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- HIGHLIGHTS -

MARCH

3/5 BOARD MEETING

6:30-8:30pm, Zoom

3/6 CRITIQUE SESSION

6-8:30pm, Barnes & Noble

3/18 GENERAL MEETING

6:30-8:30PM, BARNES & NOBLE

3/22 PLEIN AIR OUTING

PLACERITA CANYON, 9AM-NOON

3/23 NEW EXHIBIT

CANYON THEATRE GUILD
QIANA TARLOW

3/28 ENTRY DEADLINE

WESTERN PERSPECTIVES
SCAA GALLERY EXHIBIT

NOW THROUGH 3/30

"Fluidity" SCAA Exhibit
SCAA Gallery, Old Town Newhall

www.santaclaritaartists.org

Hi ~~BYE~~, FELICIA!

SCAA HAS A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

We are happy to announce alongside our committee leaders throughout all facets of the association and in getting to meet more SCAA Members.

Felicia Tausig as our new 2024 Newsletter Editor!

Felicia will be taking over the role from Tobi Beck who now serves as Gallery Chair for SCAA Gallery at 6th & Main in Old Town Newhall.

While Tobi passes the torch with bittersweet excitement, as a big lover of layouts and design, she is looking ahead to focus attention for all of the great events planned with her team at the gallery this year.

Tobi also continues to serve on our rebrand committee.

As a newer member, Felicia is thrilled to take on the role and is excited to be better plugged into SCAA, working

Her role officially begins for April's edition.

Welcome, Felicia!

alongside our committee



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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Marching into March! I am so happy to share that members are stepping in to volunteer and showing up to help. The committee chairs are reaching out.

Members I meet thank me and say they are happy with the direction that our organization is going.

To those who are already involved, you are doing an amazing job! I find it energizing to be around our volunteers. Their energy is contagious.

We are inclusive, so come join us and volunteer on one of our committees! We have numerous opportunities that might be in your very wheelhouse or you just may bring something new!

In the coming months, we will continue to need your help.

Our Spring Art Show at Le Chene is just around the corner on Sunday, April 28th. Tell your friends, post on social media, make your lunch or brunch reservations at Le Chene, and of course, let Dody Rogers know you want a booth space for your art at the show!

Find more information in this month's newsletter edition and look for our Call To Artist online to enter the show.

Set up at Le Chene takes some time. Please let Howard Marcovitch know if you can come early to help set up panels or if you are available to stay late for tear down: hmarcovi@aol.com.

If you haven't been to our Spring Art Fair, you need to spend the afternoon to experience it for yourself! Our friends enjoy coming back year after year.

I hope you have marked your calendars, for our **Live Demonstrations** at Barnes & Noble, happening during our general meetings on the third Monday of every month.

Lastly, be sure to visit our gallery at 6th and Main in Old Town Newhall for our current member exhibit, "**Fluidity**"! And make plans to enter our latest Call To Artists, "**Western Perspectives**" for our exhibit coming up in April!

There is so much to enjoy at SCAA!

Keep your paint brushes wet!

Pura Vida.

Meressa Naftulin
SCAA President



Spring Art Festival



AND SALE AT LE CHENE
FRENCH CUISINE GARDENS

Space is Limited!

Our annual Spring Art Festival and Sale at the Le Chene French Cuisine Gardens on Sierra Hwy is a great time for our members to meet with local art lovers in a beautiful setting complete with music, wine, brunch and fellow artists. Consider joining us by reserving a booth for the event!

The gardens are beautiful and we are usually blessed with beautiful weather, along with many returning customers.

Gather up your best artwork for spring and prepare for the fun!

Deadline to enter: April 10th
10 SPACES AVAILABLE!

Reserve your space today!
Visit us at santaclaritaarts.org

Postcards are available at the gallery to hand out to friends!

Questions? Call Dody Rogers at 661-252-7639 or 661 714-9606.

APRIL 28TH

ONLY 10 SPACES LEFT!



2024 SCAA BOARD

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meressa Naftulin President/Plein Air Chair

Charlotte Mullich Vice President, IT/WEB

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Buck Burns Treasurer



Thank you for your time
& dedication to SCAA!

