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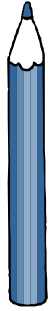
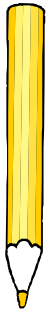
DAVID GALLUP

David Gallup is an explorer. Not just of nature but of the introspective and spiritual connection man has with his environment. His life's passion has become a quest for new interpretations of the natural world without leaving his roots in Plein-Air Observation-Based painting. Working in the style of the impressionist masters, David's works are created on location in some of the world's most beautiful and fascinating places. They often depict moments when natural elements obscure solid forms, such as fog, rain, glare, or darkness. These elements are used in Gallup's work to visually represent the sense of awe and mystery he feels for the natural world.

Throughout his life he has been an avid conservationist. His passion for painting and his concern for the environment led him to seek out other artists with the same philosophy. His strong conviction that art can heal the environment led him to found two groups: Conejo Valley Painter's Association, a regional group of plein-air painters dedicated to using their paintings to show California's natural beauty and help conserve California's wilderness for future generations and LUNA (Landscape United Nature Artists), a nonprofit group of eight nationally recognized Southern California Artists dedicated to using their paintings to record and preserve some of the world's most scenic and unspoiled ecosystems through museum exhibitions and education.

In fall of 2000, the California Art Club recognized David's contribution to the traditional art world, making him a full Artist Member. Gallup currently serves as Vice-President of the club and is a member of their Board of Directors. Gallup's love for painting en plein-air has led him to explore the styles of French and California Impressionism over the years, drawing inspiration from both. He has a passion for capturing fleetingly beautiful moments in nature in a mixture of luminous color and dynamic brushwork that are uniquely his own. David's paintings depict the ethereal nature of our world and are influenced by such artists as Claude Monet, John Twachtman, J. A. M. Whistler, Hiroshi Yoshida, and Emil Carlson

David Gallup will demonstrate oil painting at our **Tuesday**, Feb 5th meeting.



**President' s Message
February 2008**

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!

Have you noticed in the news lately that all the bad girl and bad boy celebrities are being sensationalized? Why is it suddenly sexy to exhibit outrageous behavior? And why do all things considered sexy attract such attention? Don't get me wrong, it's not that I'm against sex. I know that sex sells. But I am *very* in favor of beauty.

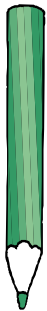
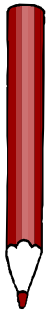
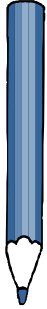
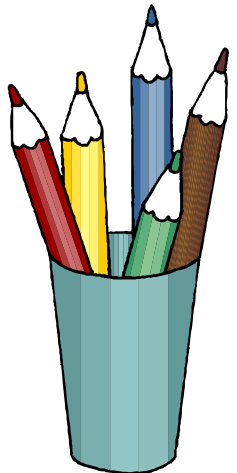
In the SFVAC we are all about beauty. In our relationships with fellow members, in our generosity to our adopted charity, Free Art for Abused Children, in our guests artists, in our shows and most of all in our quest for meaningful and beautiful work.

Every month at the mini shows the members marvel and admire the work of the artists who exhibit their work. We make a point of supporting members who have paintings at galleries, shows around town and paintings displayed in various other venues. We are seeing beauty, not only in the work itself, but in the viewer's appreciation of the work.

With that in mind, I would like to urge all of you to be aware of our February show, "For the Love of Art." Enter your work, and if for some reason you do not enter, please support the members who will be in the show. Visit the gallery, volunteer to help with the show, offer encouragement to new members and let us know what you like about your club.

That would be pure Beauty, and in fact, it might even be a little bit sexy.

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January Mini Show Winners



1st Place Terry Romero-Paul



2nd Place Bryan Fair



3rd Place Sharon Weaver



Honorable Mention Carol Tator

Who's Who in San Fernando Valley Art Club



Meli and hubby Dan

Meli demonstrating pastel painting at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery.



Meet Meli Calkins!

"Every sunrise is different," said Meli and she was not only speaking of art. Meli, (It is pronounced like Emily without the E) was making a very astute although metaphorical observation about life. This optimistic statement is characteristic of Meli's personality and her energetic approach to every activity she pursues. No task is too daunting for Meli. Her attitude is a breath of fresh air for our club when it comes to calling for volunteers. In her home life she is dedicated to her family and manages to spend a fair amount of time with her parents who live near the Central Coast, all the while holding a full time job, being secretary for the woman's group in her church, caring for her own home, cooking for her husband, candy making and canning gifts for Christmas and painting! WOW! And her art, as many of you know is fantastic. Meli has been one of the more prolific artists in our club and has won countless awards, not only in SFVAC shows, but in shows in Simi Valley, Westlake and has been our guest artist demonstrator and workshop instructor in pastels.

