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a monthly newsletter for members of the

Santa Clarita Artists' Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Laurie Morgan



I had the honor and privilege this week of being one of the judges of two different student art contests. One was a promotion from a window treatment company called Picture Perfect, where flyers were sent out to local art schools, with the winners awarded prizes. The second was the Congressional Art Competition held at Fast Frame. This is the contest where students from area high schools submit a

piece that, if chosen, will be displayed in the Congressional art gallery - the tunnel between the House and Senate office buildings and Congress - there is one piece from every Congressional district in the nation.

This is one of the most rewarding and hardest jobs as SCAA president; knowing that my opinion and choices will be directly impacting another human being; a budding artist. Encouraging young artists and our members in the pursuit of creativity is one of the cornerstones of the association's mission. As members we have the duty and privilege of contributing to the enrichment of art in the community.

The students who won the art contests were surprised and thrilled. I was thrilled watching them. What a great feeling to be able to share in someone else's joy. I didn't win anything, it wasn't about me, yet I felt joy. This is how our association is supposed to work. We help each other, we are excited for each other's achievements, we encourage each other to learn and grow.

Being on the board or a committee allows us to participate directly in another human being's experience of art. Together we come up with new and unique ways to accomplish this. The results of these decisions are what fill this newsletter; all the places in the valley where our members' art is exhibited, our monthly demonstrators, the art lecture series, etc. Look at all we can accomplish when we are united and strong.

Is there something you'd like the SCAA to be involved with? Give us your ideas. Start feeling the joy and pride of carrying out our mission statement. You really can make a difference.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE WESTFIELD TOWN CENTER

Monday, June 15, 7PM

Our General Membership Meeting will feature Meli Calkins on the subject of soft pastels, demonstrating a seascape or landscape, at 7 p.m. at Westfield Town Center.

"I want my soft pastel paintings to bring me back to that place where I or my friends feel as if all they have to do is just walk right into the painting and they are there experiencing all over again that captured moment; be it the power and grace of a running horse, the feel and taste of a tangelo or the beauty of the California central coast during spring time."

Why soft pastels? In her own words Meli states; "I love the brilliance and intensity of color that pastels are able to display. Being able to lay and mix the colors directly on sanded paper is more appealing to me than mixing colors on a pallet." Her work can be viewed on her website www.melicalkins.com or on www.vcartfarm.com



Meli Calkins has been painting with soft pastels for the past 30 plus years. Her mother was a commercial artist and taught Meli how to observe what she saw in her world and would interpret it with drawing and paintings on paper and canvas. While pursuing a bachelor's and master's degree in Environmental Engineering, Meli was able to squeeze in a few fine art classes while receiving tutoring from her mother. Of all the types of media that she worked with, her first love was and always has been painting with soft pastels. Most of her paintings are in private collections. Three of her works are published in "the 2nd Art Edition *International Contemporary Masters 2009* a fine art book released in 2009 published by Despina Tunberg, Curator, <http://www.omma.us> .

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"60 MINUTES WITH AN ARTIST"

ART LECTURES

Tandy Zorba

Sunday, May 31, 2pm - 3pm

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.

On Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2-3 p.m. at the Valencia Library, the Santa Clarita Artists' Association (SCAA) presents Tandy Zorba, the fourth speaker in a series of art lectures entitled 60 Minutes with an Artist.

Tandy says she is "comfortable working both two and three-dimensionally," and uses "whatever medium is called for in portraiture, and whatever strikes my fancy in my personal art." Sometimes that means painting with coffee or playing in mud. Tandy went on scholarship to Chouinard Art Institute, before it became The California Institute of the Arts, back when it echoed with artists like De Cooning and Pollock. Later, she studied with the Italian artist, Mario DeFerrante, who believed that art was like prayer. Watch for the poster of her presentation at the entrance to the library!

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.

FEATURED WEBSITE HOMEPAGE

ARTIST FOR JUNE:

JACKIE NICHOLS

Volunteering members are able to participate in our monthly "drawing" to be featured on our website [homepage](#). One is randomly picked each month, and their art, picture and bio will be presented on our homepage for an entire month. For July our featured artist will be Zony Gordon.

Please contact Diane Bruckner as soon as possible: 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 23rd.

ART COMPETITION.

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER: EYE OF CA

Jacque Berg is the project manager for a California arts competition called Eye of the Beholder: Eye of CA. It is an arts competition to commission a public works piece for the non-profit, Second Family. The commission is \$5,000.

