



# ARTalk

A Publication of the Simi Valley Art Association

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## President's Message



*Hello members,*

SVAA is pleased to have Johanna Spinks join us for our general meeting, on Thursday June 20th at 6pm. Her session will be 'A Valued Approach to Creating - Part Two' which will be a critique session whereas she will give constructive comments and suggestions to your artwork, at whatever stage your artwork is at. We had 'A Valued Approach to Creating' last year with Johanna and we had such impressive feedback from people, that our Board decided we should have another critique session this year: 'Part Two'.

Last year's session was so successful that we were excited to have Johanna accept our invitation once again, so thank you Johanna! Members attending can bring up to two pieces of artwork. She will try to critique at least one of your artwork, depending on the time allowed.

The Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center (SVCAC) Bridges: Art & Community ends on June 2nd. Members are to pick up their artwork on June 5th. Linda Quigley will be sending out a reminder of the details. Thank you to SVCAC for allowing us to exhibit our artwork in the lobby at SVCAC and for hosting a wonderful reception.

We encourage members to volunteer. Currently, our Hospitality Chairperson, Caroline Lubas, needs an assistant and our Newsletter Coordinator, Persy Evans, needs help. Please reach out to them or any other Board Member to volunteer.

Congratulations to Artist of the month, Dia Wolfe! Dia is an amazing artist, with a naturally gifted ability to create beautiful art with any medium she decides to use. She has a few of her paintings exhibited at the Bridges: Art & Community at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. We are proud to have her as a member of SVAA. Congratulations Dia!

Tom

### Art Technique -

**Pouncing** is an art technique used for transferring an image from one surface to another using a fine powder called pounce. It is similar to tracing and is useful for creating copies of a sketch outline to produce finished works.

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### Happy Birthday!!

**Barbara Martinez** 6/6  
**Barbara Morosco** 6/7  
**Sheri Jones** 6/15



# Current SVAA Events

## Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center "Crafts Fest"



SIMI VALLEY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

# SIMI VALLEY CRAFT FEST!

JUNE 1, 2024  
10 AM - 4 PM



**FREE ENTRY**

*The Simi Valley Craft Fest is not just a market—it's a vibrant celebration of creativity and community spirit. Browse through an array of handmade goods, meet the talented artisans behind them, and enjoy a day filled with Community and artistic inspiration.*

**FEATURING THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Handcrafted treasures in every category including pottery, jewelry, textiles, woodworking and more!
- Local cuisine to tantalize your taste buds
- Community line dancing for beginners inside Cultural Arts Center - 40 minute sessions begin at 12 PM, 1 PM, and 2 PM

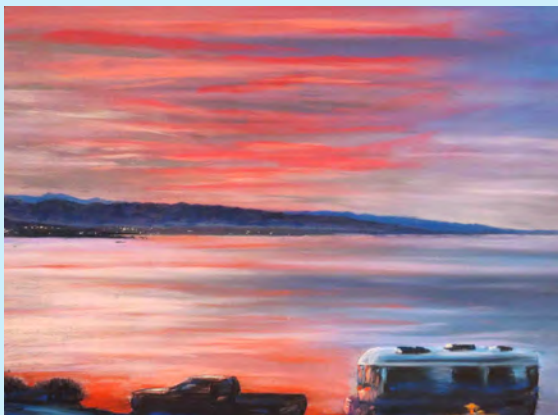


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## SVAA Members' Artwork

If you have art you would like to share in next month's issue, please don't hesitate to contact Persy Evans at: [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com) or any of our Board. Please submit your work between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.