GENERAL BOARD

Bonny Butler Social Media Chair

Tobi Beck Gallery Chair

with **Qiana Tarlow** Gallery Co-Chair

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Harriette Knight Membership Chair

Patty Haft Publicity Chair

Gloria Cassidy Scholarships Chair

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Laurie Morgan Canyon Theatre Exhibits Liaison

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NEW! **Felicia Tausig** Newsletter Editor

OPEN POSITIONS

Hospitality

Grant Writer

WE
NEED
YOU!



Monthly Meeting

JOIN US!

Barnes & Noble
23630 Valencia Blvd
6:30 to 8:30 pm

PUBLIC GENERAL MEETING & LIVE DEMONSTRATION

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 18th

Barnes & Noble, Valencia
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Our monthly general meeting happens on the 3rd Monday of each month at Barnes & Noble in Valencia. It's a great time to meet up with other artists and to introduce your art friends to SCAA because it's free and open to the public! There is a short association update to cover SCAA news and then we get to enjoy a live art demonstration together for the rest of the session. Come learn with us!

DURING OUR GENERAL MEETING:

Tim Kitz
Watercolor

3/18 LIVE DEMO



Tim Kitz is an accomplished, watercolorist whose "plein air" and studio works reflect an ongoing creative journey of landscape, seascape, and urban scenes through a distinctive style and fluidity.

NEXT MONTH

Mon, April 15th

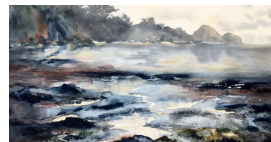
DEBBIE ABSHEAR

Watercolorist

debbieabshear.com

Invite your friends!

General Meetings
are FREE and OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC!



As a painting instructor, Kitz is on the faculty of the Brentwood Art Center in Santa Monica conducting weekly watercolor classes, workshops and private lessons. timothykitz.com

Plein Air Outing

PUBLIC MEET UP & OUTDOOR ARTMAKING

PLACERITA CANYON

Friday, March 22nd, 9am-Noon

Placerita Canyon Nature Center is a lovely location to draw or paint. We will meet from 9 until noon. Please join the SCAA Plein Air Artists. It's a great time to sketch, work on value studies, paint a quick watercolor, or focus on your own projects while enjoying the outdoors!

Bring what you need to comfortably draw or paint and consider the sun - bring a hat or umbrella if you can.

ALL ARE WELCOME! You do not have to be a member to join us. Sketch or paint in your medium of choice. Bring a chair or stand. Just enjoy the great outdoors and good company of other artists!

Directions:

Placerita Canyon is located off the Antelope Valley Fwy (14). Take the Placerita Canyon exit and go east. Pass The Oak of the Golden Dream, then find the entrance to the park on your right.

There is a parking lot in front of the Nature Center where we will meet.

To learn more or to join our Plein Air group email list, please contact Meressa Naftulin
661-993-6251 meressa922@gmail.com



**Plein Air events
are FREE & OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC!**



Monthly Critique Sessions



Have you ever wondered if you were headed in the right direction in your art-making? Curious if you could push a project further, wanted to get unstuck in deciding on next steps, or even find greater confidence in knowing your work is complete? This new SCAA group meetup might be for you!

Whether you are at the beginning, middle, or end of your art project, we welcome you to come share with us.

Everyone attending will have a chance to share thoughts about the work on display through positive, encouraging, and constructive conversation in an effort to grow and learn together.

NEW!

**Barnes & Noble
March 6th**

6-8:30pm, on the first
Wednesday of each month

**GROWING AND
LEARNING TOGETHER**

These monthly discussion groups will be moderated by Bob Hernandez and are open to all current members of the Santa Clarita Artists Association.

Please note that in these gatherings, no one is an expert. Your opinion matters to all in attendance and all voices are valuable to the discussion.

We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month beginning February 7th through September 4th, 6pm - 8:30pm at Barnes & Noble in Valencia.

Learn more about Bob at
www.bobhernandezfineart.com

ART CLASSIC

MEMBERS' JUDGED ART SHOW & AWARDS

Our annual Art Classic Gala is a professionally judged art show reserved for SCAA members that raises funds for our association, high school student scholarships, SCAA Gallery, and other vital programs used to promote arts in Santa Clarita.

Save the Date!

