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“After the Storm”

Tom Fong, an artist and instructor, is a native Californian. He graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Design.

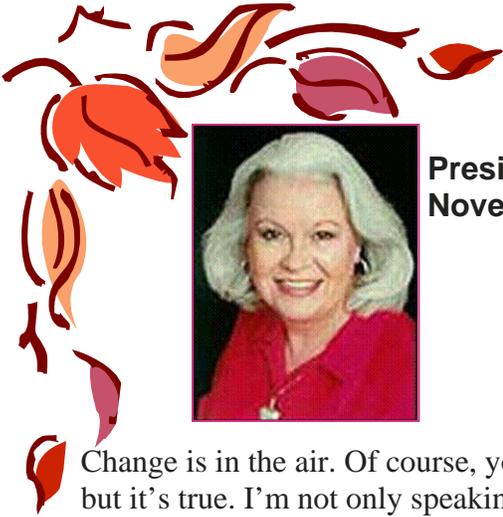
Tom paints bold, spontaneous, and direct. His watercolors have been juried into National Exhibitions. Tom's work has been featured in *The Artist's Magazine*, *Watercolor artist*, *American Artist* and was included in an article "20 Great Teachers" in the collector's edition of *Watercolors* by the American Artist. He was also featured in "North Light Books, Splash 6" and in "My Friends, Today's Great Masters, Jack Richeson Fine Arts Series."

Tom teaches at various colleges and conducts national and international workshops, including the American Artist and the Artist Magazine Trade Show workshops, the Palm Springs Desert Museum Workshop and the San Diego Watercolor Society Workshop. He continues to be a guest instructor for the Yosemite National Park Association.

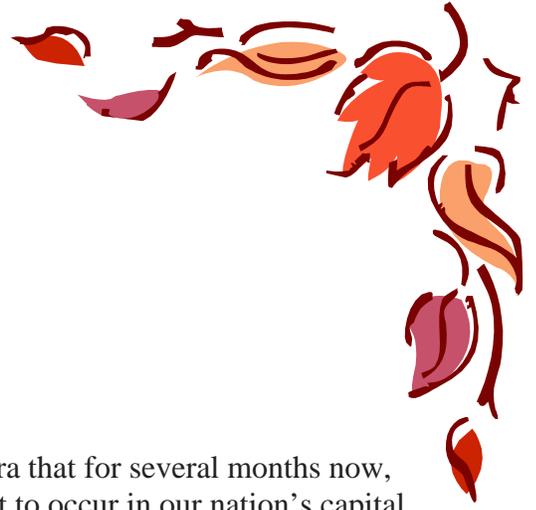
Tom has conducted Watercolor Demonstration Series for Watercolor West and the National Watercolor Society. Tom has earned Signature Membership in Watercolor West, where he served as President. He gives watercolor demonstrations, conducts workshops, and judges art shows.

Recently, one of Tom's paintings "After the Storm" was juried into the Watercolor West Exhibition, Brea Art Gallery.

Tom Fong will demonstrate watercolor painting at the November Meeting



**President' s Message
November 2008**



Change is in the air. Of course, you have been hearing that mantra that for several months now, but it's true. I'm not only speaking about the change that is about to occur in our nation's capital, but here in the SFVAC, we are also facing changes. In Jan. 2009 we will be installing new Board of Directors that will be voted in by you, the members, at our December Holiday dinner. The current nominees will be posted in the December Paint Rag and all positions are technically open to whoever would like to cast their proverbial hat into the ring. There are currently several names in most of the slots but there is one critical position still open. We do not have a nominee yet for Exhibits chair. The tremendous response to each show by the number of entries indicates that this is a very important benefit that your club provides for you the artists. We hope with all our heart that we can continue to offer these wonderful events, but without volunteers to lead the exhibit committee, we are facing a difficult decision.

We have recently secured a new venue for January 2009. This is very good news. After months of searching for a gallery, and after submitting proposals to dozens of possible locations, our efforts were rewarded when we received word from the Burbank Creative Art Center Gallery. They have offered us a show in January and in keeping with the changes that will be occurring for all Americans in the first month of 2009, the show will be named, "New Beginnings."

The prospectus is included in this issue of the Paint Rag. Please look it over and consider whether you may be the one who can support your club by volunteering to serve as exhibits chair on the 2009 board of directors.

We, your fellow members of the San Fernando Valley Art Club will be very grateful for your service.

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October Mini Show Winners



Jerry London – 1st Place



Elaine Archer – 2nd Place

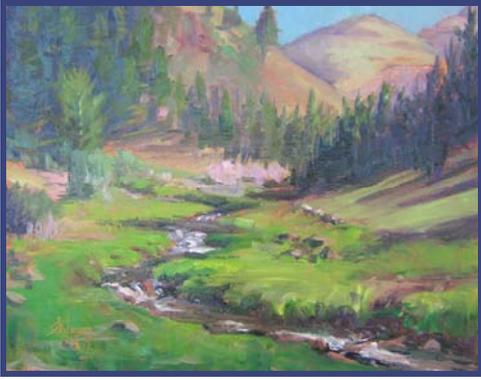


Meli Calkins –3rd Place



Boz Vakhshori HM

Who's Who



Meet Sharon Weaver

In everyone's life there are certain defining moments and that is no less true for the San Fernando Valley Art Club. A defining moment for our club occurred when Sharon Weaver became a member. If we had a list of traits that would be our ideal choice for an artist, member or friend, it would be Sharon. She is positive, enthusiastic, active, talented and willing to get involved, not to mention beautiful.

