



Bringing Art to the Community



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Featured Artist Carolyn Lokken

Carolyn is a lifelong creative who moved back to her hometown of Santa Barbara 6 years ago. Her artwork combines watercolors, acrylics, pastels & collage in skillful, colorful, evocative,

Message from the President



Greetings, GVAA artists!

Thanks to all of you who renewed your GVAA memberships! We continue to have a robust, active member base, and are grateful for all of you. The Board has been following up with a few people who haven't renewed so that we can be assured our data base is up to date as

we plan to publish a new roster this year (the last one published in spring of 2024).

The March exhibition at the Santa Barbara Tennis Club is open and is just beautiful! The reception on March 13 featured juror Carissa Luminess presenting six artists with Juror's Awards which we'll feature in next month's newsletter. Thanks again to Merith Cosden, Terre Sanitate, and Odessa Burrow for organizing the event.

The next show at the Tennis Club will be held for two months, July and August. Details can be found later in this newsletter. Special thanks to Linda Ekstrom, an extremely accomplished artist who will serve as juror for the show. See her work here: <https://www.lindaekstrom.com/>.

But before the summer show, we'll be having one at the lovely Art & Soul Gallery on State Street adjacent to the Arlington Theater May 21-24. We're working on the details now and will get them to you as soon as they're finalized.

A word here about our venues since the closing of the Goleta Valley Library: For decades, we've been blessed to call the library home. In utilizing other locations, such as the Tennis Club and Voice Gallery, and CAW for last December's Picassos4Peanuts, we've experienced much higher rents and, as a result, have had to charge higher entry fees for our shows. We were, in a word, spoiled. The



ways. For inspiration, she continues to draw on her vivid childhood memories of the architectural flavors of Santa Barbara, nostalgic reference or commentary, and vibrant florals.

Carolyn was passionate about art from an early age. After finishing high school, she received an associate's degree in Fine Art from Santa Barbara City College. She continued her artistic studies in the Los Angeles area, where her emphasis was in illustration, Visual Communication (Art Center), and Graphic Design (UCLA Extension). She has been working professionally as a graphic designer for the last 35 years.

Although she had been doing freelance design work, she was looking for ways to get involved in the vibrant art community here in Santa Barbara. She began an abstract art class in 2025

fees we are paying now reflect the "real world" and we appreciate all of you who have been willing to continue showing despite the changes. The library is supposed to be available again by summer of next year. In the meantime, your board continues to pursue new venues to allow us to keep "bringing art to the community".

Our featured artist this month is new member Carol Lokken (Sweeney). You'll find out more about her elsewhere in this issue and can find her illustration, fine art, and design work at carolynlokkenSB.com, or contact her at carolynlokkenSB@gmail.com.

Happy art-making, Pat



WHAT IS THE SIGNATURE OF YOUR CREATIVE SOUL?

If you are a woman who is curious about who you are at a deeper level, the *Paint From Your Soul*® process is an invitation to explore and express that previously hidden part of yourself, using your untapped creativity, imagination and inner reflection.

Sri Van der Kroef is a certified "Paint from your Soul" practitioner who recently presented this workshop at CAW. Contact Sri directly to attend and make your \$49 payment. (special GVAA rate)

No art training necessary! Introductory Special! \$49

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Certified Paint from your Soul Facilitator

Rancho Santa Barbara Clubhouse

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

To find out more please contact: svanderkroef@gmail.com
For more information on other classes: whitewinghealingarts.com

COME JOIN US AND DISCOVER THE TRUEST VERSION OF YOU!

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through SBCC Extension, which reignited her artistic pursuits. Returning to her roots, these classes have given her the chance to explore creativity in new ways and make connections with other local artists.

You can find her illustration, fine art, and design work at carolynlokkenSB.com, or contact her at carolynlokkenSB@gmail.com.



Gloria Peyrat

Gloria Peyrat's *Waiting for Mom* dog painting won First Place in the March SBAA show at the Faulkner Gallery.

Gloria also had a painting of *Delicate Roses* in the "Sisters" all women artists' show at the [Voice Gallery](#) in March. In addition, she had two paintings in the Orchid Show March 20-22.

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2ND FRIDAYS ART Santa Barbara Tennis Club Presents



The Goleta Valley Art Association Featured Artists

GVAA was founded in 1962 and has grown from 16 members to nearly 200 members over the years. With over 20 artists being represented this year, the show will prove to be an informative and diverse collective of artists.

EXHIBIT DATES: March 7th - April 1st.

GALLERY HOURS: 10:00am - 6:00pm daily.