September
28th-29th

Contact Cathy King hotgems4you@yahoo.com





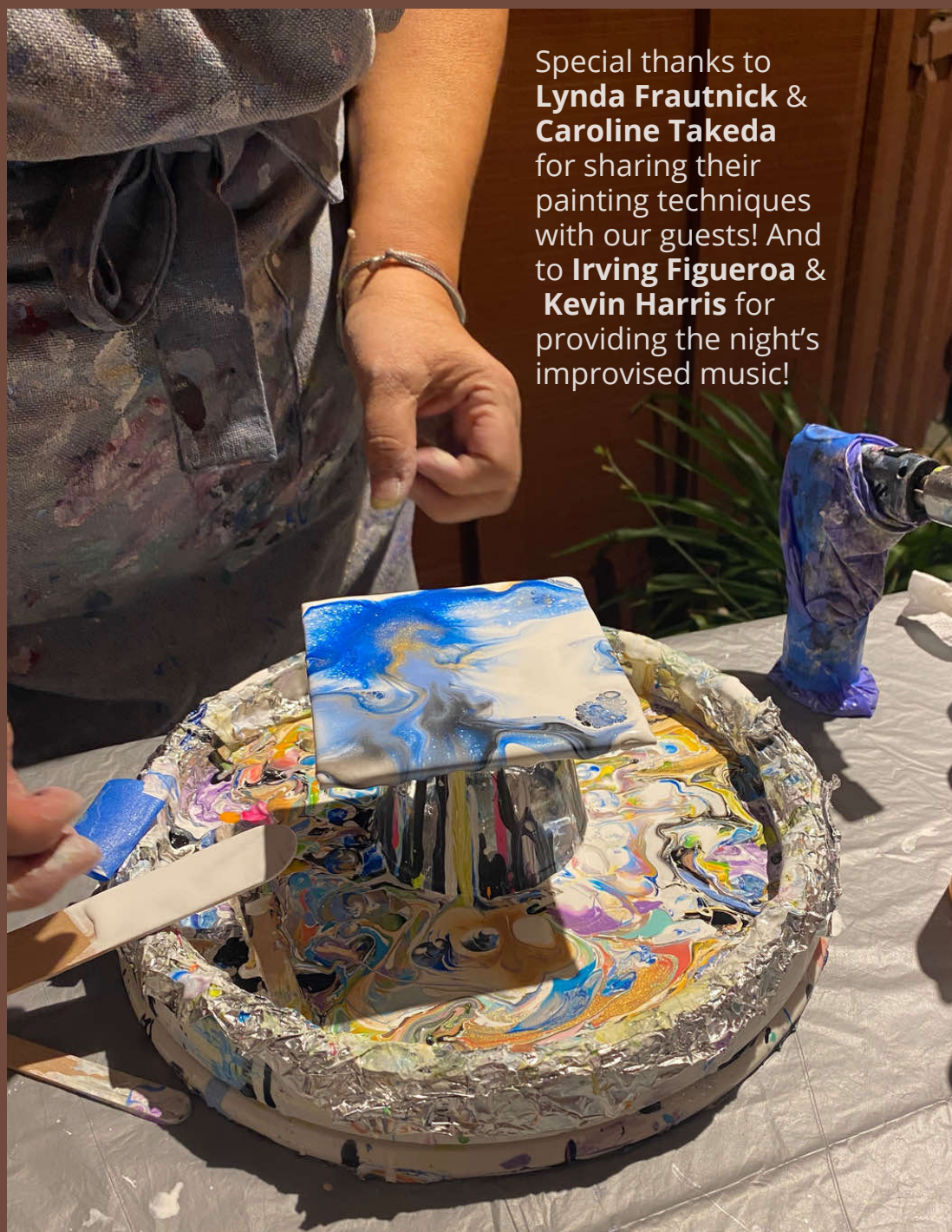
FLUIDITY

NOW SHOWING
2/23-3/30

Thank you for celebrating our new exhibit with us!
OPENING RECEPTION AT SCAA GALLERY

Donors: **MAGINNS** PUB
EIGHTH & RAIL
PUBLIC HOUSE





Special thanks to **Lynda Fraitnick & Caroline Takeda** for sharing their painting techniques with our guests! And to **Irving Figueroa & Kevin Harris** for providing the night's improvised music!





It was a truly an electric night celebrating our artists & their beautiful, fluid work - you made it magical! Thank you for supporting local art!

