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May 2026
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MAY CALENDAR +

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Old Town Newhall [CLICK](#)

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@ Stevenson Ranch Library

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12p-6p @ Downtown Newhall
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5/18 • SCAA GENERAL MEETING
with Jem Atwater 6-7:30p
@Newhall Library Community Rm.
24500 Main Street
Newhall, CA 91321

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@ Canyon Theatre Guild Lobby

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6/2 • SCAA BOARD MEETING
6:30-7:30p @ SCAA GALLERY

Don't miss out on upcoming members-only club activities and exciting special events!

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SCAA MEETING • Monday • May 18, 6-7:30 pm Newhall Library Community

Coastal Painter Jem Atwater to Headline May SCAA Meeting

The Santa Clarita Artists Association will open its doors to one of Ventura County's most accomplished painters when Jem Atwater takes center stage at the May 18, 2026 monthly meeting. The evening demonstration, free and open to the public, begins at 6 p.m. in the Newhall Library Community Room, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

A classically trained oil painter, Atwater earned her BFA from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco before relocating to Ventura, where she has become a cornerstone of the regional arts community. She teaches throughout Ventura County — at the Santa Paula Art Museum, Oxnard

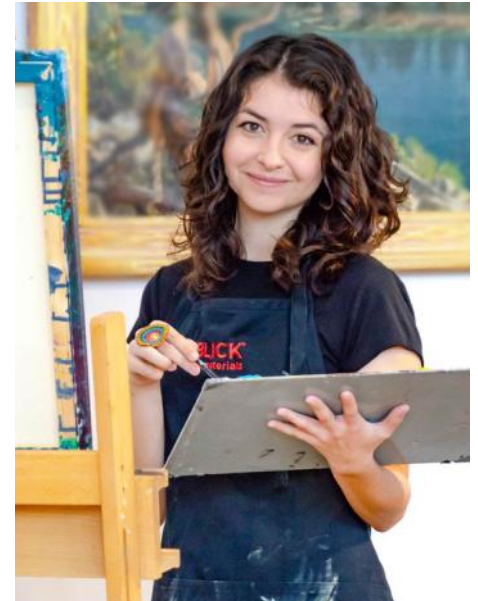
Performing Arts Center, Raminford School of Arts, and her studio at Pacific and Main Creative Workspace. Her oils — spanning plein air landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, and pet portraiture — are defined by a rigorous command of color theory and an acute sensitivity to light and atmosphere. An avid surfer, she draws her inspiration from the California coast, and her work has been recognized by Plein Air Ventura County.

The May demonstration will offer attendees an uncommon opportunity: not merely a technical walkthrough, but an in-depth look at the thinking behind the work. Atwater

will discuss the influences that shaped her artistic sensibility, the motivations that draw her repeatedly to the California coast, and the insights she has gathered through years of painting both outdoors and in the studio.

For artists at any stage of their practice, an evening with Jem Atwater offers something beyond technique — it offers a window into the mind of a painter who has made a life of looking closely at the world and translating what she sees into oil on canvas.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m. to mingle with fellow creatives and secure your seat before the demonstration begins.



The Paddle Out by Jem Atwater



Breaking Board News

Tobi Beck is President Pro Tem, Santa Clarita Artists Association

The Executive Board of SCAA met and voted in Tobi Beck as President Pro Tem, effective April 15, 2026.

Tobi Beck is a fine artist and corporate operations veteran with over 10 years of experience in leadership and team management. Having built a career as a Sales Support Supervisor, Tobi spent a decade managing multi-location teams of 12+ within high-pressure sales environments. This background in process-driven management and sales strategy has become the cornerstone of Tobi's leadership style: a unique blend of creative passion and professional excellence.

A member of the SCAA for five years, Tobi has served as Newsletter Editor and, for the past three years, as Gallery Chair. In that time, Tobi has successfully scaled the gallery's visibility—including launching its first dedicated social media presence—and elevated the professional standards of the space to better serve both artists and collectors. As a professional artist, Tobi is a five-time exhibitor at The Other Art Fair, recently celebrating a sold-out showcase. Her work was procured for the NBC/Peacock TV Series, *Based on a True Story*, and she was a featured in-store artist at West Elm in Beverly Hills. Currently, she is a featured artist for FastFrame Fine Art, further bridging the gap between local talent and commercial success. As President Pro Tem, Tobi's mission is centered on unmistakable member value. By applying the precision of a professional business to the association's infrastructure, Tobi aims to drive sustainable growth, modernize communication, and build a robust hands-on educational curriculum that empowers members to thrive in their own artistic journeys.

