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Message from the President



Greetings, GVAAG artists!

Our year has gotten off to a great start. The annual membership renewal campaign is underway using an invoicing system via Square, thanks to our tech-savvy member, Odessa Burrow. This allows members to easily pay their \$45 dues for 2026 online. **If you choose to pay by check, please send the check to:**

GVAAG, PO Box 435, Goleta, CA 93116

For any other **questions about membership**, contact Jan Smith, Membership Director, at jansmith.sb@gmail.com.

The March exhibition at the Santa Barbara Tennis Club will feature 35 pieces by 23 of our members and will kick off with a reception on Friday, March 13 from 4:30-6 p.m., with juror Carissa Luminess presenting six artists with Juror's Awards at 5 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends and family to join you to celebrate another wonderful show.

Start thinking now about the next show at the Tennis Club that will be held for two months, July and August. Details will be coming from Merith Cosden in May and the juror will be Linda Ekstrom.

And encourage your non-member artist friends to submit two works to that show if they would like to become a member. For information on joining GVAAG, have them go to <https://www.thegoletavalleyartassociation.org/how-to-join.html>.

Our featured artist this month is Cheryl Barber. See her beautiful watercolor work elsewhere in this newsletter and at <https://www.cherylbarberfineart.com>.

I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful Santa Barbara "summer in wintertime". Enjoy reading about all that's going on with our members and in the art community. **Pat**



Featured Artist Cheryl Barber Artist and Healer

I was born in Denver, Colorado. My first years of life I spent moving around a lot being a daughter of a military man. I have my fondest memories at age 3-6 living in Hawaii where



there were plenty of beautiful flowers and trees. Nature has always been so magical for me. I remember watching the fairies and angels around me. It is my desire to capture these ethereal energies in my artwork.

I have loved color and beauty all of my life as well as using my imagination. My earliest memories of art came from watching my mother paint black and white photos of our family in color. She was also gifted as an oil painter. My father was also an artist as well. He loved tooling leather of which he made beautiful wallets, purses, belts and framed works of art.

My inner artist came out in various times of my life when I made my own clothes all through High School. I enjoyed making pottery and stained glass through College. My painting and design of watercolor media was initiated when I began Adult Education in 1998. I wanted to learn every thing I could about watercolor



WHAT IS THE SIGNATURE OF YOUR CREATIVE SOUL?

Would you dive deeper into the well of your creative expression, or curious about what is still wanting to emerge? In this 3-hour class you will be invited to explore and reflect on a deeper connection with your healing, intuitive, and creative self. We will create simple symbolic portraits of our inner self that reveal our inner wisdom. We will work with acrylic paints and oil pastels. Art materials are supplied. Just bring a snack if you wish.

No art training necessary! Introductory Special! \$49

**Sri vander Kroef BFA RSMT/E
Certified Paint from your Soul Facilitator**

RSB 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!

Sponsored by Goleta Valley Art Association

Beginning Stone Wrapping

Paula Gregoire-Jones will be teaching a Beginning Stone Wrapping class at the Carpinteria Arts Center on Saturday, March 7 from 10am to 2pm. Ages: 13 - Adult.



Make amazing wire-wrapped pendants using your favorite beach stones, sea glass or crystals. This method is not only creative but also an easy way to explore wire-wrapping. No experience is necessary. All materials provided, but you may bring your own stone or sea glass to wrap.

Price: \$65/\$58.50 members.

Signup at carpinteriaartscenter.org/classesandworkshops

painting. I feel like I have truly found my passion. It is so wonderful how the watercolor seems to paint itself. I love the looseness of the wet into wet in the background along with using control of the medium to bring realism in the foreground. My favorite subject is anything beautiful in nature. My intention is to bring the spirit of life into my art for enjoyment and inspiration.

I give credit to my highly gifted teachers Rose Margaret Braiden and Cathy Quiel and other great master teachers of this wonderful media for giving me inspiration and sharing their knowledge and artistic talent. I have attended workshops taught by numerous other well-known watercolor artists from all over the country. They have taught me everything I know so far and I am so grateful. I enjoy taking classes and workshops as I continue to explore my creativity as an artist.

I am a current member of Santa Barbara Art Association, Goleta Valley Art Association, and Los Padres Watercolor Society (which concluded its existence in 2017). I have sold several dozen paintings in the last 20 years and received my first honorable mention when I showed my first painting as a new member of Santa Barbara Art Association several years ago. I have been invited to illustrate a children's book. I look forward to continuing to create new works of art for purchase as well as giclee prints and cards.