SCAA Gallery

SCAA GALLERY

22508 6TH STREET
NEWHALL, CA 91321
(661) 732-0630

FOR SCAA ARTISTS
BY SCAA ARTISTS

NOW ON DISPLAY

“Fluidity” through Mar 30th
Open: Fri 5-8, Sat 11-8, Sun 11-5

Celebrating FLUIDITY in art through curvature, water, liquid flow, and ethereal movement - with 18 artists and over 30 works on display!

Expect to see electric color as you take in original abstract paintings, beautiful drawings, rushing water in acrylic, oil, and pastels, vibrant sea life and ocean photography, with other depictions of fluidity in nature, daily life, and in unexpected places.



Artists: Lynda Frautnick, Barbara Gassner, Mardilan Lee Georgio, Robert Gideon, Meryl Goudey, Rosanne Haddad, Patty Haft, Nima Kharrazi, Harriette Knight, Cheri Marcovitch, Howard Marcovitch, Lisa McWilson, Karina Medina, Laurie Morgan, Meressa Naftulin, Estelle Prieto, Nita Rege, Caroline Takeda

2024 SHOW CALENDAR:

Schedule subject to changes. Check website/social for updates.

~~661 LOCAL SCAA~~

~~JAN 19 - FEB 18~~

FLUIDITY SCAA

FEB 23 - MAR 30

SPRING FEVER POPUP
EVENT: 3-ARTIST EXHIBIT
APR 5 - 7

COWBOY FEST SCAA

APR 12 - APR 21

STUDENT SHOW ARTREE

APR 26 - APR 28

FACES SCAA

MAY 3 - JUN 2

AVAILABLE

MEMBER RENTAL

JUN 7 - 16

RHYTHM & SOUL SCAA

JUN 20 - JUL 28

AVAILABLE

MEMBER RENTAL

AUG 2 - 11

COLOR CRUSH SCAA

AUG 15 - SEP 22

TENTATIVE BTH

SEP 27 - SEP 29

**DARK, ODD, &
MYSTERIOUS SCAA**

OCT 6 - OCT 27

AVAILABLE

MEMBER RENTAL

NOV 1 - NOV 3

STUDENT SHOW ARTREE

NOV 8 - NOV 10

WORDS SCAA

NOV 17 - DEC 15

AT SCAA GALLERY IN APRIL

“Spring Fever” April 5th-7th
Opening Reception: Apr 6th, 5-8pm



HOURS:
Fri 4/5
12-6pm
Sat 4/6
12-8pm
Sun 4/7
12-6pm

For inquiries, contact Zony 661-312-3422

ONE WEEKEND ONLY!

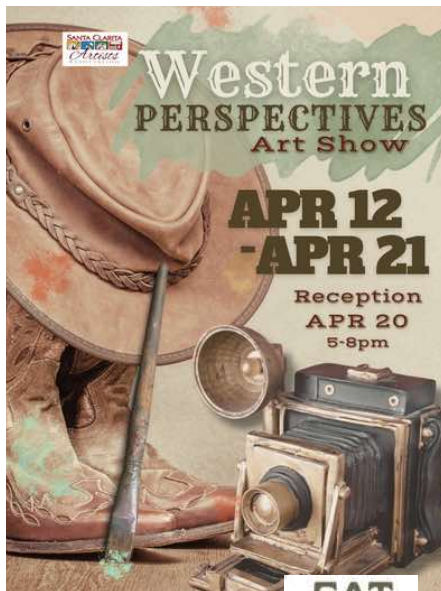
Three award-winning artists

Lynda Fraitnick, Zony Gordon, and Gloria Cassidy will exhibit various art pieces in watercolor, mixed media, acrylic, and collage!

The opening reception is open to the public. Wine, appetizers and dessert will be served, alongside live musical entertainment for visitors to enjoy on April 6th.

Sunday, April 7th, all three artists will give FREE art demonstrations throughout the afternoon.

Don't miss this limited time event!



SHOW DONOR:

EAT REAL

SAVE THE DATE & CALL FOR ART!

“Western Perspectives”

April 12 - April 21

Opening Reception: Apr 20, 5-8

Deadline to enter: Mar 28

In celebration of the City of Santa Clarita's Cowboy festival in April, SCAA is heading west! This exhibit will take us back to the cowboy days; all western subjects!

