



Newsletter

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Welcome back! There's More in Store for VHAA

September 6, 7:00pm at the La Canada Community Center, 4469 Chevy Chase Dr.



We are pleased to welcome back **Rob Sherrill**, who offered a very well received watercolor demonstration to VHAA a few years ago. In that demonstration Robert painted a still life, a vase of mixed flowers and a few pieces of fruit. He completed his painting in just 30 minutes, describing his style of painting as being somewhere between impressionist and expressionist. His goal when painting, he said, is to produce an end result that not only represents his subject, but also celebrates the beauty and characteristics of the paint.

Describing his current work, Robert says "I am comfortable with both the oil and watercolor mediums. I love the thickness of oil—like butter or icing. It is a very opaque experience. What I love about watercolor is it is so organic . . . in keeping with who we are. I like to see paint that can be loose and yet controlled. I can be specific and then let the paint do its thing. "

For his demo on Sept 6 we have asked him to do some work with a palette knife...should show off that thick oil paint and give us some new insights on techniques with the medium. Don't miss it!



President's Message

by Mary Talwar

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I'm looking forward to fall, my favorite time of the year. Fall is a time of change, and as we begin our new year for Verdugo Hills Art Association, our board has met, and we have some exciting new changes and plans for our general meetings and workshops. Look for information on the following pages about the upcoming Glendale Art and Music Festival (a special opportunity for us this year!), Artwork of the Month and upcoming exhibitions.

As you see above, our first demonstrator will be **Robert Sherrill**, both a watercolor and oil painter, should be a great demo. Please note the "theme" for Artwork of the Month for September (page 3) and bring something to share! Be sure to mark your calendars for September 6th, so you don't miss this first meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Mary Talwar VHAA President

P.S. If you haven't already paid your dues, they are due on the first meeting.



Upcoming Exhibitions Sue Peacock

The first VHAA show will be at Alhambra City Hall in October. If you did not exhibit in the Alhambra show last March you will be first on the list for this one; so it is imperative that you let me know if you want to enter a piece. If you were in the previous show, you will be put on the “wait list.” Space is somewhat limited so each person will be allowed to enter only one painting initially, but depending on entries there might be a chance for two. Each piece is to be framed **to a minimum 16 x 20 inches**, with a **maximum framed width not to exceed 36 inches**. Take-in will be at Alhambra City Hall on October 1, 9:30 - 10:00am. If you cannot meet us there, then you may deliver your work to my house beforehand. **EMAIL ME** to reserve your spot. suesingsbass2@gmail.com (There will be no artists’ reception for this exhibit).

For those who do smaller pieces, in December we will be exhibiting at Diggs Realty with a size limit of 16 x 20. For even smaller pieces, in February we will have our usual Small Image show at the Pasadena library where artwork/frame cannot be larger than 15 inches in any direction! You have your assignments; get to your easels!

June Meeting Review



Our last meeting was chock full of artwork, artwork, and more artwork! First off we welcomed **Estafania Acjip**, who was the recipient of the 2019 VHAA scholarship, which we award to a community college student who is pursuing a career in art. We certainly enjoyed hearing about her art journey and seeing the interesting, delightful and wonderfully executed pieces she made, using much more than just paint! We wish her well in her artistic endeavors and are happy to provide a bit of financial support.

Next up, we enjoyed hearing from some of our newer members (shown below) who took the opportunity to share some of their works and a bit of their artistic story. Thank you all for having the nerve to get up in front and show off for a few minutes—we loved hearing from you and seeing your creations!



Duane Stroh



Isabella Koh



Jennifer Thomasian



Joy Chung



Elana Goldheimer



Brandon Chow



Finally the votes were counted and **Dilmit Singh** won the Artist of the Year award for her artwork *Fishing Village*. It was a striking piece and earned well deserved recognition! All of the artists in the Artist of the Month competitions had their works displayed at DIGGS gallery (see next page).

The evening also had time for chatting with each other, nibbling goodies, and getting better acquainted with new folks. Don’t miss the next meeting - come see what’s in store for the coming year!



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY for VHAA MEMBERS!