I met Sharon at the home she shares with her husband Jeff in Valley Village on a balmy summer day recently and found this very prolific artist in her usual good spirits. As she guided me around the cozy house, every room held unmistakable evidence of her artistic touch. It would be impossible to view her paintings of forests, gardens, waterfalls, and all manner of nature scenes, and not be moved.

Sharon sold her first painting at age 12. Born in a small town on the outskirts of Bethlehem Pennsylvania, she always had an interest in art. When the local drug store owner agreed to hang some of her work in his store she was delighted to find out that one sold but the buyer's name was never revealed. Many years later when she visited the owner of the store in his home she was surprised to see the painting hanging in his home. "It turned out that he was the mystery buyer," Sharon said, as she laughed.

Sharon loved sports as a child and she happily reports that, "I could run faster than all the boys." When she wasn't drawing and painting she often went exploring nature and hiking. Sharon is not only very physically active, but also loves to read and attend movies. Her favorite book is the trilogy, Lord of the Rings, her favorite movie is Citizen Kane and she is drawn to SiFi TV shows, which she watches while enjoying her favorite ice cream. Coffee and chocolate.

Although she has painted in many mediums, Sharon chooses to paint in oils because, she said, "I believe that the public perception of art is one that places more value on oil paintings than on acrylics, watercolor or other medium." Her ambitions as an artist begin with leaning to a more impressionistic style and away from realism in her art. She would eventually like to have representation and a gallery show. Toward that end, Sharon has her own web site, a daily blog, a newsletter and is currently in a show presented by the California Art Club.

In June of 2007 Sharon discovered SFVAC after a search that she reports "wasn't very easy." She had inquired about art clubs at a local art supply store and finally found us on line. Sharon describes her time with SFVAC as "a wonderful learning experience," and she tells us she has met great friends. Her exact words were, "The club has opened up a whole new world to me." I think that SFVAC feels the same way about Sharon.

Don't forget that on December 9th, our meeting will be at the Monterey Restaurant on Burbank Blvd, Encino. Buy your dinner tickets from Eddie Applegate for \$36.00. Our guest speakers will be Steve Aufhauser and representatives from the makers of Golden paints. It will be a festive occasion, so dress in your holiday best and come enjoy the demonstration and free samples. Eddie can be reached at 818-775-5890.

Plan Ahead to Attend our Tuesday meetings - Future Demonstrators

Date	Media	Artist	Time	Location
November 4	Watercolor	Tom Fong 626-282-3790 www.tomfongwatercolors.com	6:30 PM	4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino
December 9	Golden Art products	Steve Aufhauser and representatives from Golden Art supplies	6:30 PM	MONTEREY at ENCINO (Encino Glen Golf Course) 16821 Burbank Blvd, Encino

SFVAC members who enjoyed the September Paint Out and Karl Dempwolf's work shop.



Parviz Yashar gave a wonderful demonstration on acrylic impressionistic painting. He seemed to make it look easy. Just look at all the members getting up close to see his work and the media he used.



Our club is still accepting donations of art supplies such as crayons, brushes, student watercolors, art paper of all kinds, modeling clay, etc, for the Free Art for Abused Children foundation. During December, the supplies we collected will be presented to the non profit organization. Meli Calkins will be looking for the donations at the November meeting.

This is the month to remember how blessed we are to be given the gift of having or appreciating artistic talents, be they by singing, playing musical instruments, reciting poetry or taking a paint brush and creating a masterpiece. When you gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, think of these blessings and give thanks to those who taught us, encouraged us and supported our love for art.



Art Around Town

Date of Art Show	Organization Hosting Show	Location	Contact Information	Last Date for Entry	Brief Description
October 27-31	Watercolor Society	Air Tel Hotel 7277 Valjean, Van Nuys, Ca	Lois Hill at 818-343-3084 or go on line to valleywatercolorso- ciety.org	Cost \$435.00	Tony Couch Work- shop open to all. Tony is a major wa- ter color artist and all are welcome to come.
Every Tues- day eve 7-10	Art Directors Guild	Art Directors Guild ~ Studio 800 (1st Floor) 11969 Ventura Blvd. Studio City, CA 91604	Mike Denering / Don Hanson To RSVP for each ses- sion call 818-762.9995	\$10.00 for each work- shop. You can attend just one or make it a habit every Tuesday	Back to Basics work- shop—open to all good music, coffee and refreshments, and a live-art model for a pleasant, crea- tive evening.
Artists show their work all year long starting in Feb 2009	Valley Institute of Visual Art -(VIVA).	13251 Moor- park Street Sherman Oaks, CA.91423 818-385-0080	Dori Marler 4954 Matula Drive Tarzana, Ca 91356 818-345-4997 www.vivagallery.org	November 1, 2008	Annual 2009 Salon “Call to Artists” Jur- ied open show.
Oct 23-26	Learning Products Expo	Pasadena Convention Center	www.learningproductexpo .com	Right up to day of Expo	Workshops, Juried art show
Oct 26 2008	SFVAC	Tarzana Cul- tural Center	Bennet Levin 818-782-4492	\$20.00/ artist plus 10%	One Day Art Fair. SVFCA members only
January 7th – February 1st 2009	Topanga Canyon Gallery	Topanga Can- yon Gallery, 102 N Topanga Canyon Blvd, #109, Topanga , CA	www.topangacanyon gallery.com for prospectus	November 7, 2008	Open Juried Art Show. Maximum three entries, either 35 mm slides or CD- R – JPG accepted.
January 5th - 29th	SFVAC	Burbank Creative Arts Center	SFVAC website for prospectus or Dori Marler 818-345-4997	January 3, 2009	SFVAC Juried Art Show