Saddle up & submit your artwork TODAY!

ENTER ONLINE: santaclaritaartists.org



COMMUNITY EVENT

ARTree Student Showcase

April 27 - April 29

Artists of all ages and skill levels will exhibit their work in this fun, special showcase supporting the students of ARTree! More information to come!



come hang with us

SOLO shows

CALL TO ARTISTS

3 ~~4~~ spots available

OPEN TO SCAA MEMBERS

SCAA Gallery | Artist Solo/Group Show Rental Opportunity

SCAA GALLERY RENTALS NOW BOOKING!

Ever dreamt of hosting your own gallery show?

MAKE 2024 YOUR YEAR!

SCAA Gallery is proud to offer rental opportunities to SCAA members!

Curate your own solo exhibition or gather up to 4 artists and host a small group show!

This is a GREAT way to get your work in front of others in a professional, gallery setting while designing your own event, bringing your art to life!

Space is limited!

- April 4-7 **RESERVED**
- \$250 Full show, Jun 7-16
- \$250 Full show, Aug 2-11
- \$125 Weekend popup, Nov 1-3

Book your show today!

There is nothing quite like seeing a gallery full of YOUR artwork! Trust us!

Inquire today to reserve a spot or to learn more. A deposit and contract are required for booking.

If there is enough demand for the weekend "popup" option, full show dates in June and August could potentially be split into more rental opportunities for more artists.

If you are not a member and wish to rent the gallery, consider an SCAA membership! The annual fee is nominal, plus you'll gain all benefits associated with SCAA, including gallery exhibit/rental opportunities.

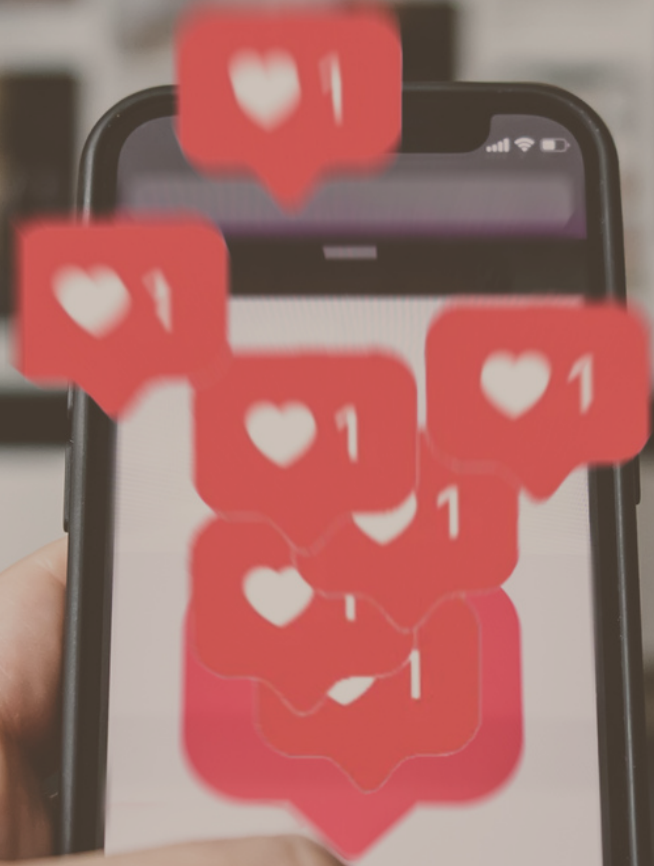
These spots will go quickly! Inquire today!

Email Tobi: artgallery.scaa@gmail.com

GET SOCIAL



FOLLOW SCAA & SCAA GALLERY ON SOCIAL!



SCAA: @santaclaritaart

SCAA Gallery: @artgallery.scaa

Connect with other artists, stay up-to-date on SCAA,
and help promote our events, shows, and activities!

SCAA Members

SCAA ARTIST NEWS, EVENTS, & KUDOS!

LAURA WAMBSGANS & PAC6 PAINTERS

“From Field to Frame”

Mar 9 - Jul 7, Reception Mar 9, 4-6pm

Group talk, Apr 13, 2-4pm
Santa Paula Art Museum



Six Women Painting Across the Country, PAC6, has enjoyed road trips together to fabulous spots to paint. This show will feature art from most of those great adventures.