Website: tobibeck.com Instagram: [@tobibeck_art](https://www.instagram.com/tobibeck_art)

FUN FACTS:

Get to know your President: The Gritty & The Real

- **Southie Roots:** Tobi is an abstract artist inspired by growing up in the projects of South Boston (aka Southie). Her work is intuitive and built on the grit of city streets—layers, industrial spaces, and the beauty of ripped stickers on light poles. She loves a good smack of gum on the side of a mailbox to show that LIFE was there.
- **The Design Brain:** Tobi studied Visual Communications at FIDM, which is why she's so passionate about our association's "look" and how we communicate as a brand.
- **The Personality:** Tobi is an INTP and a proud Slytherin. Her top StrengthsFinder results are Responsibility, Adaptability, Achiever, Positivity, and Woo—which basically means she's a high-achieving homebody who loves a good TV binge and a rainy day. She also sees her ADHD as a superpower.
- **Family First:** Tobi lives in Valencia with her wife, Gina, and their rescue dog, Finney. They've been together since 2009 and served wood-fired pizza to their guests while watching the original "Parent Trap" on a huge screen at their SmogShoppe wedding. Their son (Tobi's nephew who they raised and adopted) is currently serving in the U.S. Army as a Private First-Class—Hooah!
- **Humility Check:** Tobi once drove away from a gas pump with the hose still attached to her car (Shoutout to Pump #4!). She strongly believes that life is worth laughing at and proclaims that we're all just baby deer stumbling our way through, and that together, we can find our way because everything is figure-outable with a little brains and elbow grease.



President's Message

A New Chapter for SCAA

Momentum, Growth, and Getting to Work



Dear Members,

I am honored to step into this role as President Pro Tem to build upon the 35-year foundation of those before us. Carrying this torch is a thrill, and I thank our Executive Committee for their trust, nomination, and belief in our shared vision.

This is my fifth year as a member of SCAA—having served two years as Newsletter Editor and three as Gallery Chair, a role I will continue alongside my Presidency. I'm often asked if I am "crazy" for taking on more responsibility and, while I may quite simply be bananas, it's honestly more fun the deeper I crawl in. There is so much history here; so many crevices to explore. I thrive on forward momentum, problem-solving, and growth. The potential I see for our community is vast, and I look forward to the dirt in my fingernails as I explore it all with you.

For the next 30 days, much of my work will take place behind the scenes as we audit and refine our core infrastructure—combing through systems and processes with our dedicated team. I firmly believe that every challenge has a logical solution, and I look forward to weaving our combined experience and wisdom into a mission that ensures SCAA operates with the professionalism and excellence our artists deserve.

Here are some exciting things you can expect in the coming months:

- A Focus on the Member Experience: We are prioritizing our "digital front door"—modernizing our website and moving our newsletter to a streamlined, mobile-friendly format so you can stay connected easily and quickly find the information you need.
- A Unified Visual Presence: We are elevating our branding and graphics across all of SCAA to ensure a clear, consistent, professional look that reflects our history and the high caliber of our artists.
- Hands-On Programming: I am incredibly proud to introduce a series of intimate, hands-on workshops, beginning with a Coil Pot-making pilot class coming soon to the gallery. We are not just here to display art; we are here to learn and grow together.

I hope this window into what's to come leaves you refreshed and excited to be part of this passionate community. We are the builders, the dreamers, and the visionaries. I see what's possible, but we can't do it alone. Soon, you will hear about a Volunteer Campaign. You will see requests for help in key volunteer areas with invitations to join our teams. We need you.

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You possess skills, and there is space for you here. There is a time to watch and water, and a time to hoe and till to ensure the ground is nutritious for new seeds.

We are in such a time as this—a work and growth phase—and we need you to help carry the load.

I held my first solo show in our gallery, a body of work that led to me being brave enough to apply for The Other Art Fair. I cried when I was accepted. I have made beloved friends serving alongside many of you. I have learned to speak about my work within these walls, and I have grown exponentially as an artist. This didn't happen by wishing; it happened by doing, even when it was uncomfortable. I implore you to get uncomfortable with me.

I am one of you, and I want you to thrive here, too.

As artists, we know that creativity begets creativity. Rising tides lift all ships. The more we move and grow together, the more opportunity there will be for all of us.

We may be navigating new territory, and we will hit a few bumps—but progress isn't about perfection; it's about persistence.

I look forward to working with you.