Start planning your Sundays or Saturdays for our future **PAINT OUTs** Marilyn Blutter has been busy scoping out places for our Paint Out activities. We will have more details at the November meeting.

SATURDAY - NOV. 8TH - PETER STRAUSS RANCH, Agoura

SATURDAY - DEC. 13th - SOKA / KING GILLETTE RANCH, Las Virgenes

Calling all SFVAC members. We have another opportunity to show our work at another SFVAC juried art show. It will be at the Burbank Creative Arts Center from January 5th 2009 to January 29, 2009. So get to work and create your masterpiece. The prospectus is included in this month's newsletter and on the SFVAC website. The Show's theme is "New Beginnings". Take in is 9:00 AM to 12 PM on Monday January 5, 2009

MEMBER NEWS

Three of **Meli Calkins'** paintings were accepted into the Learning and Product Expo 2008 juried art show. The Expo will be at the Pasadena Convention Center from October 23 -26, 2008



Rae Nagel's painting was juried into the Woman Painters West Show at the VIVA Gallery called State of the World - a mixed media painting

Toby Salkin won a \$250.00 award for her painting- Hon Fleur, France- at the Woman Painters West Show at the VIVA Gallery. Way to go Toby.



State of the World
- R. Nagel

Hon Fleur, France -
T. Salkin

Ramshackle- M. Fortunati

Marian Fortunati's painting "Ramshackle" was juried in to the SCORE VII Show which will show at the VIVA Gallery from October 29 to November 15, 2008



Barbara Johnson was the lucky SFVAC member who won Parviz Yashar 's painting at the October Meeting

Rea Nagel will be demonstrating watercolor Painting at the Burbank Art Club in January 2009. Call Rea 818-908-5919 for the date and time if you want to see her demonstration.

Don't forget to enter the SFVAC January Show which will be held at the Burbank Creative Arts Center Gallery on January 5, 2009.

Remember that in December you can nominate a friend, yourself, or a club member in good standing to be a part of the 2009 SFVAC Board of Directors.

Don't forget to bring new art supplies to be donated to the abused children center for the November and December meeting. Sketch pads, water colors, shoe boxes, colored pens, etc. are all appreciated.

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

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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

Marilyn Blutter.

(818) 830-0825

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

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Paul Moshay is providing photographic services to the artist community at **Pixel Planet, 23962 Craftsman Road, Calabasas, 91302**. Phone numbers are **818-222-3898, 818-881-1774 or 1-800-818 4624**. Paul will take photos of your artwork using high end digital cameras that have the same high resolution and quality as the 4 X 5 and 8 X 10 transparencies that Paul used to provide using film.

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Rea Nagel, an outstanding water color artist, is now teaching how to paint with water color at the **VIVA Gallery**. Classes are on **Tuesdays** starting at **12:30 PM to 3:30 PM**. Call Rea at 818-908-5919. Check out her website at watermediabyrea.com. Her phone number is 818 908 5919

Mark your calendar for January 5, 2009. That is the take in day for the SFVAC Juried Art Show "New Beginnings" at the Burbank Creative Arts Center

Don't forget to read page 5 to learn about all the local and national art shows that are calling for artists to participate.

..# **Member news** for the December 2008 newsletter is due by **November 19th**, 8:00 p.m. Call :

..# Meli Calkins, Editor

..# **Telephone 818 366-9835**

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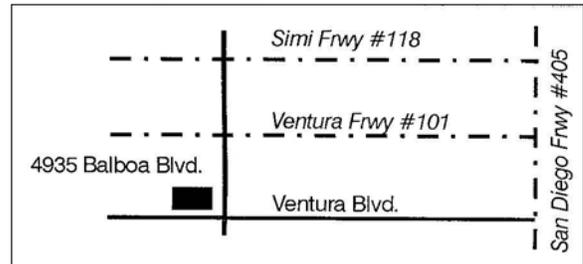
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 Social time 6:30 p.m. - Program 7:00 p.m.
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BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 27
Meeting time - 7:00 pm
Location:
 Tarzana Community Center. 19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana
 At the corner of Vanalden and Ventura
 Parking in rear

See what is new on the San Fernando Valley Art Club website www.sfvartclub.org

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