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Rafael Maniago

Rafael was born in the Philippines and has been drawing since childhood. He attended the University of the East in Manila, where he studied Fine Arts and Commercial Advertisement. For 20 years he operated his own gallery in the Philippines and in 1989 he decided to come to the United States. His passion for learning continued as he studied at the Pasadena Art Center.

He has painted over 1000 portraits, many of which were of the Philippine leaders of commerce, industry and politics. For years he has been conducting workshops throughout California. He is a patient man with a keen eye for perfection and color. His elegant style can be seen in his works of art and the way his students follow his directions. There is a feeling of passion, and intense dedication in the vivid colors of his paintings. True to his style, he captures the inner life and physical likeness of the characters he portraits. True to his love of paintings, he continues to teach and paint outdoors day after day.

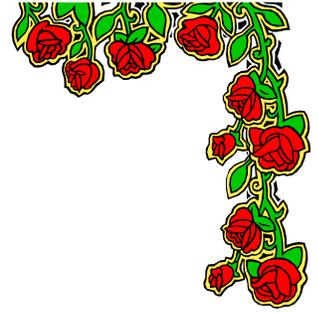
He is a member of Portrait Society of America, American Society of Portrait Artists, California Art Club, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Art Association of the Philippines, and Southern California Plein Air Painters Association.

Rafael Maniago will demonstrate landscape painting at the April Meeting



President's Message

April 2009



As we swing into spring, April shimmers and sings of color. Tulips blossom, kittens are born and there is a warm feeling of optimism and new life. While the news in the papers and on TV is mostly dismal, there is always the hope that comes with creative people who see beauty. The artists are still painting, the writers and poets are still writing, the dancers and musicians have not given up their music and when all these forces combine we can dream of better times. How, you may ask, do dreams of a few people make a difference? Because dreams always have made the difference.

Here at SFVAC we will kick off April with our first event, our monthly meeting with a demonstration by Raphael Maniago who most of us know as a wonderful artist and entertaining speaker. If anyone can lift your spirits, it is he. And speaking of lifting spirits, how about our last guest artist, Nan Rae? Wasn't she as much fun as a new puppy? She was a wealth of information and so generous with her work.

We will begin the month of May with a guided tour of the Gold Medal Exhibit in Pasadena. Please contact Sharon Weaver, our vice president, for details regarding this and other exciting events that Sharon has scheduled, or go to our web site, SFVartclub.org and click on upcoming events. In response to your requests for a more diversified program for monthly meetings, Sharon has been hard at work arranging a very interesting agenda for the future.

The monthly mini show has been growing and bringing some of the finest work in the art world right here to our door. Each guest artists who has judged the mini show has made very positive comments, complimenting our member's work. The variation of style and subject is so astoundingly beautiful that it is often better than going to a museum.

SFVAC is dedicated to the member artists and the needs of our art community. We do not operate alone. We, on the board of directors, are a group of volunteer artists who hold the organization and our members in high esteem. We are proud of the work we do and have only the best interests of all our members at heart. Please show us that you value the work of these tireless workers. Volunteer a small portion of your time to your club. Ask about committee's that need your help. And....Keep painting.

Happy April!

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March Mini Show Winners



Sharon Weaver
1st place



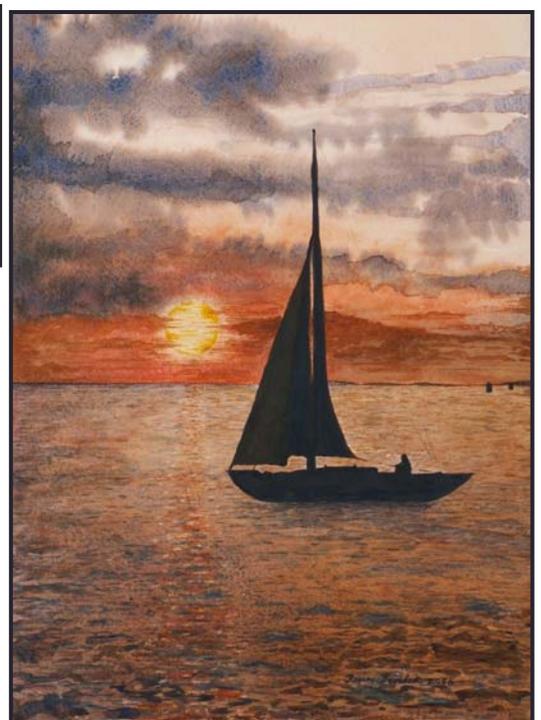
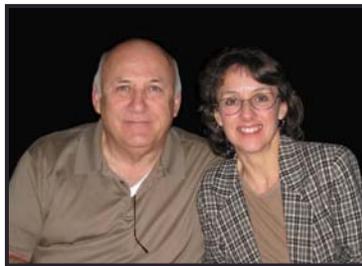
Dulcie Adams
2nd place



