth Marple

My husband and I met in our high school art class. My husband went on to take an acrylic painting class at Moorpark College. When my husband's class ended I took his paints and enrolled in a painting class, in adult education, taught by Anne Cannata. My interest in painting grew stronger which motivated me to enroll in additional classes at Moorpark College and encouraged me to join the Simi Valley Art Association.

Our circumstances changed and we moved to a remote mountain cabin in the Sierra Nevadas. We continued our art and we joined an art association in the foothill community of Porterville, CA. We both attended Porterville College where we took additional art classes and associated with and learned from local artists. Our artwork was shown in galleries and shows in nearby communities.

Returning to Simi Valley seven years later, we found that the SVAA had become inactive. I contacted artists that I remembered and together with Anne Cannata we were able to reorganize the SVAA.

I am happy to be part of the ongoing association and I believe that with continued support and participation by its members, the SVAA will continue as a haven of encouragement and growth for local artists.



Don Ferré, our Mini-Gallery Committee Chair, will help set up a members' art display at the monthly general meetings. Featured artists can bring bio to display with 3-4 art pieces on easels or stands. We have sold paintings at general meetings so please avail of this opportunity. This is also important for showcasing SVAA talent to the public. To sign up, please contact Don Ferré at 805-750-2703.

# People's Choice Award Show

**People's Choice Award Show**, an annual event for all SVAA painters, digital artists and photographers, this competition is being held at the **Simi Valley Town Center Art Gallery** on **May 5 & 6**. (Entries are also welcome from non-Gallery SVAA participants.)

A special section for this event will be created at the Gallery and the public will be invited to vote for their favorite artwork. The public can vote free of charge on these two days and casting a ballot entitles the voter to a free raffle ticket and a chance to win an artwork donated for the event.



## **For participating artists (members only):**

- Fee per entry is \$5.00 (maximum two entries per SVAA member)
- Artwork must be original (painting/drawing/photograph/digital art); framed size up to 24" X 30"; wired for hanging (no sawtooth hangers allowed)
- Take In: 4/28 or 4/29 during gallery hours and on THURSDAY 5/3 from 4 - 7 PM
- Prize is \$75.00 plus a special feature on the SVAA Newsletter
- Take Down: Make arrangements to pick up your entries after May 6th.

*Please tell all your friends to drop by and vote and get an opportunity to win raffle prizes. For more information, please contact the committee chairperson, Barbara Castillo at 805-837-9803.*



## LOCAL ART HAPPENINGS

**Mural Chalk-Painting at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center (SVCAC).** Plans are underway again to bring Broadway musical play posters back to life with chalk painting at the Center. The SVCAC will provide volunteer artists with refreshments ("lunch and plenty of water"), art materials and publicity for the one-day event to be scheduled in June. The murals stay up on the walls until washed out by rain. To reserve a spot for this fun-filled event, please contact Bessie Jacinto at 805-583-3690 or [bjacinto@bjacinto.com](mailto:bjacinto@bjacinto.com).

**Olga Kaczmar's watercolor class: Water Color Step by Step.** *Class will focus on landscape painting following Weldon Blake's book "Watercolor Landscapes, Step by Step." Students will provide own art materials. \$50 covers 4 classes at the Sports Complex, Wed 6-8PM. Classes start June 13. Sign-up Code 1329-301. Online registration begins May 9. <http://www.santaclarita.com/index.aspx?page=528>. Class may cancel if minimum attendance isn't reached. Out-of-town residents welcomed.*

**The Boys and Girls Club 34th Annual Dinner & Auction "An Evening In Tuscany" at the Hummingbird Nest Ranch, Simi Valley.** Artwork donations of over \$50 in value are needed for the June 29 event. In return for your generous donation, you will be recognized in our auction catalog which is distributed to over 800 businesses and families in Simi Valley. Every donation is 100% tax deductible. This is a fundraising auction that draws a big audience and offers good publicity opportunities. For more information, please contact Terry Walson at 402-9649 or email [trwalson@hotmail.com](mailto:trwalson@hotmail.com).