Tobi

President Pro Tem, SCAA

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ART EXHIBIT **MAY 1-MAY 31**

CELEBRATE LOCAL NONPROFIT ARTS IN SCV!

Celebrate the **human form** through **24 unique perspectives** from the Santa Clarita Artists Association, — original works in every medium.

**Reception: Saturday
May 2, 5–8 PM**

Live music by
Isabella Bazler, playing a
fun mix of acoustic hits

Live Demonstrations:
Pastel by **Mardilan Georgio**
and Pastel Pencils with
Watercolor by **Meressa Naftulin**

Light refreshments are
available to gallery guests

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Bob's Critique Circle with Bob Hernandez

**We are now at SCAA Gallery
 6th and Main in Old Town Newhall
 6:00 to 8:30 pm - May 6**

SCAA artists are invited to bring in their artworks for gentle peer critique with moderator Bob Hernandez and other artists. If you're really nervous about having your work reviewed, just leave it at home and come by and just enjoy artists talking with other artists about all aspects of the art creation process.

Every artist struggles to create meaningful artworks that communicate as intended. Give these critiques a try, and see if you get inspired.



Bob's bio from the ARTree website

Bob Hernandez graduated from California Institute of the Arts, BFA with honors. Bob was a Design Director for KCBS, Fox Sports Network, Telemundo and has served as Executive Board of The Broadcast Designers Association.

With his own company, Bob Hernandez Design, he lead creative teams in formulating multimedia projects and producing art for such companies as Simon & Schuster, IBM, and Time Warner.

The teaching bug hit years later and Bob got an opportunity to take on a teaching position at California State University Northridge, teaching design and experimental film.

Soon after the multi-media craze hit, both his illustration and design talents began to flourish. His multi-media work for Simon & Schuster on The Amazon Jungle and Animals fo the World has been on display at The Smithsonian Institute.

Though Bob has been nominated several times, won an Emmy, and has various National and International awards during his career, Bob confesses that his true joy is teaching children.

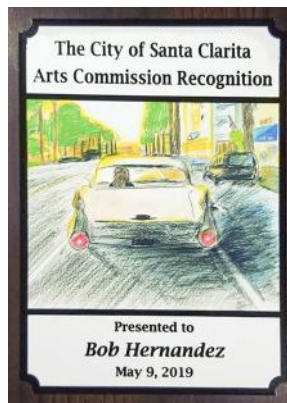


ARTree
 COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER
 Bob Hernandez
 Founder and President Emeritus
 Portrait by Karen Martinez



2010
An Idea Realized

The idea for ARTree began with Bob Hernandez.



Artists in the News

NOW SHOWING AT VALENCIA TOWN CENTER

SCAA was offered the amazing opportunity to create window displays in an open store front in Valencia Town Center. We were able to create five unique and beautiful windows showcasing some of our members' work, from paintings and sculpture to gorgeous hand-dyed scarves. Please stop by to see, enjoy, and support our talented members!

Featured artists are: Georgette Arison, Kristen Baladi, Nadiya Littlewarrior, Karina Medina, Jane Mick, Justin Poole, Stella Rowe, Carol Schilansky, Qiana Tarlow, Trevalyn Topper, Ezra Turin, Christine Wenderoth, and Naomi Young.

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Webinar- June 3, 2026

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- Inspiration, Writing, Editing
- Choosing a Publishing Path-Indie vs. Trad
- Finding an Illustrator
- Illustrations that Compliment Your Words
- Formatting and Choosing a Printer
- Branding
- School Visits and Dynamic Author Visits

ASK YOUR QUESTIONS

Expert Panel of Authors and Illustrators

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Adalgisa Nico

Carole Cliffe

Sibylle Westbrook

Dorothy Deene

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How to Publish and Market Your Book!

Webinar- June 3, 2026

Meet the Team



The members of SCVCBAI (Santa Clarita Valley Children's Books Authors and Illustrators) are a group of diverse and experienced children's book authors with expertise in traditional and independent publishing.

Workshop with Fealing Lin

We are pleased to announce that award-winning California watercolor artist Fealing Lin will be conducting a workshop for us in Santa Clarita. Fealing was our featured artist in August 2025, and we are excited to host this rescheduled event.

- When: Friday, **May 15 and Saturday, May 16**
- Time: 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM — lunch included
- Where: Stevenson Ranch Library – Community Room
25950 The Old Rd, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381
- Cost: \$60.00 SCAA members | \$85.00 for non-members
- **Deadline for registration is May 8**

Based in Los Angeles Fealing is a signature member of National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Watercolor West, Missouri Watercolor Society, and others. She is a popular workshop instructor and judge for national and international shows. Her works and articles appear nationally and internationally including in France, England, and Estonia. Fealing's portraits and cityscapes have appeared in several Splash books and various magazines in the United States.