One of five children Meli was born in Glendale into a family where everyone had an artistic talent. There was woodworking, ceramics, quilting, weaving, and painting, and a mother and father who encouraged their children to explore and to open their minds and hearts to the world of creativity. Meli's mother used to take her to the Green Sheet (now the Daily News) to get the end rolls of unprinted newsprint paper which was perfect for her early art works. Meli would spend hours drawing and coloring on these end rolls. In kindergarten Meli liked to draw horses with her crayons. Once she drew a picture of some horses but misspelled the title and it read "Hoses."

After Meli married and had children, she went back to school for her master's degree in Environmental Engineering but was always very interested in art. "It is my nature to create and it is my passion to create the things that I love; horses, the ocean and landscapes." She said. In fact her lovely home is adorned everywhere with her wonderful paintings. Viewers have stated that her art work was so filled with movement and emotion that it seemed one could walk right into them.

Meli's husband Dan tells about the summer during their college days, working at Magic Mountain where he and Meli first met. Meli and her friend were busy inflating balloons for the dart game booth and Dan and his friend kept sneaking the darts from under the counter and puncturing the balloons. Dan's version of flirting must have caught Meli's attention but it took awhile to get her to warm to his antics. Dan says to this day, "The one thing most outstanding about her is her ability to concentrate on a task. I admire that very much."

Meli's husband is a musician who plays the Viola and teaches music. Meli also is an accomplished pianist and often accompanies her husband when he performs on his viola. Meli has two daughters who are pianists, poets and writers. So it's clear that her house rings with talent. There is an energy of excitement and love that is in evidence in every room.

Meli came to SFVAC through a flyer that she picked up at Continental Art Supply and she really enjoyed her first meeting. She was especially impressed by the person who greeted her at the door. "There is nothing better for a stranger than to have someone welcome them and make them feel at home," she states. Now that Meli is our new paint rag editor all of our members will have the opportunity to experience her dynamic gifts first hand. Thank you Meli for all you do.

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Looking Ahead — 2008 Workshops!!!!

DATE	MEDIA	ARTIST	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT INFO
January 31	Oil and open to all media	Scott Kiche	Continental Art Studio	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	818-348-6000 or www.artekiche.com
February 14	Watercolor	Judy Koenig	Continental Art Studio	10.00 am – 3:00pm	805-526-9978 or www.judykoenigfinearts.com
February 16	Watercolor	Joe Cibere	VIVA Gallery	12:30 PM to 5:00 PM	805-230-9230 or www.joecibere.com
March 20	Oil/ plein-air	David Gallup	Continental Art Studio	10: 00 AM to 3:00 PM	805-241-4084 or www.dgallup.com

Fees: \$40.00 for each workshop unless otherwise stated

Cancellation policy: No refunds unless your place can be filled from a waiting list (in which case, credit will be given towards a future SFVAC workshop).

Register: Call Eddie Applegate at (818) 775-5890.

Payment: Make your check payable to “San Fernando Valley Art Club” and mail it to: Eddie Applegate, 20119 Marilla St., Chatsworth, CA 91311.

VIVA Gallery address: 13261 Moorpark Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 Phone: 818-385-0080

Continental Art Studio address: 7041 Reseda Blvd, Reseda, CA

REMEMBER
The February Show
“For The Love of Art”
February 13th — March 1st
At the VIVA Gallery!!!



Thank You Judy!

Judy Koenig graced our January meeting with a lively, informative fun, and unique print making and watercolor demonstration along with her generous gift of the original print for the raffle!

Art Around Town

Date of Art Show	Organization Hosting Show	Location	Contact Information	Last Date for Entry	Brief Description
February 5 — February 27, 2008	Santa Paula Society of the Arts	Blanchard Community Library , Santa Paula, CA	805-525-1104 or www.the SPSA.com	Saturday, February 2	71st Annual Art and Photography Exhibit
March 18— April 13 , 2008	West Lake Village Art Guild	Thousand Oaks Community Gallery; 2331 Blanchard Road, Newbury Park, CA	www.wvartguild.org	Saturday, March 15, 2008	Annual Open Juried Show
Throughout 2009	Brand Library Art Galleries	Brand Library, Glendale, CA	www.ci.glendale.ca.us/library	November 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008	2009 Exhibition Season.