Susan Tibbles: Gallery Curator and Director of Exhibitions

Santa Barbara Tennis Club
2375 Foothill Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
805.682.4722

www.2ndFridaysArt.com

Artwork courtesy: Janice Lorber



More Art Shows Scheduled This Year

Watch for information in future newsletters on upcoming art shows.

Art and Soul Gallery – May 21-24, 2026 (details coming soon)

Camino Real Marketplace Show – June 2026
(more information below)

SB Tennis Club – Two-month show in July and August 2026

Voice Gallery in La Cumbre Plaza – October 2026

P4Peanuts – December 2026 (location TBD)



GVAA Summer Art Show & Sale at Camino Real Marketplace Saturday, June 20, 2026, • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

GVAA's Summer Show and Sale will take place at the **Camino Real Marketplace in Goleta on Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Artist [Guidelines](#) and the [Application](#) will be emailed to all members—please check your inbox if you haven't seen them. If you need another copy, email gvaateam@gmail.com.

As in recent years, the event coincides with **UCSB graduation weekend** (and Father's Day weekend), when families and visitors are looking for activities before the ceremonies. It's always a lively, high traffic day for art sales and community engagement.

We'll also feature **live music again this year**, both to entertain artists and to help draw shoppers to the site.

Once your [application](#) is received, an **invoice will be generated and sent via Square**. You may pay:

- Through the invoice (Square)
- On the GVAA website: thegoletavalleyartassociation.org
- Or by mailing a check with your application to:

Odessa Burrow, 426 Merida Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93111

If you are **not paying through Square**, please note that on your application so we can track your payment and mark your invoice as paid.

We're looking forward to another successful day of **"Bringing Art to the Community"**!

– **Odessa Burrow, Social Events Coordinator**, gvaateam@gmail.com.

Art Sparks to Life

On the third Friday of each month La Cumbre Plaza's Gallery Row transforms into an evening hub of creativity. From 5 to 8 PM, wander through a vibrant collection of galleries showcasing bold, modern, and thought-provoking works by Santa Barbara-based and regional artists. Enjoy a relaxed, social atmosphere with art, music, and plenty of inspiration as you explore participating spaces including La Cumbre Center for Creative Arts (Elevate, Fine Line, and Illuminations Gallery), Voice Gallery, the Museum of Tibetan Art & Culture, and Grace Fisher's Inclusive Arts Clubhouse.

[La Cumbre Center for Creative Arts](#) galleries are also open Tuesday through Sunday from 12 to 5 PM for visitors who want to return and experience more at their own pace.

LA CUMBRE PLAZA ART WALK



Elevate Gallery



Fine Line Gallery




Illuminations Gallery



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 La Cumbre Plaza
121 S. Hope Ave,
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Lizbeth Savage
Open The Scrolls
 Oil on Canvas 12" x 24"

Lizbeth Savage is showing 13 pieces, and Theresa Egan 2 drawings in the front gallery of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 380

N. Fairview in Goleta "Honoring Christ Jesus". The church is open from 8am to 11am Sunday through Thursday. The show will hang through Easter and be changed out at the end of April.



Paula Gregoire-Jones

Paula had three pieces accepted into the Carpinteria Arts Center's show, "Natural Beauty" running from March 5 to April 26. The two stained glass pieces accepted were "Ocean Sunset", "Golden Abstraction" and a glass mosaic piece, "Sunflowers".



Elizabeth U. Flanagan

Elizabeth is pleased to announce that two of her paintings, *Peace Angel for Ukraine* and *Woman Priest* were accepted into the Sisters show at the Voice Gallery in La Cumbre Plaza. The Sisters show celebrates female artists in honor of Women's History month. Elizabeth also had *Torch of Freedom* juried into the GVAA show at the Santa Barbara Tennis Club. Both shows will be up through the end of March.



Donations for ASAP Now Accepted Online

Supporters of the Goleta Valley Art Association's (GVAA) After School Art Program (ASAP) can now conveniently make donations online at <https://www.thegoletavalleyartassociation.org/donate-to-gvaa.html>



Slough at Sunset by Kelly Hildner

Kelly Hildner received 2nd place and a \$400 prize for her painting *Slough at Sunset* in the 4th Annual Lazarus Excellence in Watercolor Exhibition at TAG Gallery, where she has two paintings on view through March 20. She has two paintings, *Spring Abundance* and *Monarch's Choice*, in the Carpinteria Arts Center juried show *Natural Beauty* through April 26. Her piece *Glorious Goldfinches* is in the juried show *Sisters* at the Voice Gallery through March 28; reception March 20, 5-7:30pm, and *Evening at the Courthouse* is in the SBAA juried show at the Faulkner Gallery through March 29. Her watercolor *The Guest House*, inspired by a Rumi poem, is in the GVAA juried show at the Santa Barbara Tennis Club through April 1. Her painting *Suspended Light* will be entered in the SB International Orchid show March 20-22.