Although we travel, laugh and create together, we each have our own unique artistic style.

Though different, we all agree that we are better together, far more than alone.

From inspiration and field notes, to finished work and framing, this show will feature a peek behind the curtain of the creative processes used by the PAC6 painters during their travels.

While the show hangs, there will be artist talks, demonstrations, and guided tours through the show. The first Group Talk is planned for April 13th, 2-4pm.



PAC6 Painters: Linda Brown, Marian Fortunati (shown), Debra Holladay, Nita Harper, Laura Wambsgans (shown), and Sharon Weaver (shown)

Hours & ticket information:
santapaulaartmuseum.org



MERESSA NAFTULIN

3rd Place: “Covid Fog”

Exhibit Opening & Reception Mar 16

Meressa Naftulin's painting, “Covid Fog”, has been awarded 3rd place at the **Women Painters West “Dreams and Imagining”** exhibit at Lois Lambert Gallery! Located upstairs at Bergamot Station, 2525 Michigan Avenue, Building 3, Santa Monica. The exhibit opening date and reception is on March 16, 2024. Come and celebrate with us! Learn more: loislambertgallery.com

THE OTHER ART FAIR



April 4-7
Barker Hangar
Santa Monica

Presented by



TOBI BECK The Other Art Fair

April 4-7

The Barker Hangar, Santa Monica

Tobi is thrilled to be selected as an exhibitor at **The Other Art Fair** Los Angeles, presented by **Saatchi Art**. Tobi will feature her latest abstract work.

Tickets are on sale now!

- Thu Apr 4, 6-10pm
- Fri Apr 5, 5-10pm
- Sat Apr 6, 11-8pm
- Sun Apr 7, 11-6pm

Use my discount code for 20% off ticket prices: **CODE: 20TOBI**
toaf.com/artist-invite-la-april24



tobibeck.com



garyfriedmanart.com

GARY FRIEDMAN American Watercolor Society 157th Annual International Exhibit

New York and touring through the US

We are proud to announce that "Edinburgh Chill" by Gary Friedman (recently at the Art Classic) has been accepted into American Watercolor Society's 157th Annual International Exhibition during the month of April at the Salamagundi Club Gallery in New York.

Over one thousand entries worldwide were submitted; juried by a panel of judges.

Select exhibit paintings will be chosen to tour through various prestigious galleries in the US during 2024.

A gala reception and awards ceremony will take place.

Additionally, a small sample of Gary's works are now on display at the Simi Valley Library for the next 2 months.

Our Artists at CTG

SCAA ON DISPLAY AT CANYON THEATRE GUILD

In the Vernon Gallery hallway leading into the theatre and throughout the lobby of the Canyon Theatre Guild, SCAA members may host solo shows for audience enjoyment before, during intermission, and after seeing a live performance.

“Liquid Botanicals: Watercolor En Plein Air”

QIANA TARLOW MAR 23 - APR 28

Opening reception Apr 6th, 3-6pm

Qiana Tarlow will have her artwork on display and for sale during the live production of “Xanadu” at CTG.

“Liquid Botanicals” is an art show of Qiana’s work painted with watercolor on mostly mineral paper en plein air. The organic lines, rich color, and fresh air are what inspires her work.

Online: gallerymuse.art/pages/qiana-tarlow



Free entry to view the exhibit

Visit canyontheatre.org for hours

**SUPPORT LIVE THEATRE!
FOR SHOW TICKETS, CALL (661) 799-2702**



**NOW BOOKING:
Nov/Dec 2024**



Laurie Morgan
CTG Liaison

INTERESTED IN SHOWING AT CANYON THEATRE GUILD? Email Laurie:
laurie@lmorgan.biz

SET SAIL!

UPDATE!

MON-FRI, APR 7-11, 2025

4 NIGHT CATALINA AND ENSENADA
CRUISE ON ROYAL CARIBBEAN



An interest list will be forming. Look for more information in the coming weeks!


Email Jane Mick for more information
jane@janemick.com

Community Art in SCV

CLASSES, NEWS, AND ARTFUL EVENTS AROUND TOWN




22508 6TH STREET,
NEWHALL, CA 91321



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**BOTTLE CAP
MURAL PROJECT**



**Deliver your clean plastic
bottle caps to any SCV
Library branch or ARTree!**



ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Semester Starts Jan 23, 2024

Register: thearttree.org/classes

Photography for Beginners

TU 6pm w/ Leire B.

