



# ARTI-FACTS

a monthly newsletter for members of the

## Santa Clarita Artists' Association

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Laurie Morgan



One of the things I wanted to accomplish this year as president of the SCAA was to participate in more community outreach projects. And the Universe must have been listening because people are coming out of the woodwork offering creative ideas for us to be involved with.

Last month I wrote about my "selfish" reasons for joining the association. Now my involvement is completely the opposite. One of my favorite quotes is "The reward for a good deed is another good deed". Once you get a taste of doing good things for others, it makes you feel so good too you just want to do more. I love the line in A Christmas Carol where Scrooge says after he's been visited by all the ghosts and wakes up a changed man. "I don't deserve to be so happy. But I can't help it, I just can't help it!" He's so happy that he's finally doing good things for others he's ecstatic.

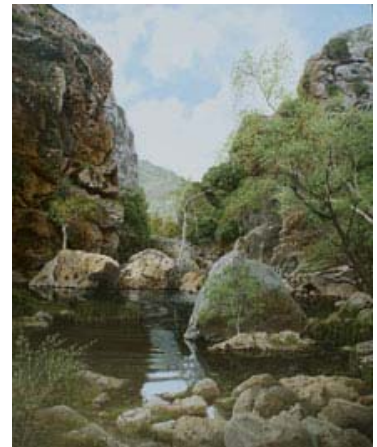
I can't tell you all of the wonderful ideas that have been suggested to me for the association to participate in yet, because they haven't all been presented to the board for approval. But I know you will be excited about being involved. To promote art by "Making Visual Art Visible" is only a part of our Mission Statement. Our group was founded in 1989 by local artists who had a desire to share their expertise, knowledge, and enthusiasm for art. What better way than to partner with the community?

As always, the only way we can actively participate in these outreach programs is with the help of our members. The upcoming newsletters will fill you in on these new projects as they are approved by our board. Approval is step one, implementing them is the next step and will need you, our members to participate in order to make them happen. Remember, your reward for volunteering (doing a good deed) is how good it makes you feel.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE WEST-FIELD TOWN CENTER

Monday, April 20, 7PM

Our April membership meeting will feature W. Bradley Elsberry. Bradley will be talking about and showing modern digital techniques to create better compositions and speed the layout process in order to get to the actual process of painting.



"I will explain the old master style glazing I use in my romantic naturalistic style. I work in the tradition of the American Sublime style dating back to the Hudson River school of painting."

After extensive field work with his camera. Brad manipulates his digital images to build a study embodying the desired goals of his artwork. Then on the canvas he paints in an "old master" glaze technique, executed in acrylic paint, which requires working countless dozens of thin layers of glaze across each painting. "I hope to reveal a special moment in time when the weather and time of day create extraordinary air and light. I bring this together with the myriad details of the leaves and rocks and water to emulate the beautiful spectacle of nature."

His largest public work is the Irvine Transportation Center's fifty foot wide Irvine, Voyages and transitions historical mural. His paintings are available at Aspen Grove Fine Arts in Aspen Colorado and Indian Territory, and the Lu Martin galleries in Laguna Beach. You may view Bradley's work at <http://www.wbradleyelsberry.com>.

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## **"60 MINUTES WITH AN ARTIST" ART LECTURES**