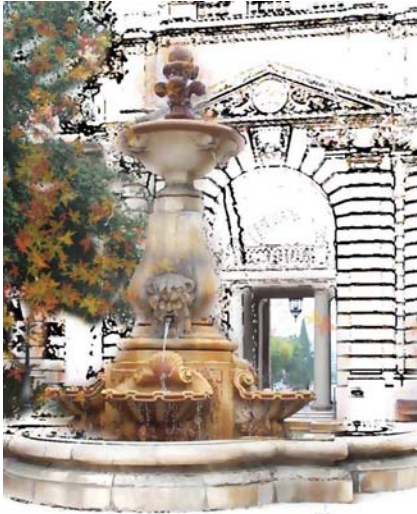
Arts for eARTh Foundation

Members have an opportunity to promote their work and at the same time help the wildlife sanctuaries and those who operate the sanctuaries by **donating** their work to **Arts for eARTh Foundation**. Arts for Earth Foundation, a 501c.3 non-profit organization, is dedicated to selling **donated** paintings to help provide funds to keep the sanctuaries operating. Arts for eARTh is working to get clubs, schools, scouts, etc. to adopt a sanctuary. These groups will help to organize festivals under the Arts for eARTh umbrella where workshops, performances and booths will feature artists of all kind who can help educate and open the hearts of the people in nearby areas to help the wildlife taking refuge in the sanctuaries. The foundation's slogan is "turning passion into compassion". The best of the paintings **donated** to the Foundation will be reproduced on various accessories like tote bags and T-shirts, with the best reproduced on silk wall hanging or gicleé prints.

For more information and a schedule of the first planned **festival** in the **April of 2008** at the Sepulveda Basin Dam Wildlife Refuge, contact Michelle Nosco, president of Arts for eARTh Foundation at 661-803-7744. The website will be up and running soon....

MEMBER NEWS

Janet Snodgrass sold two framed photo images at LuLu Coffee House in Studio City during December. Congratulations Janet!!!!



Congratulations to new club member Mona Gilardi. Her work showed at the Lighting show at the World Trade Market Dallas, Texas last year.



Meli Calkins participated in a 4 person art show called "Artists in Action" at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery located at 2231-A Borchard Road, Newbury Park. Meli demonstrated pastel painting. Meli's work can be viewed on www.melicalkins.com and www.vcartfarm.com.

San Fernando Valley Art Club offers venues each member artist may independently approach!

Artist Alley

Calabasas Tennis & Swim Ctr.

Contact: Kathy Milbrand

(818) 222-2782

23400 Park Sorrento

Calabasas

\$46.00 insurance fee from the city which they provide.

Aroma Restaurant

Contact: Moira

(818) 481- 5551

4360 Tujunga Blvd.

Studio City

No commission

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Organic Coffee Shop

Contact: Emily

(818) 762- 0181

12508 Moorpark St.

Studio City

30% commission

Any member of SFVAC wishing to display their work at any of these venues should **first call the contact** at each location to arrange an appointment. At the appointment time please provide them with a portfolio or photos of your work and arrange dates for their next available exhibit.

To exhibit at **Lulus** contact **Marylyn Mason Goldstein.**
(818) 830-0825

To exhibit at **Emilio's** contact **Eddie Applegate (818)-775-5890**

Something's Fishy contact **Anita Vantellegan.**
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Janet Snodgrass was the lucky raffle winner for January's meeting. She got one of Judy's prints!!!

..# **Member news for the March 2008 newsletter is due by February 10th , 8:00 p.m.** Call Meli Calkins, Editor

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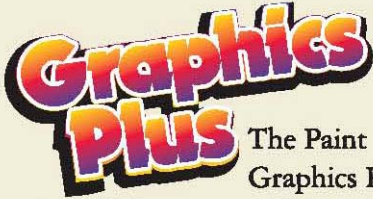
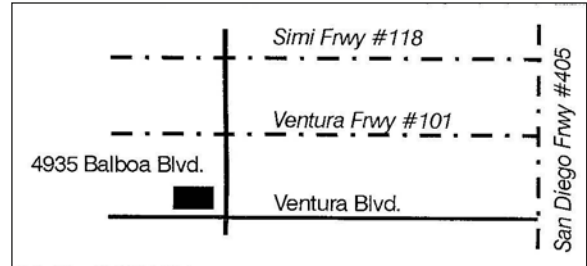
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Social time 6:30 p.m. - Program 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments served.

The Public is Welcome
Requested Donation: Members \$5.00
Guests, \$6.00



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BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 28TH AND FEBRUARY 25TH

Meeting time - 7:00 pm

Location:

Tarzana Community Center, 19130 Ventura Blvd.,
Tarzana
At the corner of Vanalden and Ventura
Parking in rear

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