



# ARTalk

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## President's Message



*Hello members,*

Simi Valley Art Association held its People's Choice (Members Only) Art Show reception on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>. We had members, family, and friends join us for the event. Congratulations to all the winners. There were 29 artwork entries and over 200 casted votes. The reception was very nice with delicious food and drinks. Thank you to our corresponding secretary, Susan Rice for inviting the Acorn newspaper. They inserted a few photographs and captions about our event in their April 20<sup>th</sup> edition. Thanks to all the members, board members, and chairpersons who volunteered their time to help make this a successful show.

We have two events at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center (SVCAC). Currently, SVAA members are showing their artwork in the SVCAC lobby, for the "Bridges: Art & Community Exhibit", which will run through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, they hosted an elegant reception for the public, family and friends to meet the participating artists. There was a good crowd and each artist spoke about their artwork to everyone. It was a great way to get the general public familiar with SVAA and we look forward to doing this again next year. Thank you SVCAC! Their 2<sup>nd</sup> upcoming event is their annual "Summer Craft Fest", on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Linda Quigley if you are interested in participating as there is limited space otherwise, please make sure to drop by the day of the event.

Our next general meeting and demonstration will be on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Artist Johanna Spinks has accepted our invitation to join us. Like we did last year, this will be a critique session, where guests will be able to bring in one or two of their own artworks to the meeting for her to critique.

Congratulations to Artist of the month, Nancy Fint! Nancy does beautiful artwork. She has a few of her paintings exhibited at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center and she recently received an award at our People's Choice Art Show. She also actively competes in other shows nearby. Congratulations Nancy!

Tom

### Art Technique -

**Tarashikomi** (meaning "dripping in") is a Japanese painting technique, in which a second layer of paint is applied before the first layer is dry. This effect creates a dripping form for fine details such as ripples in water or flower petals on a tree.

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### Happy Birthday!!

**Dia Wolfe** 5/13  
**Sandra Keppler** 5/20  
**Dan Rice** 5/24



# Recent SVAA Events

## People's Choice Art Reception (April 13<sup>th</sup>)



**Best of Show**  
Scrub Jay  
Pastel  
Tom Evans



**1st Place**  
Mussel Beach  
Watercolor  
Sheri Jones



**2nd Place**  
Exuberance  
Pastel  
Carmen Lamp



**3rd Place**  
Live Oak  
Photography  
Frank Perrotta



**Honorable Mention**  
Bart's Books  
Watercolor  
Nancy Fint



**Honorable Mention**  
Kissing Arch Malibu  
Oil  
Stuart Berlin



**Honorable Mention**  
Volcano  
Acrylic  
Dawn Marple



**Honorable Mention**  
The Wave  
Pastel  
Theresa Bell



**Honorable Mention**  
Winter Rabbit  
Watercolor  
Holly Hughes

# Current SVAA Events

## Simi Valley Cultural Art Center - "Bridges" Art Exhibit

Exhibit runs through June 2nd (Displaying SVAA members only)



## Opportunity

Instructors needed to teach **Evening classes** at the Simi Valley Senior Center:

- Oil / Acrylic Art
- Drawing
- Watercolor
- Mosaic

For more information, please contact Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Bryan Horstmanshof: [bryanh@srpd.us](mailto:bryanh@srpd.us) or by phone at (805) 584-4443.



# 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 or any of our Board. Please submit your work between the 20th and 25th of the month.



**Persy Evans**  
Ancient Bristlecone #3  
Photography



**Persy Evans**  
Ancient Bristlecone #5  
Photography



**Bernie Chin**  
La Segrada Familia  
Watercolor

## Other Upcoming Art Events

### **SVCAC hosted "Craft Fest" (June 1<sup>st</sup>)**

- Deadline to apply: May 18th
- If interested, contact Linda Quigley at: [clavette275@hotmail.com](mailto:clavette275@hotmail.com)
- For more information, go to: Virtual Craft & Gift Fair | United States  
Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center | ([svvac.org](http://svvac.org))

Note: space is limited, so don't wait too long to contact Linda.

### **Westlake Village Art Guild (WVAG) 2024 Open Juried Art Show**

**Show Dates:** June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Thousand Oaks Art Assoc (TOAA) 2024 Open Juried Art Show**

**Show Dates:** May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

# Artist of the Month

## Nancy Fint

Based in Simi Valley California, I have been working with watercolor for more than two decades. Recently I have been sharpening my skills and refreshing my approach by taking classes and workshops.

My love of nature is prominent in my work. For inspiration I use images from my own adventures to botanical gardens, hiking trails, camping trips and my backyard.

I fell in love with the process of watercolor. Painting brings me peace and offers me a place to reflect on the beauty in the world. My goal is to convey the same peace and beauty in my paintings as when I was there capturing the image.





# Library Venue

- **Current Solo exhibit artist Stuart Berlin**  
3/28/24 - 5/30/24

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



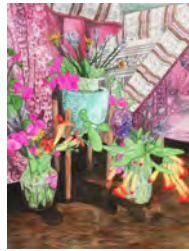
If you're interested in having your own exhibition, go to this link for more information: <http://www.simivalleyart.org/library-display.html> or contact Persy Evans, at [Persy9@gmail.com](mailto:Persy9@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



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

- **Nancy Fint** is active in several Shows/Exhibitions:



Clockwise: 'Butterfly' Watercolor, TOAA OJS, Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, May 2-29; 'Yesterday Sales' Watercolor, Brand 52: Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper, Brand Library & Art Center, June 15-Aug 8; 'Bart's Books' Watercolor, Assoc 35th Open Competition, Ojai Art Center, May 4-29; 'Rites of Spring' Watercolor, Assoc 35th Open Competition

- **Gary Friedman** was included in the AWS International Watercolor Exhibition 2024 NYC



- **Dawn Marple** active in April: Tarantula Hill Brewing Co. Art/Craft merchant; Rudy Perez Jr Memorial Foundation. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Rancho Simi Artfest at Rancho Tapo Community Park.
- **Gary Friedman** is teaching Watercolor Art classes at the Simi Valley Senior Center.
  - Registration is open for the Spring sessions March - May
  - Meet Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon
  - Register at [rsrpd.org](http://rsrpd.org) and (go to the 50+ section).

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, or are having a show or speaking/demo engagement.**

**Newsletter submissions must be made between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 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:



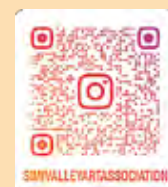
**Like us on Facebook.** Feel free to comment on our posts or "Share" posts from our Facebook Page timeline to your own timeline or your friends'. You can also Share our posts as a Facebook message. To visit our facebook <http://facebook.com/SVAAINC>.

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!***

***We rely on our members to be active as soon as possible because we believe in our goals to enrich our community with the beauty of art and the people who create art. So please renew if you haven't already done so, as we need your presence and participation to continue our efforts.***

***If you have not yet submitted a new membership form with your current contact and birthday information (mm/dd), please do so. Membership forms can be found online at our website: [www.simivalleyart.org](http://www.simivalleyart.org). 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.
  - Look for volunteers to help with hanging and unhang of artwork.

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

SVAA is only as successful as it's members. It takes hard work and dedication to put on events like our annual People's Choice and Fall Open Art shows, which is why the Board NEEDS YOUR HELP. We are asking all members to consider volunteering.

Please sign up because your help is vital. Thanks to all who have signed up and please contact any Board member or Committee chairs for questions.

#### 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.

*"You don't take a photograph, you make it."*

*- Ansel Adams*