"I live for art" says Fealing. "The challenge of each process of every painting keeps me humble, so I can continue to be inspired by all the beauties in this world".

In this upcoming workshop, Fealing will demonstrate both portrait and landscape painting.

While portrait painting can often feel intimidating, Fealing will guide you through the process to help you discover the spontaneity and unique qualities of watercolor. You will learn to capture light, achieve transparency, and understand head architecture. Fealing's approach combines semiabstract strokes and impressionistic concepts to bring life and movement to her portraits. During this workshop, you will explore how value and temperature change and learn to use transparent glazing to allow the paper's natural glow to shine through. By balancing colors and weaving lights and darks, you will work toward creating successful, painterly pieces.

Proper values for the foreground, middle ground, and background are essential for creating depth in a successful cityscape or landscape painting. On the second day, Fealing will focus on how to separate and interlock these grounds using value. Furthermore, we will explore different formats to ensure strong composition and design.

Please visit our website for more information <https://www.santaclaritaartists.org/>

Questions, please contact Eileen [echong917a@gmail](mailto:echong917a@gmail.com) or 626.807.2070



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Plein Air Outing



OUTDOOR ARTMAKING WITH FRIENDS

Saturday Morning • Plein Air Painting

Old Town Newhall

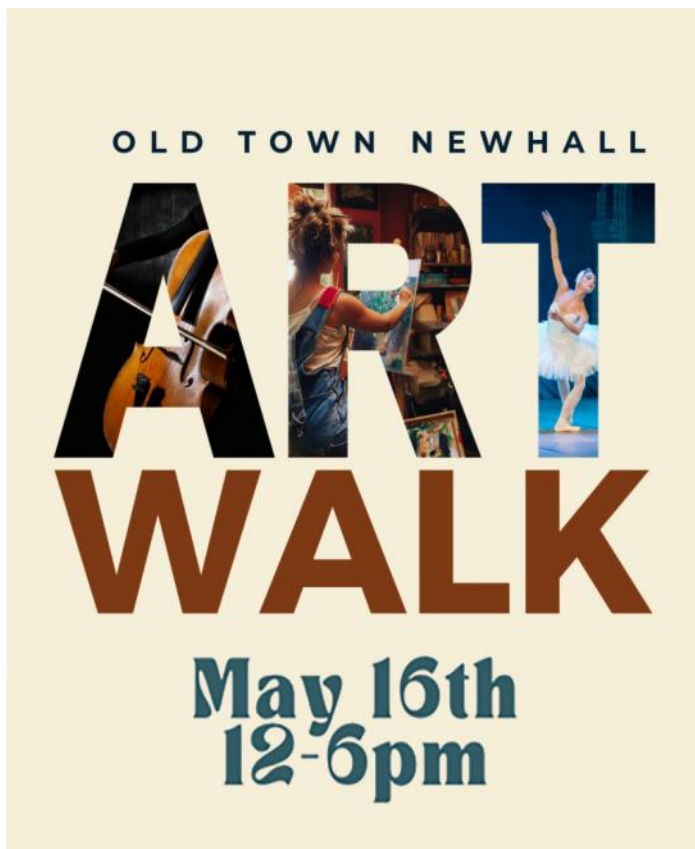
May 16, 2026 • 12p – 6p

SCAA Plein Air Artists have been invited to conduct a Plein Air Painting event during the OTNA Art Walk. This year we have been invited to paint on Main Steet. We will set up so as not to block the sidewalk. There are several spots that will be out of the way of pedestrian traffic.

As usual all our Plein Air events are free and open to the public. You do not have to be a member of the Santa Clarita Artists Association. So come out for an afternoon of painting, drawing, sketching or any medium you may want to use. We are here to support each other and to have fun creating in the outdoors.

Parking will be a challenge. Parking at the Newhall Community Center is recommended. I will be at the corner of 6th and Main (just up the street from the gallery). If you wish to drop off your materials, I will watch them while you park.

Call or email if you need further information.



Please RSVP if you are planning on attending. If you forget to RSVP come and join us, it's ok, just want an idea of who will be there.

Hope to see you at Hart Park!

Meressa

Meressa Naftulin • 661.993.6251

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To learn more or to join our Plein Air Group email list, please contact Meressa Naftulin 661.993.6251

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16 • NOON TO 6:00 P.M.

