



President's Message

GVAA's Social Secretary, Jan Smith, commented the other day that before she was on the board she had no idea how much the GVAA Board did for our members. A collegial and spirited group, we work hard and laugh a lot at

our board meetings. Here are some things we covered at our last meeting.

Library Gallery Schedule: We have submitted our request for use of the Goleta Library gallery space. We requested all 12 months but prioritized our requests knowing that it's unlikely we will get every month we ask for. We hope to work with the Library to extend as many shows as possible to a full four-week show.

Artist Tour: This year's Artist Tour was very successful, with most artists making sales. Visitors commented that they loved seeing a variety of media at each house and that they missed the show last year. Postcards were sent to the 600+ addresses on our mailing list and the exhibiting artists did a stellar job advertising in their neighborhoods and among friends. Thanks so much to Heidi Bratt for organizing.

June Art Supply Sale: Mary Peeters continues to organize the semi-annual art supply sale. Many donations and many patrons led to one of our most successful sales. Thank you, Mary and your volunteers.

Summer Potluck Picnic, July 11: Jan has planned a fun-filled day for us at Stow Grove. Stay tuned for an announcement about the special art activity. See you there.

Stow House Art Festival, Sept. 12: Vice-President Elizabeth Flanagan has hit the ground running in

preparation for Stow House. We've got the Burger Bus on tap and some of our favorite bands to add spice to what is always a delightful day. Elizabeth appreciates all those who have signed up to help and is always looking for more volunteers.

GVAA Survey: We began an initial review of the results of our GVAA survey. With over 90 responses from 200 members, we are thankful to you all for taking the time to fill it out so thoughtfully. In this first look, we noted results that confirmed what we knew, those that surprised us, and some initial thoughts about next steps. Some data of interest:

75% of respondents participated in at least one Goleta Library show a year. Those who did not, mentioned personal medical issues, no longer doing art, focusing on other art associations and venues, and that it was too far to travel to Goleta.

44% of respondents felt we should allow jurors to select more than one artwork per artist, while 36% said no. 20% didn't know.

52% said that artists' contact information should be on the art labels rather than the president's. 25% said no and 23% didn't know.

There was lots of interest in the variety of ways GVAA could support members in developing their art. Field trips, workshops, bi-monthly art conversations and critique groups were popular.

The newsletter received a resounding vote of approval with 90% of respondents reading it "always" and commenting on how well done it is. Congrats, Cheryl!

Reviewing the survey and making recommendations to the membership will be an on-going project. Stay tuned for more.

Sincerely,

Anne Anderson

SAVE THE DATE

GVAA Stow House Art Festival Saturday, September 12, 2015

We are in the throes of planning for our 11th annual Stow House Art Festival!!! This year, we will be back to the previous format - GVAA will have Stow House to ourselves for the Festival.

Would you like your artwork to be considered as our advertising image for posters and postcards? If so, please email a jpeg image ASAP to euflanagan@gmail.com. The deadline for accepting images will be Monday, July 6.

To date, a number of artists have already said they will be participating in the Festival. Several others have indicated interest. Will you be there with us? Start thinking of work you would like to show. Application forms will be available in July for panels and booths, as well as a wall for those who enter one or two pieces.

We have some Festival Sponsors at this point and would welcome others to support our costs. You can help by inviting businesses you frequent, your family businesses and entrepreneur friends to participate this year. Their contribution will be recognized publicly. Make checks out to GVAA and send to PO Box 435, Goleta, CA 93116.

There are also many opportunities to volunteer in planning and organizing as well as on the day itself. Please email Elizabeth Flanagan at euflanagan@gmail.com for more information, or if you can help out in some way.

**Looking forward to a day of fun and
celebrating ourselves as artists!**



Goleta Valley Art Association

Upcoming Events, Opportunities & Announcements

GVAA Annual Picnic at Stow Grove Park, Area 2, Saturday, July 11, 11a-2p. We will share a delicious pot-luck lunch, have fun with Gelli plate printing on cards with Judi Doernberg, and enjoy a relaxing few hours with fellow artists. Plates, cutlery and drinks provided. Contact Jan Smith, event chair, with any questions or comments at jansmith.sb@gmail.com. **Please bring brayers** or rolling pins for the gelli art project, if you have them.

HUTTON PARKER FOUNDATION PURCHASES ART FOR GOLETA OFFICE BUILDING. On behalf of the foundation, Chief Operating Officer Pamela Lewis selected 11 paintings that will hang permanently in the building at 5638 Hollister Avenue once wall painting and other repairs are completed. The artists whose paintings were selected are Joan Dewberry, Carol North Dixon, Gary Forssell, Nancy Freeman, Louise Komp, Mooneen Mourad and Betsee Talavera. Congratulations to all the artists! **The semiannual art shows at the building have been discontinued.**

OVERVIEW OF 2015 GVAA ARTISTS TOUR AND ART SUPPLY SALE

May 16th turned out to be a perfect day for the 7th annual GVAA Artist Tour. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed viewing and buying works from 18 participating artists. Collectively they made \$8226 in sales. Guest commented that they enjoyed the variety of art presented, seeing studios of working artists, having multiple artists at each location and refreshments to keep them going! Many thanks to the artists and homeowners who made this event a success.

