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Featured Artist
Liz Imperato

Living and creating in Santa Barbara California, I use fabric as my palette and thread as my brush. My work begins with an

Message from the President

Greetings, GVAA artists!

Yes, it's the June Newsletter...but at the time you receive this, the Art & Soul show set for May 21-24 is about to open! "New Day" will feature 35 pieces by 23 artists. The opening reception is Thursday, May 21, so please let all your family and friends know and ask them to join us. Be



there to celebrate yet another wonderful location arranged with the help of our own Judy Villa, co-chaired by Lynn Altshul and me, with the help of our Director of Operations, Terre Sanitate. Thanks also to ingathering vols Yvonne Scolari, Barb Hershberg, Judy Villa, Jim Balsitis, Carol Spungen. The gallery will be open May 21, 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. (including the reception) and May 22-24 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. It's Memorial Day weekend and we hope to see many visitors in the gallery during those days.

Hard to believe we are nearly half-way through the year already. Your board has been busy arranging for upcoming shows for the duration of 2026 as well as into 2027 and we all want to encourage you to participate as often as you can. It's been an exciting time to try new venues and show our wonderful work all over town!

Submissions for the two-month Tennis Club show are open until June 5. Email your JPEGs to Merith Cosden, Mcosden12@gmail.com. You will receive an invoice from GVAA for payment. **All art must be for sale.** The fee for the first entry is \$40 and \$20 for up to three additional pieces for a total of 4. Artists receive 60% of sale; 40% to Tennis Club. Contact Merith or Terre Sanitate, terre.sanitate@gmail, with any questions.

Our annual outdoor show and sale at the Camino Real Marketplace in Goleta on Saturday, June 20, chaired by Odessa Burrow, will have two new features this year:

- A "Passport" that will be given to all visitors who wish to participate in a drawing at the end of the day for an original



Imperato Owl by Liz Imperato

intuitive search for textiles that show emotion, movement and possibility. I pin fabrics onto cloth in a painterly style, layering shapes and hues in a deliberate and instinctive fashion. Once the designs feel alive and complete, I stitch the pieces together transforming fabric into magical pieces of art. Creating is not just simply a practice for me but an innate biological drive, almost a necessary form of language. Through texture and color, I translate feeling into form. Fabric Collage is my therapy, my meditation and my language.

My work has received numerous awards and is exhibited online and in galleries throughout the region. I welcome commissions and the opportunity to create custom pieces that tell personal stories through Fabric Collage.

Animals and pets are my specialty.

piece of art. Board members will each contribute a piece for the drawing. This is to help ensure that visitors take a look at the work of every participating artist, who will "stamp" their passports.

- An art book sale to raise funds for the After School Art Program (ASAP), The program is seeking a few more volunteers to work at Goleta grade schools teaching kids to do art through various projects. Contact Lynn Altschul, altschullynn@yahoo.com or Karen Schroeder, karenschroeder@gmail.com, if you're interested in helping.

Our featured artist this month is Liz Imperato. See more about her amazing fabric collages later in this newsletter.

Happy art-making,

Pat

Two-Month GVAA Exhibition at



Exhibit Dates: July 4th - September 2nd

Online Submissions: May 5th - June 5th

Notification: June 11

Ingathering: July 2nd, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Reception: July 10th, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Take Down: September 3rd, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Juror: Linda Ekstrom

Submissions

Each artist may submit up to 4 images. Payment will be \$40 for the first submission and \$20 for each additional submission. Submit images online to Mcosden12@gmail.com. You will receive an invoice from GVAA for payment.

All art must be for sale. Artists receive 60% of sale; 40% to Tennis Club.

** If you applying for membership, please submit 2 pieces of art. You will receive an invoice for \$40. After the juror reviews your pieces you will be notified about membership**

To submit, send a jpg image of the art (with frame) to: Mcosden12@gmail.com

- Label all images with title-medium-size
- File size: 5MB or smaller
- Resolution: 95-300 dpi



Susan Drake

The Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art has selected a photograph by Susan Drake for their annual Tri -Counties show titled "Alternate Realities". The photograph was taken on the Navajo Reservation and is titled, "Blue Bird".



Ron Ehmsen

Ron Ehmsen has three paintings juried into the 2026 SCAPE Members' Online Show, currently running through June 5th at [SCAPE](#).

- No nudity • 2D only
- Size: Up to 20" wide by 40" long maximum including frame

In the email text, include the following:

- Artist name
- Title of piece
- Medium
- Price
- Size (with frame)

Notification: Artist will be notified by June 11 if their art has been selected.

If selected, you will receive a Contract via email. Please fill out and bring to the ingathering.

Presentation: Must have standard wiring system (see wiring demo by clicking link)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ThspVqHlok&t=129s>

Frame with neutral colors

Questions? Contact:

Terre Sanitate at: terre.sanitate@gmail.com or Merith Cosden at: Mcosden12@gmail.com



**URGENT: Final Call for Artists
Applications Due June 5!
GVAA Summer Art Show & Sale
at Camino Real Marketplace
Saturday, June 20, 2026, • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

The **GVAA Summer Show & Sale at Camino Real Marketplace** is fast approaching on **Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**, and **artist spaces are filling quickly**. If you plan to participate, now is the time to secure your spot.

Visit the GVAA website for application and guidelines.

This **non-juried outdoor exhibition** places you directly in front of **locals, tourists, and UCSB graduation weekend crowds**—one of the busiest weekends of the year at Camino Real



Diana Sunukjian

Diana Sunukjian sold her Birch Trees watercolor and her Misty Woods photograph at The Samarkand's Mother's Day Weekend Art Show, open to the public.