One of the board of directors of Second Family is from Santa Clarita and wanted her to reach out to our organization to see if any of our members would like to submit. Applicants can read the rules and requirements at www.eyeofca.com and the application process is short. They are looking for uplifting and positive abstract images painted with acrylic and/or oils.

For any applicants please be sure to note you are a member of the Santa Clarita Artists' Association. If interested go to www.eyeofca.com, do not respond to the SCAA.

TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CLUB

In June there will be a new art exhibit at the Tournament Players Club. Although the deadline for submissions has already passed, artists who submitted work will be notified by May 23rd if their work will be accepted. As previously noted, the theme for this new art exhibit is "SUMMER".

Art work hanging at the club now will be taken out on Monday, June 1st. Time for picking up current piece of art and delivering new ones will be between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday, June 1st.

Please direct questions to Jaylene Armstrong at 661-255-3050

CANYON THEATRE GUILD

HALLWAY GALLERY

24242 MAIN ST. OLD TOWN NEWHALL

The musical-comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" will be playing May 23 – June 22. For this show Cecily Willis will exhibit in the theater's "Hallway Gallery". Following will be Romeo Downer for the comedy "Social Security" July 31 – Aug 29. 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 or (661) 244.7689.

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PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT

Saturday, June 13 9:00am to 12:00pm

We will be meeting on Saturday June 13 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Veteran's Historical Plaza in Newhall, which is located at 24275 Walnut Street. The design of the Plaza evokes images of a formal Victorian garden. It was the goal of the design team to create a place of serenity and reflection in the middle of a bustling city.



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 one of our cell phones (818) 625-0446 or (661) 406-6706.

ART 'N THE PARK FEST JUNE

Home Arts & Quilt Show, Fine Art & Handmade Craft Fair, entertainment and exhibits.
6 June 09, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

"MY AMERICAN FLAG" ART SHOW

American Flag Art Show exhibits. Objective & Subjective Flags, all media, 6th thru 12th Grades and adult, Hart Hall. July 3 - 5, 11:00am to 4:00 pm

ARTISTIC SMILES ARTISTS' RECEPTION

Thursday, June 4, 2009 from 5 to 7 pm

Artistic Smiles Dental Office located at 24155 Magic Mountain Pkwy, Valencia

An art show reception and a boutique are planned for Thursday, June 4, 2009 from 5 to 7 pm, jointly sponsored by Artistic Smiles and SCAA. The boutique will consist of our members selling small art related items [jewelry, original art prints, crafts, etc.] Tables will be set up for that.

Displaying artists should attend and help with the venue. The hanging art on the wall is for sale and will be advertised as such. The standard 20% of sales from hanging art or from the boutique will go to SCAA.

We will be inviting realtors, interior decorators, friends, families, other businesses and the community at large.

VAL VERDE ART

Melissa Wilson is a Cal Arts student who grew up in Val Verde and is trying to gather a collection of art about Val Verde for the community to permanently keep and hopefully display. She plans to work with the community center to exhibit all the art donations sometime this year. Val Verde has a rich yet poorly documented history and her goal is to try and preserve history now through art. If anyone has art about Val Verde they would like to donate or loan it would be greatly appreciated and hopefully a historic collection to be a part of. Please contact: Melissa Wilson
Mwilson@alum.calarts.edu
(661) 600-5544

TESORO HISTORIC ADOBE CONTINUING ART EXHIBITS "Summer Splendor"



SCAA artists are invited to participate in a group show involving all mediums which fall under the theme of "Summer Splendor". Each artist may exhibit 2 – 4 artworks, depending on size. No single artwork can be larger than "57 x57" (width and/or height) including the frame and any artwork that is larger than "16 x 20" (width and/or height) will count as 2 pieces, while any piece larger than 30" x 30" will count as 3 pieces, and anything larger than 40" x 40" will count as 4 pieces. Sculpture will be accommodated providing you bring your own pedestal. There are 5 spaces for freestanding or pedestal sculpture.