Painting: Watercolor & Acrylic

TH, 6pm w/ Chrystal W.

Acrylic Painting

TH 10am w/ Jose B.

GOLDEN OAK ADULT SCHOOL

BY: GEORGETTE ARISON

April 24th - May 22nd
6pm - 9pm, Newhall, 18 & up

Register: goldenoakadultschool.com

Supplies included; space is limited!

Email: [Georgette georgettearison3@gmail.com](mailto:Georgette_georgettearison3@gmail.com)



Silk Scarf Painting

Work with a professional artist to learn to paint beautiful silk scarves that will amaze your friends and family. Course cost includes all class materials including scarves and paint.

Advanced Students will learn advanced techniques to add to your silk scarf painting talents! Course cost includes all class materials.

Additional Information:

No refunds will be issued after the first class session (including no-shows).

Course Fee: \$70



WANT TO PLACE
AN AD IN THE
NEWSLETTER?

Reach out to us!

We are happy to offer ad space for local, art-related education, industry, & culture!

If you're an artist or school offering art classes, local business who wishes to get in front of artists, or if you'd like to share an art event or opportunity, get in touch with us!

2024 Member (M) & NonMember/Business Rates (NM):

- Biz card \$10 M, \$20 NM
- 1/4 page \$20 M, \$40 NM
- 1/2 page \$35 M, \$55 NM
- Full page \$55M, \$75 NM

Email Felicia for more information:
feliciamarlene@gmail.com

OLGA KACZMAR

Estate Sale

All proceeds benefit Santa
Clarita Artists Association

Attention Artists!

A sale is being held on behalf of Olga Kaczmar's estate, spanning a 50 year career.

- Oil & watercolor framed paintings
- Traditional landscapes, animals, dogs, cats, horses, & florals - in all sizes
- Beautiful frames to use on your own work
- Unframed prints & cards

Frames & paintings priced \$10-100

SALES ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Art will be shown in Canyon Country
Cash or checks accepted

Please contact Dody Rogers
call 661-252-7639 or text 714-9606



LATER SKATERS!

BUT, NOT REALLY. I'LL BE AT THE GALLERY!

The time has come to pass the torch! I have loved being your Newsletter Editor for the last year+ and now it is time to sign off, as I have switched roles and we welcome Felicia Tausig to the Board in my place. Change is often bittersweet!

Thank you for allowing me to share your successes, stories, shows, and art events! It has been an honor to have a window into your artist journeys. This role also allowed me to meet more of our amazing members. Something I am grateful for, along with all that this association has afforded me along the way. It's a wonderful place for a hermit to bust out and connect with humans!

As artists we are so often alone. But, we can be alone together and that is a beautiful thing about community!

If you are not involved, **I implore you to get connected!** So much of SCAA needs you; fresh skill, talent, ideas, hands, eyes - there is room for us all. And you will never know how your life can change with a simple, "yes". Try it.

Be sure to stop by the gallery to say hello! That's where I'll be hanging for 2024 with my AWESOME gallery crew!

See you there!

BE ARTY.

**XO,
TOBI**



SCAA Gallery Chair 2024
Former Newsletter Editor
tobibeck.com

6TH & MAIN, OTN

MY NEW HOME!

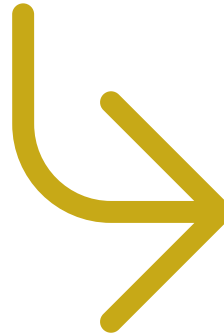


SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Members, help us celebrate your art, wins, & shows! **Submit your stories to be featured in the newsletter.**



NOT A MEMBER?
JOIN THE FUN!



For over 30 years the SCAA has supported and encouraged local artists to create, share, and grow their skills as visual artists in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Please consider joining us to enrich your art practice and to enjoy the many benefits and opportunities to exhibit your art at our Gallery on Main Street in Old Town Newhall.

Our members also enjoy sharing their art at the Canyon Theatre Guild and sometimes in partnering with City of Santa Clarita art shows throughout SCV venues and libraries.

From the novice artist to the professional artist,

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Standard Membership	\$50
Senior Membership	\$40
Full Time Student	\$20



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