After School Art Program

GVAA After School Art Program (ASAP) team thanks the family of Sue Viegale of Rancho Santa Barbara for their contribution of \$315 from the sale of Sue's paintings. This will fund one of our schools for a year. Sue became an artist later in life and her art expressed the whimsy and humor of someone who sees the artist in all of us.

Gallery Los Olivos... Call to Artists



Gallery Los Olivos is looking for professional artists whose work can be displayed on Pedestals. The gallery has been an artist-run gallery since 1992 in the Santa Ynez Valley. For information and to apply, go to www.gallerylosolivos.com and click on the Artist Submission tab.

Watercolor "Paint Around" Techniques Carpinteria Arts Center

Saturday, March 14, 1 - 4 PM

PRESENTER: CAROL TALLEY

This special watercolor technique creates depth and dimension as layers are built up around the lighter subject of the painting. Sometimes called "negative painting," the results can be



positively stunning. All materials will be provided. Suitable for all levels of experience, and this class will offer a different theme from the class offered in the fall. Price: \$75/\$67.50 members. Register at <https://carpinteriaartscenter.org/>.



Opportunity to join the Abstract Art Collective.

The next jury date is 2/21/26. If interested go to the AAC website and click on "Submit request to join..." Any questions, contact Wendy at wendy@wendyfisher.net.



Knowledge by Ken Waxman

Ken's painting can be seen at the Voice Gallery in La Cumbre Plaza.



Love is Not Always Quiet by Barbara Cronin Hershberg

Barbara's painting can be seen at the Voice Gallery February show in La Cumbre Plaza.

Santa Barbara Watercolor Workshop



Join us for a Santa Barbara watercolor workshop with world renowned artist **Amit Kapoor** from India. March 28, 29, 30, 2026. He will share his techniques for painting vibrant cityscapes, landscapes, boats and reflections. One of his specialties is simplifying

complicated subjects. Partly plein air and partly classroom. All levels welcome. \$345. An amazing opportunity to learn from a master right in our own city! Contact Lily Sanders (805) 705-5106. Lilypad@impulse.net



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>

Liberty by Elizabeth U. Flanagan



Elizabeth was pleased to have three of her Lady Liberty pieces included in the Artists for Democracy show at CAW in January where there was a large community turnout. The show has been given a space in the Voice Gallery at La Cumbre Plaza for February. Elizabeth is proud to have her acrylic piece "Liberty?" included in this show.



Holly Hungett recently sold **Winter Storm Approaching** watercolor painting.

Holly Hungett

Check out Holly Hungett's six stunning watercolor paintings in the NEW PERSPECTIVES show at Gallery Los Olivos! The show is running from February 1st to March 31st. Don't miss her wall in the gallery, where you can find more original paintings, greeting cards, and reproductions of her work.

2920 Grand Avenue, Los Olivos.
Winter hours are every day from 10-4pm.



Untitled by Carolyn Sweeney

Congratulations to Carolyn on becoming a new member of GVAA.

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.

Last Light at Rincon by Kelly Hildner

Kelly's watercolor *Santa Barbara Yacht Club* is featured in the Women in Watercolor Members Only International Exhibition, online at womeninwatercolor.com/2026-members-only-exhibition, where viewers can vote for their favorites. *The Guest House* has been accepted into the GVAA show at the Santa Barbara Tennis Club (March 7-April 1), with a reception on March 13 from 4:30-6pm. Her piece *Last Light at Rincon* is included in the Carpinteria Arts Center exhibition *Classic Rincon*, on view through March 1.





**Haley Street Church 1969
by Tom Webster**

Congratulations to Tom on becoming a new member of GVAA.



**Peace by Mooneed
Mourad**

Mooneen has 3 images accepted to the current show themed: "Land that I Love", at Bonita Arts, Bonita Springs, Florida showing through the month.



**The Secret Garden by
Judith Villa**

Judith Villa's Crystalized Book Sculpture "The Secret Garden" sold at Gallery 113.

Judith Villa's "Crystalized - Magical Gemstone Garden Under Glass" was juried into the Voice Gallery's February exhibition.



**Unfurled Energy by
Odessa D. Burrow**

Oil on canvas. 36"x36"

Gallery 113 presents new oil paintings by featured artist, Odessa D Burrow, on view March 3rd-28th. This intimate series explores expressive botanical forms, including Bird of Paradise and other floral studies. Rich color and confident brushwork draw attention to the quiet energy in full bloom, inviting viewers to reflect on growth, resilience, and transformation.

Reception at Gallery, March 5th from 5pm - 8pm.