Our 2015 Art Supply Sale was a great success, raising over \$900 for Goleta elementary school art programs. Thanks to everyone who made donations and to everyone who made purchases as well! Mary Peeters and all her volunteers did a fantastic job with set up and sales. Kudos all around!

THE YEARLY CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE on www.tgvaa.org

Goleta Library Ingatherings: 10:30a-1p, pick up unselected artworks 3-5p. Critique & takedown 6:15-8p.

Wednesday, June 24	Critique & Takedown	Goleta Library
Saturday, July 11	Member Picnic	Stow Grove Park - Area 2
Friday, August 7	Ingathering, Juror Warner Nienow	Goleta Library
Wednesday, August 26	Critique & Takedown	Goleta Library
Friday, September 4	Ingathering, Juror TBA	Goleta Library
Saturday, September 12	GVAA Art Festival	Stow House, Goleta

Members Events

Betsee Talavera has a solo show going through mid-July at the Flying Goat Cellars tasting room in Lompoc's Wine Ghetto.

Marie Arnold has a painting juried in at the Jewish Community Center's Visual Monologues show presented by AAC running through August 25.

Judy Nienow had two oil paintings accepted for the EYE theme show curated by Susan Tibbles at the Montecito Aesthetic Institute on Coast Village Rd.

Warner Nienow had a collage accepted for the same show, which will run until September 10. Each of the Nienows had two oil paintings accepted for the upcoming AQUATIC theme show at Santa Barbara Tennis Club.

Mooneen Mourad has a photograph in the themed show Eyes at the Montecito Aesthetic Institute, 1150 Coast Village Rd., through September 10.

Elizabeth Flanagan has two pieces showing at the Carpinteria Arts Center Gallery in the California Dreaming show through July 20, at 855 Linden Ave, Carpinteria. The gallery is open Thursday - Monday, 10a-4p.

Ruth Ellen Hoag's painting, *Icy* was juried into San Diego Watercolor Society's 35th International Exhibition that will run the month of October.

Rica Coulter won a jurors choice ribbon at the recent Faulkner show for her collage *Enclosures*, one of two accepted pieces. Rica is also showing at Casa for the Buddha show and is exhibiting at Gallery 113 as well.



An acrylic / ink, *Buddha Moon*, by **Adria A. Abraham** was juried into the 15th Buddha Abides Show. The exhibition can be seen through June 26, at CASA Magazine, 23 E. Canon

Good News! Congratulations!

Nora Duncan was one of the featured artists at Gallery 113 in May. She sold three works of French dye on silk to a local couple for display in their new home on the Riviera.

Elizabeth Flanagan had three pieces in the Scape juried art show on Memorial Day weekend. *Deep Blue* won first place in the Figurative Art category. She sold *Deep Blue and Young Pablo* and 40% of all sales benefited Phoenix House, an organization that works with individuals suffering from Schizophrenia and Bi Polar disorder. Earlier in May, *W.B. Yeats: Luminous Poet* was sold.

Terri Taber's pastel painting *Santa Barbara Foothills*, was chosen to don the cover of the County of Santa Barbara's Budget Workshop held in April.

Mary Freericks' painting got accepted into the Westmont tri-county art museum show entitled Vitals.

Lynn Weber was recently accepted as a member of Santa Barbara Printmakers (SBP).

Betsee Talavera received an Honorable Mention for her painting *Lupine In The Grass* at SCAPE's Art Along The Creek show in May. Betsee also sold three paintings at her reception at the Flying Goat Cellars in Lompoc's Wine Ghetto.

Jan Smith has a painting *Break Time* at the Carpinteria Valley Arts Center themed show California Dreaming.

Carrie Givens will be part of Passion for Pastels 2015 juried exhibit in the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery on Borchard Ave. from July 1-25, to benefit Camarillo Hospice. A reception on July 12 will afford a chance to meet the artists, enjoy a raffle and refreshments.

Christine Brallier recently completed a 20x30" stained glass mosaic, *Joshua Tree*, that was installed at Children's Hospital Central California in Madera. Another mosaic by Christine will be installed at Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital in July.

Anne Anderson won 1st place in the Landscape category at SCAPE's Art Along the Creek show on Memorial Weekend.