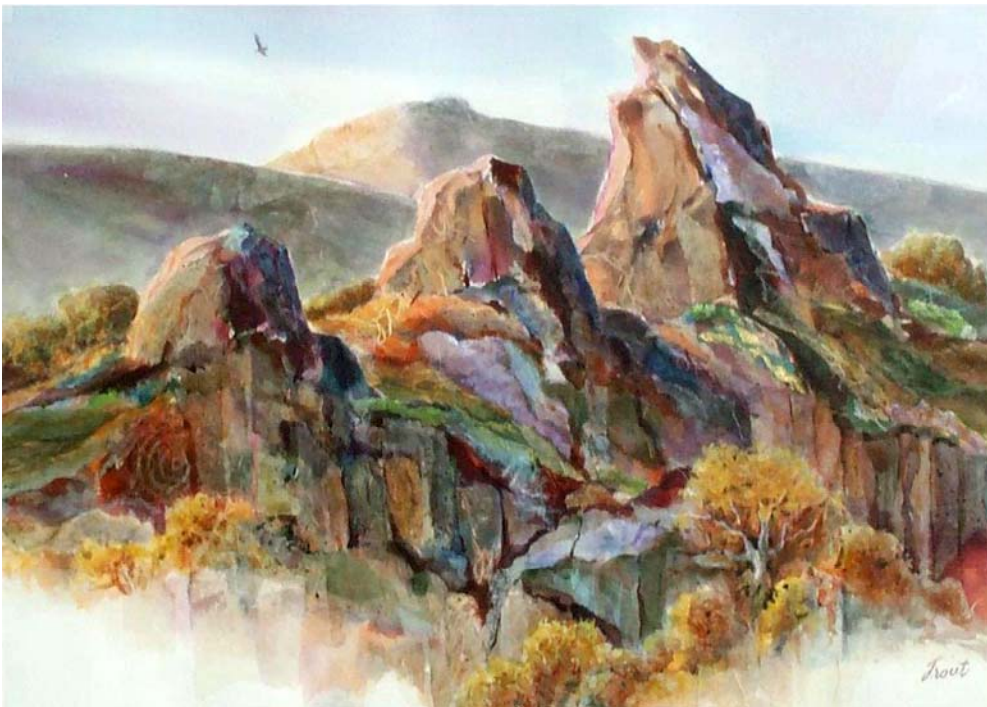
A New SCAA Program of Art Lectures called, "60 MINUTES WITH AN ARTIST" began on Sunday, February 22nd, at the Valencia Library Community Room. The Art Lectures will continue each month throughout 2009 with different members speaking. See the following article for more information.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The lectures are offered, free of charge, for children, youth and adults as an Art Education Learning experience. If you have any questions, please call Jaylene at (661) 255-3050. Each guest lecturer is being video taped by Lee Thomas so the videos can be used in different city events such as Street Art Festival, Cowboy Festival, the SCV Senior Center, in Schools and loaned to different non-profits and shown in the town center. The videos will give the public the opportunity to learn the process of creating a painting.

### **60 MINUTES WITH AN ARTIST Don Trout**

Sunday, April 26, 2pm - 3pm

On April 26, 2009 at 2-3 p.m. at the Valencia Library, the Santa Clarita Artists' Association (SCAA) presents Don Trout, the third speaker in a series of art lectures entitled 60 Minutes with an Artist.



Don's topic will be Painting with Many Layers, water media and rice paper collage and his special creative surprise. "Some of my successes have come from my failures once I learned I could cover them up!" Materials and techniques used will be shown as well as a selection of completed paintings.

"I paint because I am compelled to create art. Since early childhood I have always had a pencil or a brush handy when I felt that need," says Don. "I still feel pleasure in the process of laying paint on paper or canvas. Add a glue brush and colored and textured rice papers and I become a kid again."

Don started his career in aerospace art, as technical illustrator, freelance artist, and finally art director for Lockheed's Special Arts Group in Burbank, California. Don turned to teaching art after taking early retirement in 1991. He currently teaches private students in his studio in Canyon Country. You may view Don's work at any of these websites:

<http://www.dontroutsart.com/>  
<http://fineartamerica.com/shop/don-trout.html>  
<http://myspace.com/donsart>

### **FEATURED WEBSITE HOMEPAGE ARTIST FOR APRIL: OLGA KACZMAR**

Members who volunteer are able to participate in our monthly "drawing" to be featured on our website homepage. A volunteering member is randomly picked each month, and their art, picture and bio will be presented on our homepage for an entire month. For May our featured artist will be JANE MICK.

Please contact Diane Bruckner as soon as possible: [dianebruckner@aol.com](mailto:dianebruckner@aol.com), 661.252.8416. You will need to submit via email a short bio, and 4 images in jpeg format: (1) headshot photo, (3) images of your art. Deadline to submit is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## **TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CLUB**

A new art exhibit of 21 SCAA art members was hung on March 3rd in the Newhall Room of the club. This is our second exhibit at the TPC and will be up for three months with a new exhibit starting on Monday, June 1st. The next exhibit will have a theme, which will be SUMMER. Start thinking now of summer images. An announcement will be made in the near future so photos can be sent for consideration into the next art exhibit. Start painting what "Summer" looks like to you.