**Tom Evans**  
Avila Bay  
Pastel



**Tom Evans**  
Defining Sky Stacks  
Pastel

## Other Upcoming Art Events

### **Paint San Clemente 2024 (June 15-June 23)**

- Entry forms and fees are due no later than June 6, 2024
- Space is limited to the first 100 paid entries, please enter early.
- For more info, go to: <https://www.paintsancllemente.com/paint-san-clemente/>

### **Westlake Village Art Guild 2024 Open Juried Show**

Show dates: June 3rd thru June 28th

### **Santa Paula Art Museum (Live Art Demo)**

PAC6 artists (Sharon Weaver, Laura Wambsgans & Nita Harper) will be painting in conjunction with the current exhibit "From Field to Frame"

June 15, 2024 2PM to 5PM

### **Santa Paula Society of Arts (85th Art & Photography Exhibit)**

June 3rd thru June 27th      Blanchard Community Library

# Artist of the Month

## *Dia Wolfe*

Born and raised in Utah, I have had an incredible affection for art for the last 43 years. Although I've always had a love of visual art it was during my first job as a television camera operator, producer, and director I learned to understand vision and perspective. When my son started elementary school in the greater Los Angeles area, I quickly understood the importance and need for children to learn art and had the opportunity to lead the schools "Arts Attack" program for 6 years. I excitedly watched as the young children blossomed into incredible artists. It was amazing to see how children have little fear — everything is from their hearts and souls.

I also taught art at a community art school called "Young at Art". During this time frame I enjoyed creating my own artwork. My skills and style progressed, and I entered many art shows and won several awards including a few "Best in Show". My interests expanded to include pastels, watercolor, acrylic and oils.

Wanting to engage my mother in my love of art, I enrolled us both in a ceramics class and quickly learned I also loved working with clay.

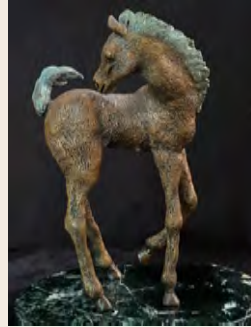
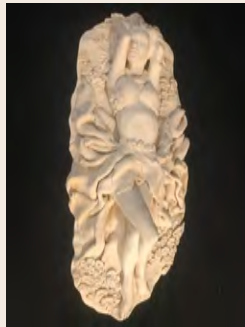
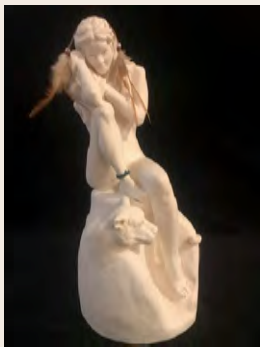
During the next 5 years I refined my pottery and ceramic skills, again earning awards for my work in various art shows. Through my sculpting networks, I met and began studying under Delesprie, world-renowned bronze master sculptor and have continued my work under her for the past 8 years. Through my work with Delesprie, I have not only learned much about anatomy, but also how to critically study each subject and replicate it as closely as possible.

My sculpting work continues to thrive under the direction and support of Delesprie.

Much of my artwork is commissioned and includes predominantly paintings and sculptures of people, dogs and horses. I'm drawn to these subjects because I'm able to connect with them and feel their personalities through their eyes and individual expressions.

I believe my artistic ability has been a gift and a drive given to me and it continues to affect all facets of my life. I'm passionate about the complete process—from conceiving an idea to creating the final intricate details.

My art journey has been a wonderful adventure that continues to fulfill me.

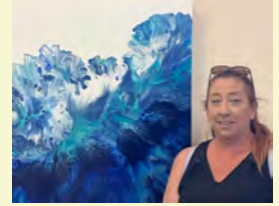
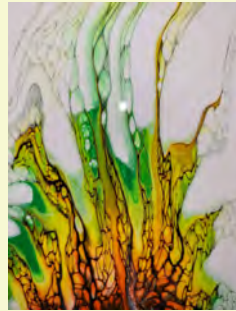


# Library Venue

- **Current Solo exhibit artist Frank Perrotta**  
5/30/24 - 7/25/24



- **Next Solo exhibit artist Dawn Marple**  
7/25/24 - 9/26/24



If you're interested in having your own exhibition, go to this link for more information: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/library-display.html> or contact Persy Evans, at [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

This is a great opportunity to display your art!!! We are looking for members interested in doing a "solo art exhibition" at the Library. The exhibit will change out every two months. The SVAA library committee will do all the work. All you have to do is drop off and pick up your artwork. Your art must be clean, properly framed and wired, with wire measured the same distance from the top of the frame for all art work. No saw-tooth hangers. Frames in poor condition will be rejected.