OLD TOWN NEW HALL

ART WALK

DISCOVER ART AROUND EVERY CORNER

Stroll through the galleries, restaurants and businesses along Main Street in Santa Clarita's Arts & Entertainment District where every space can be an arts venue for a day!

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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 live performances.

Beyond the Moment by Bruce McFarland

Come on by for a Retrospective of sorts, covering 15+ years of fine art photography, including several award-winning pieces from the Multiple-X series. SCAA members can receive a special discount.



**May 20
to
June 28**
Reception
To Be Determined



Free Entry to View Art Exhibit go to CanyonTheatre.org for hours

CTG has Artist availability
for Mar/Apr 2027 Art Show
Contact [Laurie](#)

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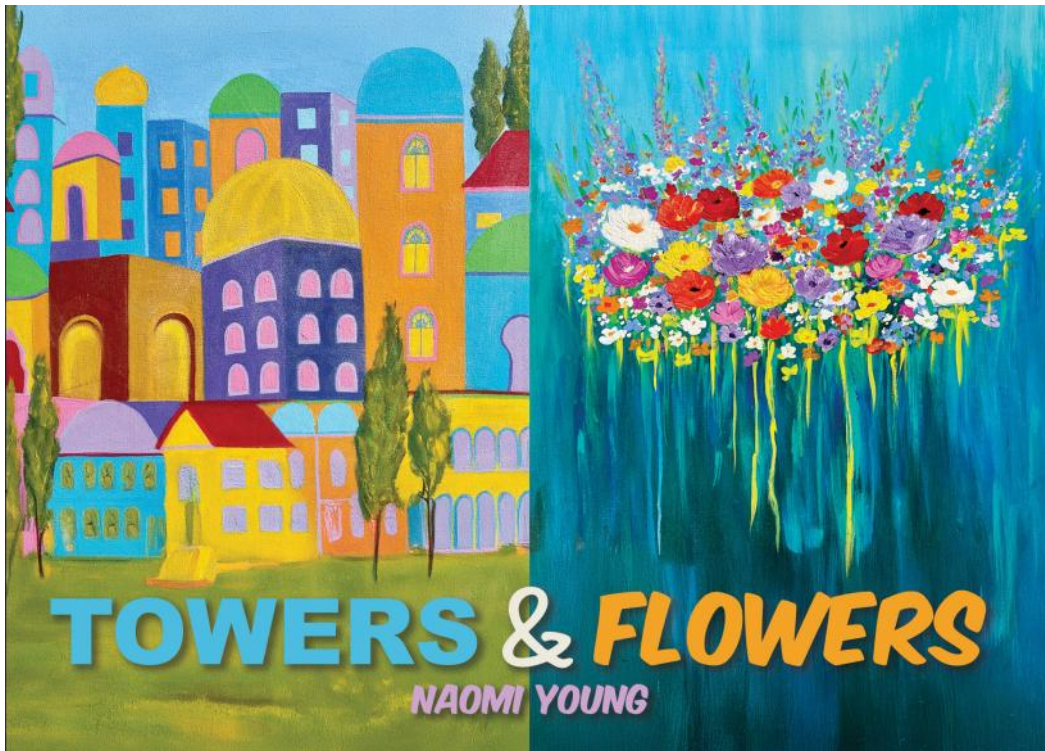
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Laurie Morgan
CTG Liaison



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FROM WATERCOLOR AND ACRYLIC
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THE PATIOS AT VALENCIA TOWN CENTER
SUITE 3324

RECEPTION:
SUNDAY, MAY 17 • 3-7 PM
Wine • Light Refreshments • Live Music

FREE ADMISSION



Naomi Young is a Santa Clarita-based multimedia artist whose work spans painting, mosaic, and mixed media.

Inspired by her roots in Jerusalem, her art explores texture, color, and storytelling across cultures.



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**FRESHLY
SQUEEZED**

**ART SHOW
6/18-7/19
Deadline May 31**

Call to Artists

It's a **CITRUS SUMMER** at SCAA! This zesty exhibit will feature citrus fruits and tangy colors in all subjects & media to bring the freshness of summer

Submit up to 4 works - all mediums welcome!*

**no video or AI*

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ENTER NOW!

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Become part of a thriving arts community! Explore creativity, get inspired, meet new friends, & show your work in our gallery!

