



Newsletter

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Welcome back!

Next Association Meeting - September 2, 2016 7:00 pm La Canada Community Center

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Verdugo Hills Art Association's September meeting is kicking off the year with something new and exciting. And you can be a part of it too.

Part One: Many of your newly elected board members are presenting some of their art and will speak for a few minutes about how or when they got started; the different medias we use; what drives us; and/or what satisfies our passion. For example, did you know that your newly elected president, Bob Thomas, was a career golf photographer?

Part Two is YOU! We will have tables set up for you to bring in your summer vacation art. This does not have to be framed or matted. Perhaps you traveled and made a sketchbook. Perhaps you took photos to either turn into display or to use for a painting. Did you learn a new technique this summer? Bring it to put on display. We are not asking you to speak, although before the meeting and during the break we will all have time to look at the display tables and talk visit.

Our meeting is the Friday of Labor Day Weekend. Come celebrate our love of art, learn a bit more about each other, and socialize with your friends and fellow artists.

President's Letter

by Bob Thomas

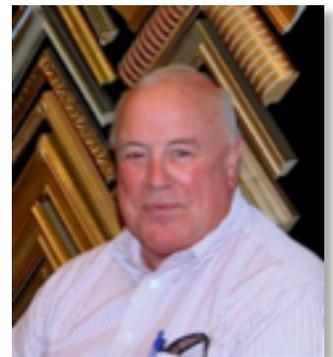
I hope you have all been having a great summer! As I write this, I am sitting on the shores of Lake Tahoe attending a church conference while my wife, Nikki, has been painting up a storm. If you can't be inspired by Lake Tahoe, you need to check your soul!

Hard as it is to make the mind shift, our first VHAA general meeting will take place on Friday, Sept. 2 at the La Cañada Community Center. Yes, we know that this is the Friday of Labor Day weekend but that's the way the calendar falls this year. Please plan on attending the meeting if you are in town. Some of our board members are going to share their art and, more importantly, what inspired them to take up art and what continues to inspire us today.

Beginning October 7 we will resume our usual practice of having a well-known artist demonstrating at the monthly meetings. At all of our meetings we will have time to get together with each other and enjoy refreshments.

I want to thank all who have volunteered to serve on the board for this year (a list of officers is elsewhere in this newsletter). Some are newcomers to the board, some are holdovers from previous boards and others are former board members serving in new positions this year. To those who went off the board in June thanks for all of your dedicated service to VHAA. To those who are on the new board this year thanks for being willing to serve.

Also in this newsletter is a list of the various shows that we will be having during this season. I encourage you to enter as many shows as you can. Committing to enter a show is a great way to focus your time and energy because of a deadline. Each of the shows has different rules, so check the VHAA website, <http://www.verdugoarts.org>, or your directory for what you need to know.



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Fall Exhibition - November 2016

Our first show of the year is in November at the La Canada Library. If you haven't already painted up a storm during the summer, you still have time to create some wonderful art. You can bring your creations to our first meeting on September 2nd for Artist of the Month and can still enter the same painting in our shows. Info on the take in/take out dates for this and all the association exhibitions are listed below. Exhibitions are open to all members of the association with the exception of the Artist of the Year show, which is limited to the monthly winners.

Devorah Friedman Wins Artist of the Year

Our members chose **Devorah Friedman** as our Artist of the Year, for her beautiful watercolor portrait, *Waiting*.

Devorah is always growing and perfecting her signature specialty of portraits and figures. She stated that *Waiting* started out as a very uninspired and bland photo. She removed a figure and concentrated her focus on one man. She breathed life into her painting taking into account intensity, value and hue as well as lights and darks of the sunlight and shadows. Devorah is a stickler for detail and this painting seemed to meet her personal expectation and criteria. She also stated that the drawing must be correct. To achieve the best possible painting, Devorah feels that "value supersedes color."

She has been painting with Fealing Lin for twenty years and feels that Fealing has become a mentor and a friend. Devorah states that she is very competitive and follows a long line of artists in her family who excelled in music as well as the visual arts.