## SVAA Member Announcements

- **Holly Hughes** was juried-in to the Carlsbad Art in the Village June 23rd. This festival is for artists whose business is to sell their artwork in their own booth. The entry fee is nonrefundable. A panel evaluates your artwork items to decide if your artwork fits their standards. If it does, then you are juried-in.



- **Persy Evans, Nancy Fint and Carmen Lamp** were juried-in to the WVAG 2024 Open Juried Show, June 3-26



Persy Evans: Ancient Praise



Nancy Fint: Tulip Pots



Carmen Lamp: Exuberance

- **Terry Walson** was accepted by the Ventura County Arts Council's "Ventura County's Older Adult Art Exhibit" to be displayed at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration



- **Sheri Jones & Tom Evans** submitted artwork into the Santa Paula Society of Arts 85th Art & Photography Exhibit.
- **Gary Friedman** is teaching Watercolor Art classes at the Simi Valley Senior Center.
  - Registration is open for the Summer sessions June - August
  - Meet Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon
  - Register at [rsrpd.org](http://rsrpd.org) and (go to the 50+ section).
- **Dawn Marple** is holding a show at Standard Design Group Nursery in North Hollywood on June 29th.  
Note: Many who signed up are SVAA members. Come and join us. Gary is fun and a great instructor!

- **Let us know if you were juried-in, won an award, are having a show, teaching a class, or speaking/demo engagement.**

**Newsletter submissions must be made between the 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Email: [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com) and type "Newsletter Submission" in the Subject line. Note: Forwarded emails or emails without subject may not all be opened due to internet security reasons and spamming.**

# SVAA Website

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

**MESSAGE FROM OUR WEBMASTER:** Check out the SVAA website for news on our events, information about our artists and their works, and how to donate or join: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/>.

## SVAA Social Media 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 Oxana Cramer [ogcramer@hotmail.com](mailto:ogcramer@hotmail.com)

## Instagram:

We are active on Instagram so be sure to stay connected with us.

Our link is <https://www.instagram.com/simivalleyartassociation/> or scan this image >



## MEMBERSHIP

***With all the upcoming events, you should sign up today!***

***If your contact information has changed or you are a returning member but have not submitted a new membership form, please go to our website: [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org) and fill out our Membership form to include your birth date. Then submit the form to SVAA Vice President Jason Lubas at: [mastersketcher@gmail.com](mailto:mastersketcher@gmail.com).***

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

### The Board needs committee volunteers:

- To help our **Hospitality chairperson**, Caroline Lubas, for this yearly term. She is responsible for events this year, like General meeting/Demo, Art Shows, and the Holiday party. If you are an interested member, contact Caroline at: [LubasCaroline@gmail.com](mailto:LubasCaroline@gmail.com) or any one of the Board members. You may pair up with someone for a position as well.
- **Library coordinator** (position open). Coordinate bi-monthly Solo Artist Exhibit (members only). Duties include:
  - Send emails to current active member pool for Solo artist.
  - Coordinate and notify Simi Library when you will be there to change out artwork.
  - Notify solo artists (new and past) when to meet you at Library and ensure that the proper list is filled out.
  - Inspect artwork to ensure all requirements are followed.
  - Unhang previous artwork and hang new artwork.
- **Newsletter Designer** (requires access to software: Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Illustrator). We need someone who is familiar with either software to modify the previous Newsletter pdf, by replacing old photos with new and modifying text with current material. You will work with PERSy Evans, the Newsletter Coordinator.

\*\*\*\*\* If interested in either Library or Newsletter position, please contact Persy Evans at [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com).

SVAA is only as successful as it's members. **We are asking all members to help this association thrive by volunteering.**

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Our fees are \$40.00 for yearly dues with \$20.00 for the second family member. Students are \$20.00 for the year. Membership dues are non-refundable.

### Quarterly Art demonstration/General meeting:

A donation of \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members and \$3.00 for students (unless accompanied by a paying adult, in which case demo fee is free) will be requested at the door.

*"It is only when we are no longer fearful that we begin to create"*

- J.M.W. Turner