## **CANYON THEATRE GUILD HALLWAY GALLERY 24242 MAIN ST. OLD TOWN NEWHALL**

The comedy "Leading Ladies" will be playing March 27 – April 25. For this show Shirley Checkos and Gerda Maxey will exhibit in the theater's "Hallway Gallery". Following them will be Cecily Willis. Come support live theater in Santa Clarita – and our members' artwork on display! For reservations call (661) 799-2702. To exhibit at the CTG please contact Laurie Morgan at [love2paint@rmorgan.net](mailto:love2paint@rmorgan.net) or (661) 244.7689.

## **PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT Saturday, April 25 2:30 to 5:30pm**

Our last Plein Air paint out at Whitney Canyon was really wonderful. We explored this beautiful nature park with our personal nature guide Henry Schultz, Chairman of the Sierra Club, Santa Clarita. We were introduced to some history of the area as well as learning the names of a few native plants along the way.

We were joined by several new guests, including a couple of photographers from the Santa Clarita



By Jean



Photography Club. It was a delightful experience that produced some beautiful paintings, photos and sketches in just a few hours. The weather is perfect outside now... Give plein air painting a try, even simple sketching in the outdoors is very rewarding. There is nothing like working from life!

For our next outing, we will be meeting on Saturday April 25 from 2:30pm- 5:30pm at Central Park in the very back parking lot. Central Park is located at:

27150 Bouquet Canyon Rd  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350  
(661) 799-1199

There are some very pretty views at various points in the park. Hope to see you there. Invite a friend and enjoy the beautiful weather!

If you have any questions about the paint out please call, Laura Wambsgans at (661) 259-0696 or Lorelle Miller at (661) 297-1298 or on the day of the paint out call our cell phone (818) 625-0446.

## **KUDOS!**

- Olga Kaczmar's painting, "Mystery Mesa," was selected for inclusion in the "Visions" exhibit at Santa Clarita City Hall.
- The April/ May issue of Elite page 26 features a Lorelle Miller 2-page spread and mentions Santa Clarita Artists Association at the bottom of page 26.
- Laurie Morgan will have a one-woman show at the Repertory East Playhouse in Old town Newhall for two weekends: April 24 – 26 and May 1 – 3.

## REMINDERS

**BOARD MEETINGS** are the first Monday of the month. Members are welcome to attend. Please give 24-hour notice to the secretary Jane Dietz: mejaneed@att.net

**ALL members receive a FREE web page.** This includes your Bio or Artist's Statement, 2 - 3 images of your art work, headshot and contact information. You have to contact me to set this up, it is not automatic. If you already have a web site send me your web site address and I will post the link. Diane Bruckner, SCAA Web Master, diane-bruckner@aol.com or 661.803.2350

**Deadline For Newsletter Articles And Advertising Is The 20<sup>th</sup> Of The Month Prior To Issue**

**ART CLASSIC VIDEO.** Our member Leland Thomas has generously made a DVD of the 2008 XIX Art Classic and judges' commentary. Both are available for purchase on our website for a very nominal fee.

**KUDOS** Are you having an Art Show? Did you win an award? Let us know and we'll give you "Kudos"

## ART CHANGE-OUTS

### ART OF HEALING PROVIDENCE HOLY CROSS

Friday, April 24th from 10am – 1pm &  
Monday, April 27th from 2-4pm.

Because of oncology patient appointments this time frame must strictly be adhered to. If you cannot make this time frame have another member help you or if necessary contact Laurie Morgan 661.259.6789. They need a variety of sizes and do need some very large ones too. Uplifting, calming, peaceful, beautiful artwork is requested as this is what the cancer patients are looking at during their treatments. A reception is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening May 20th 5:30 – 7pm. Please go to our website, [www.santaclaritaartists.org](http://www.santaclaritaartists.org) to read and print their waiver and release forms. One form for each piece of art.

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