June Juror's Awards

Christine Loizeaux

Three Fish

monotype

Renee Mathieu

Girls with Birds

acrylic

Frances Reighley

Nature Lover in Hat

oil

Tess Richards

The Guardian

mixed media

Click [HERE](#) to see images and please read the Juror's remarks below

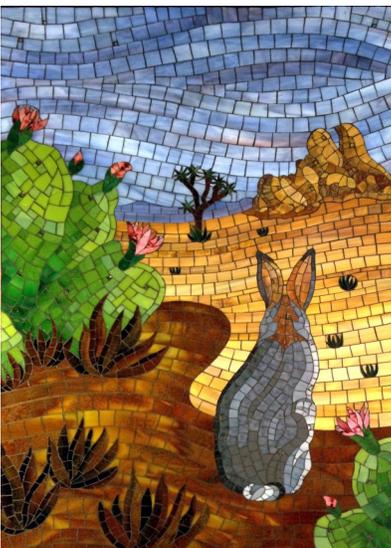
Judy Nienow's JUROR'S REMARKS: *I loved having the opportunity to see so much stellar art-work in one place and I look forward to giving feedback at the critique. I want to thank the GVAA members who submitted despite the increased fee and so soon after the Art Tour. Because I felt there were more award-qualifying pieces than four ribbons can cover, I will supply a few home-made ribbons of merit additionally at the critique. Probably some cookies, too. I love the range of work GVAA consistently supplies, from the quiet dignity of simple pieces to confident strong works of astonishing mastery. Really, really inspiring.*

Don't miss Judy's critique Wednesday, June 24 at 6:15p

*Break Time by Jan Smith
(right)*



*Joshua Tree by
Christine Brallier
(below)*



From a series of Faces
by Mooneen Mourad
(above)



A Day at the Beach
by Elizabeth Flanagan
(left)

WORKSHOPS CLASSES OPPORTUNITIES

Semana Nautica Juried Art Show, managed by SBAA, at Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center, 1118 East Cabrillo Blvd., is open to all local artists. Theme: Ocean, Beach, Coastline with Juror Harry Reese (UCSB). Only 2D art and photographs wired for hanging, 3'x3'max size. Fee: \$15 for one, \$25 for two, \$30 for three pieces. Ingathering is Tuesday, June 30 from 11a to 1p and takedown is Monday, July 27, from 10a to noon. Cash prizes are offered! Email SBAAdata@Aol.com or call 963-1026 for more details.

GALLERY ART TALK. In celebration of the unexpected six-week extension of their "Wet World" exhibition of 27 rainscapes at the Architectural Foundation's downtown Santa Barbara gallery, **Judy and Warner Nienow will give an informal "Art Talk" on Saturday, June 27, 1-3p.** Under the banner theme of "Pitfalls and Benefits," the Nienows will cover issues surrounding some or all of the following: taking on rain scenes as an extended topic (in a drought); painting from photographs; night-painting en plein air; having a partner who is also an artist for more than four decades; how to keep painting when you are going blind (Judy); how to paint with five indoor cats underfoot; how to store 40 years of paintings; and anything politely inquired during a Q and A. Because the gallery is not regularly open on weekends, the Nienows hope GVAA members will use this chance to come see their interesting show before it closes on July 11. Possibly they will only talk for an hour, then let visitors browse artwork and chat. If at least 8 people email Judy (at scarydollface@gmail.com) with intent to attend, she will prepare and furnish fresh baked goods for the talk. The Architectural Foundation Gallery is located at 229 E. Victoria St. at the corner of Garden and Victoria, with on-street parking. Should be fun.

The Los Padres Watercolor Society annual show in the Faulkner Gallery will be for the month of July this year. The ingathering will take place on **Tuesday, June 30 from 10a - 12:30p.** You may enter two pieces (\$10 for one, \$15 for two) but if there is a large volume, you will be called to pick up what they don't have room to hang.

Whistle Stop Art Studios at 220 W. Canon Perdido, Suite D, will be offering summer classes Fridays and Saturdays, 10a to 1p in transparent and opaque watercolor techniques, understanding color and developing strong compositions. Classes start July 10. Email Ruth@ruthellenhoag.com or call 689-0858 for more information.

Morro Bay Art Association extends an invitation to all GVAA artists to participate in their annual Open Juried Show, Paint San Luis Obispo County 2015, held August 13 - October 5. Click [HERE](#) for details on how to participate.

K-9PALS is seeking donated art work for their Art & Craft Sale Fundraiser, 519-A Walnut Ave. in Carpinteria on July 18 from 11a - 3p. Contact Cheryl Sterling at cherylsterlin@yahoo.com or call [\(805\) 403-9543](tel:(805)403-9543) to contribute, or just come by and support our K-9 pals.

Friendly Reminders:

Please notify Janet Hart, our Sunshine gal at rjhart1@verizon.net if you know of someone needing encouragement or cheer.



Santa Barbara Foothills by Terri Taber

Please update your Directories:

Please welcome new members:

Melanie Thomas, mjthomas@gmail.com

Maureen Troy, maurentroy@hotmail.com



Don't forget to like us  on FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/tgvaa>

Please share some news about your shows, art sales, awards received, publications you are in, any art activities, jpeg images or any information that might be of interest to us all!



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