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We are happy to announce the 2026 exhibition schedule for SCAA Gallery! Plus, our first Call to Artist is live - don't miss it! With 10 member group shows (2 more than prior years!), 5 member rental opportunities for solo or small group shows, and 2 ARTree student showcases, with other possibilities brewing, it is shaping up to be a VERY EXCITING year in Old Town Newhall! We've also got a holiday boutique planned over Small Business Saturday in November and the OTN ArtWalk is back in May.

2026 Gallery Calendar!

Artists!

Click below to learn more about ART SOUP

[CALL TO ARTISTS & ENTRY INFO](#)

Our Call to Artists is Live! **Submit today! Deadline: 1/4**

*Member Rental Opportunity: Feb 20-22

*Member Rental Opportunity: Feb 27- Mar 1

**Dates may be combined for a 2-week exhibition. Scroll down for information.*



Jan 16 - Feb 15

ART SOUP is an open-themed group show of wild hodgepodge, hullabaloo fun that will bring an eclectic mix of styles and subjects as SCAA members come together to represent all 26 letters of the alphabet in celebration of the new year! From "F"rogs and "W"indows to "S"ea Shells, and "Z"ebbras, who knows what final subjects our artists will bring, but it's sure to be a show fit for everyone's delight!
Reception: Jan 17, 5-8 PM



Mar 6 - Apr 4

VESSELS are useful objects; containing, holding, carrying, or presenting. A vase offering petals of sympathy. A tea cup giving rest to the wings of a bird. More complexly simple, a vessel can also hold its own stately beauty and form for nothing more than show. As well, the body, containing secrets and wisdom, thoughts and spirit, as beings that transcend purpose and understanding. Through boxes, sculptures, gourds, boats, and other unique containers in all media, we lift up the world's mighty vessels.
Reception: Mar 7, 5-8 PM



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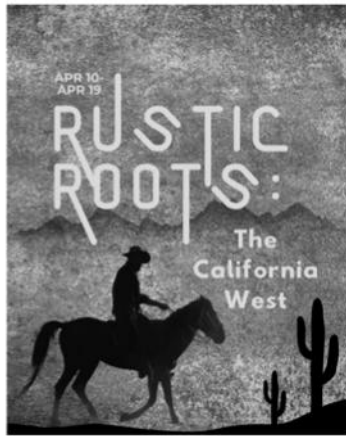
Apr 10 - Apr 19

RUSTIC ROOTS: THE

CALIFORNIA WEST Kick up 'yer boots as we head into our annual Western show to coincide with the city's Cowboy Festival, when all of SCV dons denim and tips a hat to our town's history. Expect western and desert landscapes, cacti, boots, loads of cowboys, horses, & more!

Reception: Apr 11, 5-8 PM

Cowboy Festival Apr 18-19



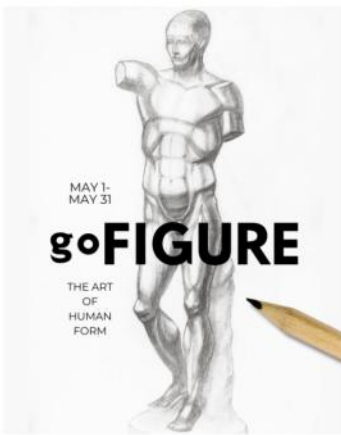
Jun 18 - Jul 19

FRESHLY SQUEEZED: CITRUS SUMMER Pucker up for a high-energy splash into summer with this zesty blast of color! Refreshing palettes rule with bright yellow, tangy green, deep orange, and vibrant red & pink! Whether you love summer subjects in bold juicy palettes or just love literal citrus fruit themes, this show is sure to ap-peel!

Reception: Jun 20, 5-8 PM

ARTree Student Spring Show: Apr 24-26

Member Rental Opportunity: Jul 24-26



May 1 - May 31

GO FIGURE will unlock the line, structure, emotion, and complexity of human form through figurative art. Artists of all mediums and styles will dive into diverse perspectives of the human condition, inviting us to explore anatomy, emotion, and narrative as they convey reality and share inner experiences; realistically or abstractly. Old Town Newhall will also welcome back the OTN Art Walk during this exhibit. Stay-tuned for more information on this event.

Reception: May 2, 5-8 PM

OTN ArtWalk May 16

Member Rental Opportunity: Jun 5-7

Member Rental Opportunity: Jun 12-14

*Dates may be combined for a 2-week exhibition. Scroll down for information.



Jul 31 - Aug 30

OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING is an intimate, still-life look into the magic, joy, and often mundane, little moments at home through artists' eyes. Sometimes the way light falls through a window will give pause and capture a moment. Other times, the hilarity and absurdity of parenting (even 4-legged kids) is worth recording for others to look upon. These moments and objects we all share and love are connective, perfect as we hold tight to the fading days of the summer sun.