Merith Cosden

Merith had two pieces accepted by the Carpinteria Arts Center "Natural Beauty" show. *Desert Ramblings* and *Ocean at Play* are both abstract landscapes painted with fluid acrylic paint based on my imagination of past experiences.

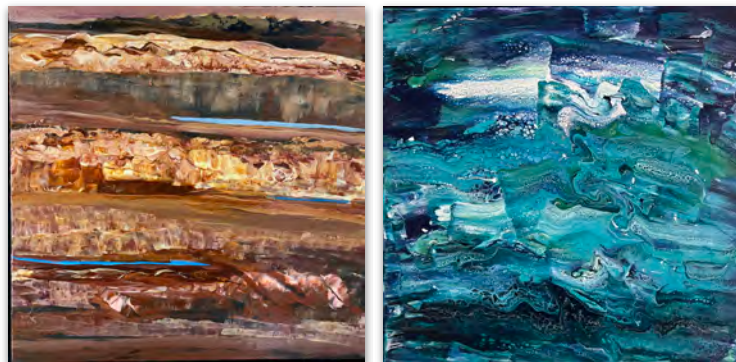
Goleta Valley Art Association Bringing Art to the Community

The mission of The Goleta Valley Art Association is to provide an opportunity for its members to experience a variety of art activities and events through:

- Workshops: Members participate in a range of workshops that highlight and teach various artistic techniques
- Newsletter: A regularly distributed newsletter provides exposure and marketing opportunities, information on our membership and new pathways to grow as an artist
- After School Art Program (ASAP): Teams of GVAA members visit local schools after hours bringing a wide range of art projects and appreciation for art.
- Critiques: Feedback and discussion of works presented stimulates conversation and growth as artists. They also support and help grow our community.
- Community of Artists: Through a range of activities and events, artist members connect to the local community of artists, encouraging exchange of ideas and enhancing artistic identity.
- Gallery Presence: Exhibiting works in local galleries provides opportunity for exposure and potential sales.
- Local Events: Participation in local events provides a platform to connect with various audiences, enjoy camaraderie as artists and stimulate artistic growth.

The GVAA invites the community to visit our shows. Watch for ads in The Voice Magazine promoting our shows for 2026, including those at Camino Real Marketplace in June; The Santa Barbara Tennis Club in March, July and August; The Voice Gallery in October, and Picassos4Peanuts in December. (Shows at the Goleta Library, our traditional location, are currently discontinued while the library is undergoing renovations.)

If you are interested in becoming a member, please visit our [How to Join](#) page.





Rabbit by Mooneen Mourad

Mooneen has new ceramic art bowls with faces in Marco Center of the Arts in Marco Island, Florida, and a few new paintings.



Channel Islands by Ken Waxman

Ken's painting *Channel Islands*, acrylic on paper, 18" x 24", 2026, was accepted into the Santa Barbara County Arts and Culture exhibit Post Wild.



Labyrinth, watercolor, 22" x 30", Ruth Ellen Hoag, at AWS International.



Apples and Oranges, watercolor, 26" x 27", Ruth Ellen Hoag, at Voice Gallery, La Cumbre Plaza.

Ruth Ellen Hoag

Ruth will be in NYC for the 159th Annual International Exhibition of American Watercolor Society Opening Reception on Tuesday, April 7. Showing is *Labyrinth*, watercolor, 22 in. x 30 in. at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue.

Ruth has two paintings at the Voice Gallery show, "Sisters", an all-women show through March 28.

Ruth is also announcing the opening of her new studio and gallery at 12 West Anapamu Street, on 1st Thursday April 2, 5 to 8 PM. It will be a soft opening because the paint on the walls may still be wet! Come celebrate the new space!

Rolling Fog by Holly Hungett

Holly Hungett is thrilled to announce that her watercolor *Rolling Fog* has been sold.

This painting was on exhibit in the New Perspectives group show at Gallery Los Olivos in Los Olivos, California. Gallery Los Olivos is located at 2920 Grand Avenue, Los Olivos. Don't miss her wall in the gallery, where you can find more original paintings, greeting cards, and reproductions of her work. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm everyday.