Small Image Exhibition

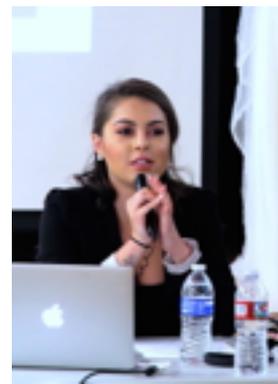
We had great participation for our small image show which was exhibited at the Pasadena Main Library during the month of June. The small image show had framed pieces that were under the dimensions of 15 inches on any side, as well as sculpture that did not exceed 15 x 15.

Anne Carpenter received Best of Show for her watercolor *The Ferals* shown at left here. Representational category produced the largest number of entries, and awards were received by: 1st place - Pepe Apablaza, *Fresh and Refreshing*, watercolor; 2nd place, Zoila E. Einem, *Northern Flicker*, acrylic; 3rd Place, Judie Apablaza, *Hiding Place*, watercolor; and Honorable Mentions, Ann Carpenter, *Rain, Saint Mark's Square* watercolor; Gloria Clark, *Big Sky* oil; and Jeanne Windoffer, *Descanso Stream*, watercolor.

Non representational 1st place was won by Sandy Rooney for a mixed media collage titled *Deconstruction*; Photography 1st place was awarded to Pepe Apablaza for *Beyond Blue*; with 2nd place to Susan Peacock for *Cloud Gate*; and Sculpture 1st place went to Genise Carr for *Frieda*. You will find images of the other winners on the website <http://www.verdugoarts.org/small-image-show---2016.html>.

Scholarship Winner

Highlighting our June meeting was a presentation by Sydney McClelland, a senior at La Canada High School. Sydney shared with us the work she created during her senior year in order to prepare her portfolio for applications to college. She brought members of the Association into the 21st century of fashion design as she discussed the challenges she faced getting this portfolio done in time. Many of us have seen the efforts of previous guest artists, but with updated electronics and computer programs, so much more is possible, even for a young beginner!



Congratulations and best wishes as she pursues her studies at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles this autumn.

Schedule of 2016 - 2017 Association Art Exhibitions

All exhibitions are at the La Canada Library, 4545 Oakwood Ave., except for the Small Image Show, which is displayed at the Pasadena Public Library

All take in days, and pick up days are Saturdays, unless otherwise noted.

Exhibit:	Take in Date/Time	Pick up Date/Time
Fall Show	11/5/16 8:30 - 10:00 am	11/26/16 8:30 - 10:00 am
January Members Show	1/7/17 8:30 - 10:00 am	1/28/17 8:30 - 10:00 am
Small Image Show	1/28/17 9:00 - 10:30 am	Tuesday, 2/28/17 9:00 - 10:30 am
Spring Show	5/6/17 8:30 - 10:00 am	5/27/17 8:30 - 10:00 am
Artist of the Year	6/3/17 8:30 - 10:00 am	6/24/17 8:30 - 10:00 am

Following is the list of our 2016-2017 board members.

We hope you'll join us at our meeting on Friday, September 2 at the La Canada Community Center. It will be a good time to chat with association members, and especially to get better acquainted with some of the board members whom you may not know. As noted in the President's letter, many of them will be sharing about their artistic endeavors and inspirations.

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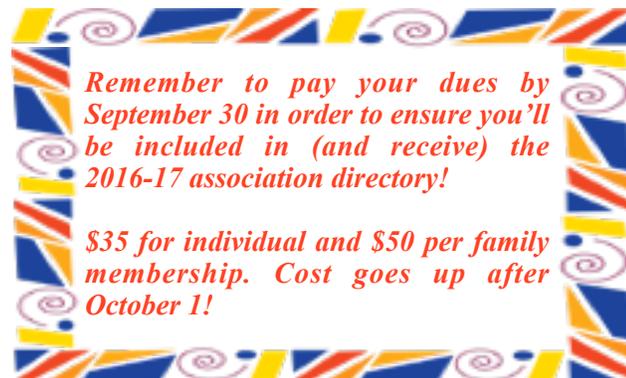
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Speaking of the directory, if you haven't paid your dues for the 2016-2017 season now is the time to write a check and send it to Suzanne Bitterman or bring it to the September meeting. Dues are \$35 for a each member or \$50 per couple and the dues increase to \$40/\$55 after October 1. Moreover, if you want to be included in the new directory we need your payment before the end of September.

I look forward to seeing all of you in September. If you have questions and/or comments, please don't hesitate to email me at: BobTatFORE@aol.com.

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President



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