Reception: Aug 1, 5-8 PM

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Sep 4 - Sep 27

STICKS & STONES Take a walk with us into the depths of nature with organic subjects, themes, and materials. This tranquil exhibit will offer a quiet moment of rest and healing through the beauty of the natural world across a variety of mediums, both contemporary and primitive, with art that reveals the subtle beauty found in nature's edges, from warm, grounding stones and stately tree roots to the delicate details of frail, fallen leaves. Artists may also explore beyond the simple, illusory rhyme to deeper themes of perception, meditation, language, and nature of human resilience.

Reception: Sep 5, 5-8 PM



Art Classic: Sep 26-27



Oct 2 - Oct 4

ART CLASSIC WINNERS' WEEKEND We are thrilled to feature SCAA 1st Place, 2nd Place, and Merit Award winning artworks, along with Best in Show and the City of Santa Clarita's Excellence in Art winner in this first-ever gallery exhibit to highlight this spectacular 36th annual event to a whole new audience in Old Town Newhall!

Activities & Events:
To be announced

Oct 9 - Nov 1

ARTIST'S TRICK OR TREAT INTERACTIVE THEME & FUNDRAISER SHOW!

Artists will register in advance and "Trick or Treat" at the gallery this spring, drawing from a cauldron of seasonal surprise subjects to create their fall masterpieces! Guest experiences for this exhibit will also include mystery art with an opportunity for artists to donate small postcard-sized works on paper for collectors to Trick or Treat, in addition to other seasonal surprises throughout the show!

Reception: Oct 10, 5-8 PM

Artist's Draw: TBA

More information will be released as we continue to build the theme and concept of the show. Fundraising efforts from this event will go back into the gallery to assist with funding public receptions, gallery events, and operations.



Nov 6 - Nov 29

IN PIECES Mixed media lovers, this one's for you! This eclectic show will celebrate our tactile artists and those who love to cut, paste, glue, hammer, and really wind up with their work using all kinds of mixed media materials: found, recycled, or collaged in 2D or 3D works - perfect for our featured Holiday Boutique, over Black Friday and Small Business Saturday! You'll absolutely want to save some shopping for the most artful and creative gifts by local artists right here at the gallery!

Reception: Nov 7, 5-8 PM

Holiday Boutique: Nov 27-29

Tentative SCV Non-Profit Show: Dec 4-6

ARTree Student Winter Show: Dec 11-13

The gallery will close for the holiday season beginning December 16th and will reopen beginning with the first show of 2027.



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Get Involved in 2026!

SOLO & SMALL GROUP SHOWS

If you are interested in renting the gallery for a solo or small group show, send your inquiry, concept, and date preference from the schedule listed above to Tobi at artgallery.scaa@gmail.com. All exhibitors must be members of SCAA. Dates that are consecutively available may be combined for a 2-week exhibit. Exhibitors are responsible for all aspects of their show from curation and setup to hosting and tear down. Commission rates and rental fees apply.

VOLUNTEER

There is so much to see and do! We'll need extra hands to make it all happen. Get in touch if this is your year to get involved and be part of the fun! Here are some of the ways you can help at the gallery:

- **Volunteer Host**

Join a roster to regularly host 1-2x per show, as needed

Meet new people! New to the gallery? Learn before exhibiting!

- **Receptions Coordinator(s)**

Plan and coordinate, with guidance from the Gallery Chair and with Gallery Committee assistance: Food/beverage, music, live art

- **Receptions Team**

Assist the Receptions Coordinator with setup/tear down, food/beverage service, or other event services, as needed

- **Intake Team**

Register artists and artwork during art drop-off/pick up days; assist the curation team by ensuring all artwork displayed is safe, secure, and ready for presentation at the gallery

If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Tobi with questions or to sign up at artgallery.scaa@gmail.com.

Thank you for considering exhibiting and volunteering with us in 2026 and, as always, thank you for supporting local arts!

Tobi Beck

2026 Gallery Chair

Laura Ledesma

2026 Gallery Curator

Kristen Baladi

2026 Gallery Coordinator

WE WILL SEE YOU SOON!

SCAA Gallery is closed for the holiday season beginning December 15th

Visit SCAA Gallery on weekends beginning January 16, 2026
Fridays 5-8 pm, Saturdays 11-8 pm, Sundays 11-5 pm



SCAA GALLERY
Fri 5-8, Sat 11-8, Sun 11-5

at **6TH & MAIN**
OLD TOWN NEWHALL
@artgallery.scaa



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FLUTTERBY

OPEN ART STUDIO
First Saturday of Every Month

Flutterby Open Art Studio is a free, monthly event held the first Saturday of the month from 10a-1p.