Marjean Weber
3rd place



Boz Vakhshori
HM



Meet Regina Wolford

In Paris, artists gather in street cafes along the Left Bank to discuss their works and other issues of the day. In Woodland Hills, we gather at the outdoor tables at Starbucks. That's where I met **Regina Wolford** as she returned from dropping off her youngest son at school.

Regina is a highly organized and involved individual. Her interest in art competes with her other priorities... family, church and business. She was born and raised in Southern California and then moved to the State of Washington during her high school years. Her mom fostered her interest in art and when it was time to go to college she returned to Southern California after being admitted to Pepperdine University as a Fine Art major. Following graduation she continued to work in the graphic arts field as a freelance artist/illustrator and print production manager. While working at Superior Data/Graphics & Engraving in Hollywood in 1980 she met her husband Jack.

Though busy raising her children and working in the family business, Regina found the time to continue her art education by taking classes in Illustration, Printmaking and Painting. She also set aside time to teach after-school art classes at a local elementary school. She and her husband also contribute a great deal of time to their religious activities, including attending and teaching Bible classes and supporting various ministries.

A year and a half ago, she searched the Internet to find an organization where she could continue to feed her interest in art. She went to the meetings of a couple of different clubs and found a home when she attended a meeting of the SFVAC. She felt the members were so warm and welcoming she became a member herself. She is a versatile artist who works in several different media, including oils, acrylics, collage and printmaking. However, today she works mostly in water color and often uses the family's baby grand piano as her work area.

At the demonstration conducted by Tom Fong, he encouraged members to become actively involved in their club. And she did! As a member of the club's Board of Directors she accepted the position as Exhibits Chairperson and with a lot of help coordinated one of the club's successful exhibitions in Burbank earlier this year. Although her "plate is full," she seems to find the time to be committed to and involved in the things that really matter to her. We're glad that our club is on her list.

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Attention! Enter Your Art for a Critique

Peter Kraus, artist, teacher and curator, will be giving a select group of SFVAC artists a great opportunity to improve their art with a critique of their work for our June meeting. Send a photo as a jpg attached to your email to Sharon Weaver at sharon@sharonweaver.com and she will forward all entries to Peter. He will make the final decision as to which artwork he will use for the critique. April 25th is the deadline for entries but the sooner the better. For any questions contact Sharon at 818-769-2688.

Plan Ahead to Attend our Tuesday meetings - Future Demonstrators

Date	Media	Artist	Time	Location
April 7	Oil	Rafael Maniago www.rafaelmaniago.com	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
May 5	Watercolor	Brenda Swenson www.swensonsart.net	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
June 2	Critiquing selected club member's paintings	Peter Kraus www.anyonecanarts.com	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California



Dori Marler, Richard Herd and Carolyn Uhri
Present
The Poets Gallery
April 11, 2009
Viva Gallery
3261 Moorpark St., Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91423
Guest Poet - Jeanne Marie Spicuzza
Sign up to read 5:30
Program begins at 6:00 PM
Produced by
Dori Marler, Richard Herd and Carolyn Uhri
For info (818) 345-4997

What an exciting demonstration **Nan Rae** gave us for our March meeting. Thank you Nan for your comments on enjoying the creative moment and "letting go"...

A Special Club Activity "An Afternoon at the Museum"

The **California Art Club** invites you to join Gold Medal artist and SFVAC member Ernie Marjoram for a special tour of the *98th Annual Gold Medal Juried Exhibition* at the Pasadena Museum of California Art on Saturday May 2, at 2pm. A panel of museum professionals and top artists selected art from more than 160 artists working in a variety of genres including landscape, figurative, still life and sculpture. The recently created artwork represents the highest level of quality and tradition that is the cornerstone of the California Art Club's mission. The Pasadena Museum of California Art is located at 490 East Union Street, Pasadena. Contact Sharon Weaver at 818-769-2688 for reservations and carpool information. Group admission (20 or more) is \$3.