Glendale Open Art & Music Festival/Art Market (held on Brand Blvd)

September 14, 2019; 3:00pm - 10:00pm

The Verdugo Hills Art Association will have a booth at this year's Glendale Open Art & Music Festival's Art Market (<https://www.openartsmusic.com/>). This is a great opportunity to show and sell our work!

All current members are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please email Jennifer Thomasian at jenethomasian@gmail.com. All participants must commit to working at least 2 hours helping monitor the booth and assist with sales.

Artwork must be either matted and framed (with a means of hanging it on the back) or matted and packaged in a clear sleeve. If you have something other than work that is framed or matted (i.e., canvas, fabric, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, assemblage, etc.), please speak with Jennifer to be sure we will be able to safely accommodate your work in the table space we have available.

Each item for sale is to include a removeable sticker affixed to the front of the piece with your initials and the price (please be sure this is legible). There may be exceptions to this requirement for quantities of printed materials such as cards, postcards, prints, or stickers so please be sure to ask about those exceptions. VHAA will handle all sales and collect all monies (we are only accepting cash and Venmo) and will remit payment after the event to each selling artist less a 15% commission retained by VHAA and sales tax.

Contact Jennifer ASAP to ensure your participation in this event, for questions and to get additional required info!



For our **Artist of the Year** exhibition, **Dilmit Singh** was joined by the other monthly winners of Artist of the Month at DIGGS Realty gallery in Montrose. Artwork was on display from June 10 to July 12 with an artists' reception held on June 15. We had a great turnout and a fun time together. THANK YOU DIGGS for this great opportunity to display our works!



Artwork of the Month by Angela Alvarenga

Artist of the Month has now changed to **Artwork of the Month**. This change will hopefully encourage more members to submit and share more art! Each month will have a specified theme or medium (see below). Please frame or mat your artwork so it can be displayed on the table against the wall. At our meetings we will continue to vote for our favorite artwork. The entry fee will still be \$2. And in June we will still vote for our favorite artwork of the year in June. There will be an Artworks of the Year show for all the winning artists to display their artwork.

The themes are as follows:

September: Acrylic or Oil

October: "Inktober" pen and ink, Chinese Brush

November: Collage/Mixed Media etc

December: Watercolor

January: Texture (Any medium)

February: Photography

March: 3-D challenge (sculpture/ceramic, etc)

April: Sketchbooks

May: Seascapes and "Mermaid" (Mermaids in May)

June: Vote on Artwork of the Year

REMINDERS and NOTES

Congratulations to 3 VHAA members: [Devorah Friedman](#), [Cherrie O'Hagan](#) and [Jeanne Windoffer](#) for having their paintings juried by **Keiko Tanabe** into [Watercolor West](#) this year. The show will be up Oct 12 - Dec 15 at the Brea Gallery.

[Joan Whitmore](#) will be doing a demo on acrylic pouring on Sept 12 at the Sunland/Tujunga Art Assoc, held at the La Crescenta Spiritual Center, 4845 Dunsmore, La Crescenta, at 7:00pm Everyone is welcome.

In September [Kimberly-Ann Talbert](#) will have a solo show "Not Just a Photographer" at the La Canada Flintridge Library. She currently has one piece in the "Mannequins" & "Abstractions" exhibitions at the Buenaventura Art Gallery until Sept 8, and 6 pieces in the Ventura Community Hospital until Oct. 27.

Be on the lookout for sign-ups for [Julie Crouch's workshop](#) "Watercolor Flowers with Negative Painting" to be held Saturday, Nov 2 from 9 to 4.

New class sessions begin Sept 23 at [Creative Arts Group](#). Visit their website for more info, creativeartsgroup.org Check the [City of Glendale Leisure Guide](#) (available now) for upcoming classes held at Brand Library, starting mid Sept.

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Sept 6 Demo - Robert Sherrill, Oil](#)

[Oct 4 Demo - Dean Parker, portrait](#)

[October Alhambra Exhibition](#)

[Nov 1 Demo - Julie Crouch Watercolor](#)

[Nov 2 - Julie Crouch Workshop](#)

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Next Meeting
September 6

Next Board Meeting
October 7