



ARTI-FACTS a monthly newsletter for members of the

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Laurie Morgan

I was watching the presidential inauguration the other day. It was interesting to see the former presidents: Jimmy Carter, George Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush seated together, talking, hugging and just amicably interacting. Half were republican, half were democrats. Each of their terms as president had issues, good and bad. As each president was announced the crowd cheered. It made me feel proud that the American citizens were showing solidarity for our presidents with respect and honor. Of course the president is always surrounded by advisors and aides to help him do the best to lead our country. And it takes the American citizens to help the leaders reach their goals too.



Our artist association is a microcosm of our great country. We have leaders, advisors and helpers (volunteers). I admire and respect every SCAA past president, board member and volunteer who has done their part to make this organization what it is today and building a foundation that will continue to grow.

Speaking of growing...for those who don't know, our City Council voted in favor of an Arts Commission here in Santa Clarita. I'm looking forward to see what that will do for all the wonderful artistic organizations in our city. With art being one of the first curriculum items to be dropped from our elementary school systems, I'm excited that the city feels the need to make it more visible to our

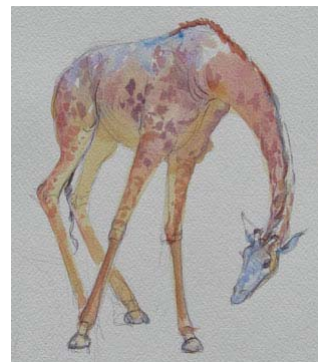
residents. Say! What a great mission statement: "Making Visual Art More Visible". Oh, wait, that is our mission statement. Well then members – let's get to it!

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I am extremely excited to announce that we have a new volunteer newsletter editor, Hector Fernandez! I have enjoyed being your newsletter editor for the past 3 years and now I'd like you all to welcome Hector. Please add his email address to your approved list so you can receive the newsletter: hector1164@yahoo.com.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7PM TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM

Featured artist Antelope Valley College art teacher and exhibit curator, Glen Knowles. He teaches in oils, watercolors, animal drawings and digital design.



"For the last five years, I have taught animal drawing at the Los Angeles Griffith Park Zoo. These classes are offered by Associates in Art, a private art school in Sherman Oaks, which specializes in traditional drawing, painting, illustration and animation classes," says Glen. "Animal drawing requires a different set of drawing skills than traditional studio drawing classes." The students are particularly warned to avoid the copying of photographs or freeze-framing video for these studies.

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Besides the zoo, other classes are held at the Natural History Museum or the Page Museum. "There we make a detailed study of Quadra pedal (four-legged) skeletal structure, landmarks and comparisons of articulation and specialization that all lead to clarity of understanding, and drawing! We also study the skeletons of birds and sometimes take those observations into the hall of dinosaur skeletons and speculate widely on how they moved and acted based on current animal forms," says Glen.



Glen will demonstrate his invention, The Color-Wheel palette, which has been marketed successfully in 75 countries. The

fastest way to learn color mixing is by studying the primary palette (red, yellow and blue). One can mix these three pigments in various proportions, create six intermediate steps - or a set of nine mixing colors based upon only three pigments. This set of nine colors makes a primary palette virtually as fast and easy to use as a full palette of sixteen to twenty-four pigments.

FEATURED WEBSITE HOMEPAGE ARTIST FOR FEBRUARY: DIANE BRUCKNER

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 **March** our featured artist will be **KEN ROSS**. 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 February 23rd.



REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 31ST TO CONTINUE RECEIVING MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS.

Current benefits to becoming a member of the SCAA include:

1. Free exhibit opportunities in many venues around Santa Clarita.
2. Monthly membership meetings featuring demonstrations by well known artists, as well as educational guest speakers covering such topics as marketing, advertising, how to enter shows, photographing your artwork, and how to sell your art work.
3. Each member receives a free web page. This page features up to 3 images of your artwork, a headshot and a bio, as well as a link to your own art related website and/or blog.
4. Members that consistently volunteer are chosen at random as **Featured Artists**, and featured on the homepage of the SCAA website for one month.
5. A **"for members only"** Monthly newsletter.
6. The SCAA presents **The Art Classic** every year in October. This is a "members only" judged (with awards) art show and gala fundraiser. Members receive 2 free tickets to this event.
7. Discounts on educational workshops.
8. Ability to serve on the board, and in various committees.

TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CLUB (TPC)

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NOW to display your art at TPC Exclusive Golf & Country Club [www.tpcvalencia.com]. This is a **juried show** and one of our new venues exclusive to SCAA members only. Exhibit changes quarterly and is advertised in the weekly newsletter sent to TPC members. Application and Guidelines are on our web site <http://www.santaclaritaartists.org>. Click on "Current Exhibits", scroll down to TPC, OR send a "Self Addressed Stamped Envelope" to Jaylene Armstrong, 24700 Valley St., Apt. 2089, Santa Clarita, CA 91321 and one will be mailed to you. **DEADLINE to apply:** February 16th. Notification by February 23rd. You must have renewed your dues for 2009 to apply.

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** will exhibit in the theater's "Hallway Gallery". 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 259-6789.

PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21. 9AM-12PM

Tesoro Adobe Historic Park, 29350 Avenida Rancho Tesoro, Valencia, 91354, Off of Cooper Hill between Seco Canyon and McBean, 661.702.8953, 661.259.0855:



The historical park houses nine historical buildings made of adobe and other relics from the past including telephone poles and collectibles from the 1930's time period.

This was once the home of Western actor Harry Carey, whose family lived there until about 1952. After that, the owners of Farmer John bought the house (the Clougherty family), and thus the location became known locally as the Farmer John Land.

We can stay after for an informal discussion on the morning's efforts if you like. Bring your usual set up for plein air, along with water and a sack lunch if you want to picnic.

If you are new to plein air or just have questions please call Laura Wambsgans at 661.259.0696 or Lorelle Miller at 661.297.1298. Also the day of the paint out if you would like to reach us call 661 406-6706. Event cancelled if raining.

ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our first art workshop of 2009. I am very pleased to announce that Rich Gallego, a plein air artist residing in Palmdale, will be our instructor for the morning. The plein air workshop will take place on Sunday, March 8th from 9-1 at Placerita Nature Center.

The cost for the four hour session is only \$40 per person and is limited to six participants. Please visit Rich's website at www.gallegoart.com to view his work and to see the list of items to bring for our wonderful outdoor painting adventure! For more information, please contact Lisa Barr at 661-424-1520.

THE EMERITUS COLLEGE AT COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS IS OFFERING FREE ART CLASSES FOR OLDER ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Lorelle Miller will be instructing Art Classes in Oil Painting, Drawing, and Beginning Watercolor. You can register on the first day of class.
Classes Start the week of February 9, 2009

Watercolor

Mondays 10am- 12pm
Canyon Country Senior Apts.
18701 Flying Tiger Drive, CC
661 298-3251

Drawing

Thursdays 10am-12pm
Summerhill Villa
24431 Lyons Ave, Santa Clarita
661 254-9933

Oil Painting

Tuesdays 10am-1pm
Fountainglen Valencia
23941 Decoro Drive, Valencia
661 297-9000

Oil Painting

Wednesdays 9am-12pm
Valley Oaks Village
24700 Valley Street, Newhall
661 259-5501

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Oil Painting

Fridays 9:30am-1:30pm
College of the Canyons,
Canyon Country Campus
17200 Sierra Highway
661 362-3304

BY LAWS

Our current by-laws have been revisited and updated. Please go to our website and vote to approve the amended by-laws.
www.santaclaritaartists.org

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.

FINE FAUCETS

The SCAA Board decided at the December Board Meeting that we will no longer sponsor Fine Faucets as a venue due to their limiting style requests.

KUDOS

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

REMINDER! 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

ADVERTISING IN THE SCAA NEWSLETTER

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

Send a check payable to **SCAA** and mail to: Laurie Morgan 24945 Highspring Ave Newhall, CA 91321. Send ad copy to love2paint@rmorgan.net or the above address. Questions call (661) 259-6789.

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ARTISTS ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR ART SHOWS AT WILLIAM S. HART PARK, HART HALL:

February 13th & 14th, Black History Month Art Show & Historic Exhibit
Artwork on African-American themes, all media.

July 3rd & 4th, “My American Flag” Art Show & Contest
Subjective or Objective American Flags, all media, including found objects.

Any artist, youth or adult, is welcome to contact – L. A. County Department of Parks and Recreation at (661) 259-1750 all art show details and specifics

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