**Top Antelope Valley Plein Air Painters Glen Knowles and Rich Gallego** have generously offered to provide a free workshop for those new to plein air painting. Anyone planning on attending the paint out at the Lakes and Valleys Gallery on April 29 and

*that would like a demonstration of the equipment, techniques and sheer joy of plein air painting, should plan to attend. The workshop will be held at the gallery from 9-11AM. on Sunday, April 22. Artists are asked to provide easels and supplies (panels or paper if watercolor) no larger than 8"x10". Glen and Rich would like folks to RSVP if possible so they know how many students to expect. Please call Rich at: (818) 645-4228 if you are attending.*

**Chatsworth Fine Arts Council Depot Art show.** Sunday, June 10, 10AM - 5PM. The Depot Art Show is a two part event, an outdoor booth-style art show, and an indoor gallery-style themed-exhibit and art competition. The main outdoor art show is open for application until the show is full; early application is recommended. Artists may apply for entry into the indoor gallery exhibit until May 28. All needed information and details are in the prospectus. The Annual Depot Art Show has been presented at the Chatsworth Metrolink. The artists participating in the outdoor 10' X 10' spaces exhibit their art along the patios and walkways surrounding the Depot. Artists entering the indoor single-piece, themed-exhibit, will have their work displayed gallery style inside the Depot. Artists may enter both the indoor and the outdoor events. To receive a prospectus and entry forms email: [chatsworth-arts@att.net](mailto:chatsworth-arts@att.net), or call 818 772-1639, or go to: [www.facebook.com/ChatsworthFineArtsCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/ChatsworthFineArtsCouncil).

**Arts in the Park Juried Show.** *August 18 -19, at the Ventura Harbor Village. Submission of digital images of artwork is required for jurying. Deadline for application is on June 25. Early registration fee \$15 (3/5 - 4/13), regular registration \$20, (4/16-6/1), late registration \$25 (6/4-6/25). For more info and application form, contact Barbara Hinton 805-650-9858, email [barbara@venturaartfestival.com](mailto:barbara@venturaartfestival.com) or visit [www.venturachamber.com](http://www.venturachamber.com).*

# April 28 Watercolor Painting Workshop with Rita Joyce at the SVAA Art Gallery



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# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**2012 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** from Barbara Castillo: **Welcome** to our new members and those who have renewed! Please keep me informed of email updates and phone numbers changes.

**JANUARY BEGINS OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR.** Please fill out a new membership form and pay your yearly dues by the February general meeting to avoid paying non-member admission price on March.

**2012 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. Our demonstration fees are \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non members.
- For membership questions, please contact Barbara Castillo at 805-791-3566 or email Barbara.cast52@gmail.com.

### **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 2nd Tuesday 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 Web Site:** Development is nearing completion with the leadership of Barbara Burde, website development committee chair, and the assistance of Ron Regalado, and Brett Higgins.

**SVAA YAHOO GROUP SITE:** Sign up and exchange information and event photos with the group members. Both members and non-members are invited to access the site. This is where we store newsletters and many event information. Check out

photos of the Simi Town Center shows and more! Go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), go to Groups, search for SVAAARTISTS and sign up. Contact Bessie Jacinto for further details at [bjacinto@bjacinto.com](mailto:bjacinto@bjacinto.com)

**2012 SVAA Committees:** (Sign-ups still needed for open spots)

- **Hospitality/Reception (includes Gallery Receptions)** - Chair: Donna Snyder, Terry Walson, Betty Evans, Catherine Gould, Tony Snyder, Karen Barnes, Teresa Nelesen
- **Annual Scholarship Event** - Chair: Michelle Daniel, Steve Parr, Alice Profitt, Barbara Castillo, Teresa Nelesen.
- **Annual Open Juried Show** - Chair: Rita Joyce, Bob Bladow, Miriam Thorin, Anthony Verity.
- **Annual People's Choice Members Show** - Chair: Barbara Castillo, Carlene Robertson.
- **Plein Air/Paint Out (2x a year)** - Chair: **(OPEN)** Pat Duggan, Sherri Trout.
- **Fundraising/ Solicitations** - Chair: **(OPEN)**, Michelle Daniel, Pong Apinyavat, Lisa August.
- **Website** - Chair: Barbara Burde, Ron Regalado, Brett Higgins.
- **Mini-Gallery (general meetings)** - Chair: Don Ferre.
- **Telephone Coordinator** - Virginia Clancy.
- **Strathearn Show** - Chair: Anne Cannata, Ruth Marple.
- **Athletic Club Show (rotating)** - Chair: Mary Ulrich, Rita Joyce, Rose Mcaughey.
- **Town Center Gallery** - Coordinator: Michelle McGrath, Rose McCaughey, Steve Parr, David Sgambellone, Frank McGrath.
- **Publicity: Chairperson and members (OPEN)**
- **Program Coordinator (program planning and coordination with guest demo artists and speakers): OPEN**

**"The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection."**  
- Michelangelo

**"If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint."**  
- Edward Hopper