Families can create together, with multiple projects to try. Because our studio space is small, please register in advance using the button below. Spaces are often released closer to the date, if there is a waitlist. Please only register for dates you can attend. No shows will be removed from future registrations.

Flutterby celebrates its 8th year in 2025!

[CLICK to REGISTER](#)



NEST

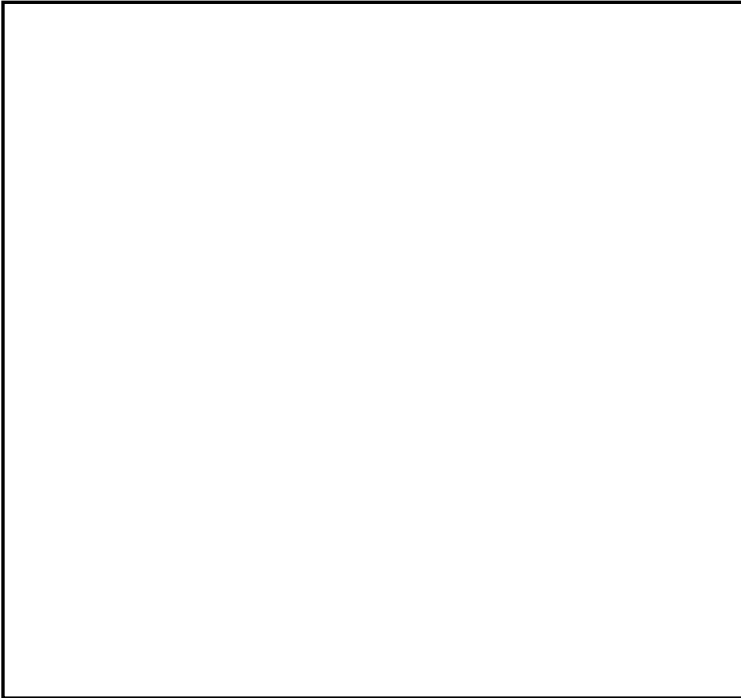
HEALING ART STUDIO - FOR TEENS & ADULTS
First Sunday of the Month, 1-2p

Nest is a free program consisting of an hour of mindful, judgement-free art making. Mindfulness practices, both in meditation and in art, can help our ability to regulate our feelings, decrease stress, and focus our attention. No art expertise needed. A project suggestion will be given, but not required. Developed under the direction of Emily Skelton, LMFT, ATR-BC (to learn more about Emily, please

This program is intended for teens and adults. Please only sign up for dates you can attend. No shows will be removed from future registrations.

Nest celebrates its 5th year in 2025!

[CLICK to REGISTER](#)



SCAA MEMBERS FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Members can send classified ads to SCAA@Bruce1.com. Please include name and contact info.



WANT TO PLACE
AN AD IN THE
ARTIFACTS
NEWSLETTER?

Get in touch!

SCAA offers ad space in our digital monthly newsletter. Ad space is available for local, art-related education, industry, & culture! If you're an artist or school offering art classes or a local business who wants to get in front of artists, or if you'd like to share an art event or opportunity, get in touch with us!

2026 SCAA 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 \$55 M, \$75 NM

[Email Bruce McFarland for more information](#)

Santa Clarita Artists Association

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!

Santa Clarita Artists Association

MEMBERS

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

SHARE

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	\$ 55
Senior Membership	\$ 45
Full Time Student	\$ 25



JOIN OR RENEW NOW

LEARN MORE:

@santaclaritaarts

SantaClaritaArtists.org



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions should be sent as attachments to email. We do not like to extract words and pictures from the body of an email. We don't accept submissions as texts on phones.

Written information should be submitted with all pertinent facts checked for accuracy and written in a manner that is ready to publish. We do edit, but try to make it look professional.

We accept MS Word, text and PDF documents. If the PDF is a picture of a flyer with words, we cannot extract those words. If you want us to publish the words as an article, you need to send us a document with words in it.

We accept JPEG, PNG, and TIFF pictures. The smallest acceptable dimension on any picture is 800 pixels. If your picture is of an artwork, it must include the title of the work. The medium, year completed, and location might also be valuable information to include. Of course we need the artist's name.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

20th of each month

send to **SCAA@Bruce1.COM**