Important Deadlines and Dates:

- June 1st – Contact Sandy Fisher by email or phone with the number of pieces you plan on submitting
- June 6th – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. deliver your artwork, complete information labels, and install art
- June 13th – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. reception at Tesoro. All participating artists are required to bring a small plate of finger food or dessert item.
- June 27th – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. pick up artwork

ART 'N THE PARK FEST—AUGUST

Home Arts & Quilt Show, Fine Art & Handmade Craft Fair, entertainment and exhibits. This is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th, from 9am to 4pm. Contact Al Ewing from the County Parks and Recreation for entry information: (661) 259-1750

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FASTFRAME

In the Crossroads Shopping Center next to Kohl's. Randy and Rose-Marie of FASTFRAME have a wall, approximately 8' X 8' that they would like to offer for SCAA members to display their work.

- All artwork must be "unframed" as they can only display FASTFRAME frames in their store. Although if the size of the picture matches one of their frames that they made previously for display, they may choose to put the art in the frame and display it on an easel in the windows.
- Each artist will be featured for one month at a time beginning in July. Not necessarily consecutive months.
- If the art sells while in the store, they request 10%. If, however, the art is purchased and framed in the store, no percentage of sales is requested as they would be selling the frame. SCAA commission still applies.
- All art will be juried by committee. If interested, please email 3 jpeg samples of your work to Lorelle Miller: elle3b@ca.rr.com
- If chosen, please include an 8 ½ "x 11" bio with picture.

They would also like to extend a 20% discount on custom framing to all members of the Santa Clarita Artist' Association.

SCAA Art Classic XX - October 18 in Hart Hall at Hart Park !

Committee Needed! For those who want to keep their former assignments, please indicate. It's fun! Add to your volunteer hours and get extra privileges during the year! Below is a list of jobs: Please indicate if you want to be a Chair or a helper.

- Pre-Registration of Artists (forms, packets, etc)
- Name Tags and Labels,
- Graphics (Flyers/Posters, Tickets, Program, etc)
- Ticketing and Ticket Control,
- Sponsorships and Fund Raising
- Publicity and Promotions
- Installation and Set-Up
- Public Art Viewing (Saturday-Day before the Art Classic)

- Registration, Check-in, and Reception Desk
- Volunteer coordinator
- Food and Hospitality
- Banquet Set-up and Décor
- People's Choice Awards
- Judges
- Program and Floor Director
- Entertainment
- Auction
- Clean-Up (Post event)

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KUDOS!

Lorelle Miller was an Invited Guest Madonnari at Avenida de Colores Chalk Festival in Sarasota, Florida. The piece reproduced was called "The Time of the Lilacs" by the Pre-Raphaelite artist Sophia Andersen it was 8' x 10' in size.



MEMBERS' COMMENTS



In a few sentences let us know your positive experiences of our monthly demonstrators, or other SCAA events.

Every month a couple of member's comments will be chosen to put in the newsletter. Direct correspondence to newsletter editor, Hector Fernandez at hector1164@yahoo.com

STORAGE UNIT CLEAN UP

An enormous thank you to the following volunteers: Cheri and Howard Marcovitch, Jim and Susie Bakman, Judith Haims, Evie Cook, Sue Petrovit, Ken Ross, Romeo Downer, Myron Sofen, Olga Kaczmar, Gerda Maxey and Laurie Morgan. Additional thanks to Cheri and Howard for the "easy-up" and water, Jim for the dolly, Myron for the vacuum, and wet wipes from Laurie. Plus Sue, Evie, Ken, Gerda and Romeo who hauled stuff away. And the band-aid and Kleenex from Judith were appreciated by me - the only casualty - a splinter! With all the wonderful help we were done in less than 2 hours!!! The unit is clean and everything easily accessible.

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, dianebruckner@aol.com or 661.803.2350
- **Deadline For Newsletter Articles And Advertising Is The 20th 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"

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

Advertising rates are shown below. Please send a check payable to **SCAA** to: Hector Fernandez, 22674 Matana Drive, Saugus, CA 91350. Send ad copy (jpg format is preferred) to hector1164@yahoo.com. Questions call (661) 296-2623.

Per One Month	Members	Non-Members
Business Card 2"x3½"	\$10	\$15
¼ page 5" x 4"	\$20	\$25
½ page 5" x 8"	\$35	\$45

ART CHANGE-OUTS

CAPELLI SALON

Tuesday, June 2 - 10am to 5pm

24253 Main Street, downtown Newhall. Owner wants edgy, contemporary and/or abstract art and bright colors. Questions – call Laurie Morgan 259-6789 or love2paint@rmorgan.net.

Artistic Smiles

Thursday, May 28—8:30am to 12:30 PM

Questions or more info, call Jackie Nichols 661-259-1528.

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