Marketplace. It's an exceptional opportunity to show and sell your artwork in a lively, high-traffic setting.

Application Deadline: Friday, June 5, 2026

To be included, your application **must** be submitted by the deadline. Late applications cannot be accepted once panel space is full.

How to Apply

Complete the **Marketplace panel application**, then submit it by either method:

- **Email** a scanned copy or photo of your application to gvaateam@gmail.com.
- **Mail** the hardcopy (and check, if paying by mail) to **Matt Lancaster** at the address listed on the application.

Once your application is received, you'll be sent a **Square invoice** for payment. You may pay:

- Through the **Square invoice**.
- On the **GVAA website**.
- Or by mailing a check with your application.

Panel Options & Pricing

(Fabric and mesh options available; see full details on the event page.)

- \$30 – Double panel, one side
- \$60 – Double panel, two sides
- \$35 – Double panel, one side (mesh or fabric)
- \$70 – Double panel, two sides (mesh or fabric)–
Odessa Burrow, Social Events Coordinator,
gvaateam@gmail.com.

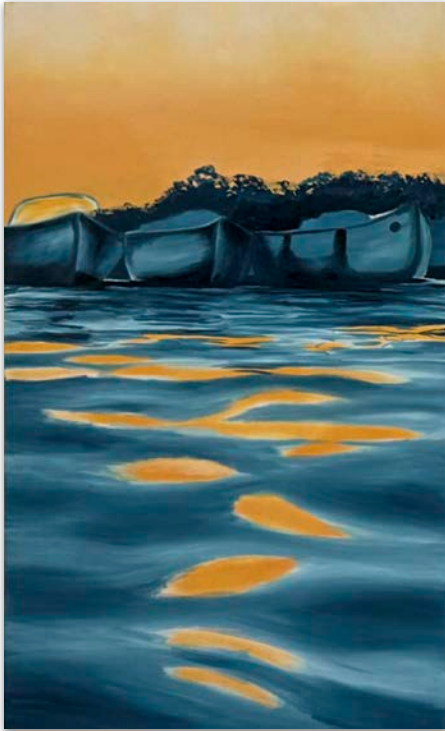
Ruth Ellen Hoag

Ruth Ellen Hoag has officially opened her new Studio and Gallery at 12 West Anapamu Street. After joining with 10 West to Celebrate their Tenth Anniversary, she now invites you to REH Contemporary. Please stop by 1st Thursday, June 4, to see new work in the new gallery, and the new studio where she works and holds classes. Monday class is full, but a new Tuesday class has room for joining. Learn the advantages of being enrolled before June 30, by contacting ruth@ruthellenhoag.com. There are also Saturday pop-up sessions, "Come as You Are" – second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Starts June 14th and 28th. No enrollment necessary. All classes are 9 to Noon. Gallery open Thur and Friday 11 to 5, Saturday 12 to 6. Text 805 689-0858 for details.

The **3rd Friday Art Walk at La Cumbre Plaza** is an evening of creativity, community, and celebration featuring new artwork by talented local artists. Stroll through galleries and exhibits, discover unique paintings, sculptures, and photography, and meet the artists behind the creations. Enjoy delicious food and drinks while live music fills the plaza with energy and atmosphere. Families are welcome, with fun kids' activities and interactive art experiences for all ages. Whether you're looking to explore new art, spend time with friends, or simply enjoy a lively night out, the 3rd Friday Art Walk is the perfect place to connect, celebrate, and be inspired. Plus, free parking is available nearby, making it easy and convenient to enjoy the evening.

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Odessa Burrow

Artwork by Odessa Burrow is currently on display at the Santa Barbara Public Library. Two of her oil on canvas paintings are featured in the Faulkner East Gallery during May and June. Visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy her work throughout the exhibition period.

Kelly Hildner

Kelly Hildner's watercolor *Alstroemeria and Jerusalem Sage* sold at Gallery 113, and her watercolor *Slough at Sunset* was recently purchased by a Bay Area collector. Her painting *Spring Abundance* is currently on view at Gallery 113.

Kelly will be selling original paintings, prints, cards, and ornaments at the GVAA Summer Art Show & Sale at Camino Real Marketplace on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Goleta Valley Art Association After School Art Program

GVAA's after school art program has been most successful in bringing art and creative experiences to school age children in our community. Serving four schools in the Goleta Union School District, our GVAA member volunteers work together in teams and enjoy providing a range of art activities and projects to children in after school care. Currently, our volunteers include:

Lynn Altschul, Maxine Avila, Lorie Bartron, Tia Blickly, Marilyn Clayton, Colleen Janee, Yvonne Scolari, Karen Shroeder, and Jan Smith.

GVAA not only provides the volunteers for this program but also all of the materials. So many GVAA members have generously offered to donate supplies for our projects. However, since each team works independently and needs different supplies and materials, it is difficult to create a "wish list" for donations. Rather, financial donations are most helpful and allow volunteers to procure the materials that they need.

If you are thinking of a donation to our After School Art Program, thank you, and please direct your contribution to our website

<https://www.thegoletavalleyartassociation.org/> or send a check to GVAA, PO Box 435, Goleta, Ca 93116.

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, contact Lynn Altschul at altschullynn@yahoo.com- you'll be glad you did!!





Mooneen Mourad

Mooneen Mourad is exhibiting 9 mixed media and acrylic angel images in "Sweetwater Cafe" through October 2026, and Acrylic florals in the Senator's office through September 2026.



Chris Star Morganstern

For the month of June, Chris will have her Photography Art displayed in Gallery 113 on the small front wall. Please join us for the Reception/Art walk on the first Thursday of the month June 4th. See you there.

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.

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>