Art Around Town

Date of Art Show	Organization Hosting Show	Location	Contact Information	Last Date for Entry	Brief Description
Dec 2009 Artist Magazine issue	The Artist Magazine	Winners will be featured and finalists' names will be published in the December 2009 issue of The Artist's Magazine	MAIL ENTRIES TO: The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition 700 E. State Street Iola, WI 54990 or Enter online see: www.artistsnetwork.com/annualcompetition/	May 1, 2009	The Artist Magazine 26th Annual Art Competition 35 mm slides or digital images accepted. Go one line to see prospectus
May 2, 2009 2:00 PM	SFVAC and The California Art Club	Pasadena Museum of California Art 490 East Union Street, Pasadena	For reservations and carpool information contact: Sharon Weaver at 818-769-2688 .	NA	Special tour of the 98 th Annual Gold Medal Juried Exhibition
May 9, 2009	Simi Valley Art Association	Simi Valley– Cochran Street, between Galena & Sequoia Ave .	Michelle Adler, President Simi Valley Art Association Phone :805-526-4599 E-mail:	May 8	2009 Artwalk \$15.00 for members and non members. Artwalk on grassy shaded area. Bring your own display stands
June 22 - July 19	Topanga Canyon Gallery	Topanga Canyon Gallery 120 North Topanga Canyon	For prospectus go to the website www.topangacanyongallery	May 15 Digital submission only	Digital Photography Show
June 12– 14, 2009	Art Alliance of Idyllwild	The Rainbow Inn 54420 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild	877-439-5278 Lon Mercer Rainbow Inn Bed & Breakfast "Naturally Comfortable" PO Box 3384 Idyllwild, CA 92549 951-659-0111 www.rainbow-inn.com	NA	8th Annual Idyllwild Plein Air Art Festival
2009 Schedule April, June, October	California Art Club	Various locations.	California Art Club www.californiaartclub.org or call 626/583-9009.	Limited to 16 students per workshop. Register now	Master Artist Workshops– Go to CAC website for list of Master Painters offering workshops
Not stated	Prismacolor Sanford, L.P.	Magazine/ Internet	http://contest.primacolor.com/ No fees, Can win up to \$5,000.00	Digital on line submissions by 11:59 pm on May 31	Prismacolor 2009 Art competition Colored Pencil - Art Markers - Graphite/Charcoal - Pastels - Cartooning/Manga - Mixed Media (any combination of the above categories)

MEMBER NEWS

Chloe Lake has a large selection of her beautiful abstract paintings hanging at Emelio's Tratoria which will be on exhibit until May 7th.

Sara Coyle sold a painting while attending an Elderhostel painting event that occurred in Ventura County . The organization had a mini art show where Sara's painting was displayed. Congratulations Sara. FYI....For those who have never heard of Elderhostel , it is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing extraordinary learning adventures for people 55 and over. Check out their website at www.elderhostel.org.

Lisa August did it again. One of her paintings called "Lioness" won the Brand Library's Award of Excellence and Best of Show awarded by the Fine Arts Federation of Burbank . This is a multi-media show being held at the Creative Arts Center, 1100 W. Clark Avenue, Burbank (818-238-5397). This show will be there from March 6 through the 26th.

Marian Fortunati and **Meli Calkins** were two of several artists whose work was selected to be published in the Simi Valley Town Center 2009 Annual Event Calendar. Meli's work "Montana de Oro" was in the February Calendar and Marian's work, "Sprit", dedicated to a friend of Marian was in the March Calendar. These calendars are included in the local newspaper mailers and distributed throughout Simi Valley and Moorpark.



Las Virgenes Barn by Marian Fortunati



Simi Valley Town Center March Calendar



Limekiln Canyon fire,"A Twilight Walk by Beth Summers

Marian Fortunati and **Beth Summers** painting's are part of a group show featured by the La Galeria Gitana . The show is called Fringes: A Group Exhibit: The Hills and Canyons of the San Fernando Valley. The show runs from April 18 to June 20. Reception is April 18th ,Saturday 6 pm -10 PM at 120 North McClay Avenue, Suite E, San Fernando,

Marian Fortunati, Lisa August, Eddie Applegate and **Meli Calkins** were juried into the West Lake Village Art Guild Open Show. The show is at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331 Borchard R, Newbury Park. The show starts on March 18th and ends April 11th. Congratulations to all.

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) 508-7377
4360 Tujunga Blvd.
Studio City
No commission

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 **Marie Petz at 818-341-6116.**

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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, or check out her website at watermediabyrea.com.

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

The April Meeting is the last time you can donate art supplies to the "**Free Arts for Abused Children**" organization. We will be presenting what has been collected to a representative at our April meeting.

..# **Member news** for the May 2009 newsletter is due by **April 18th** , 8:00 p.m. Call

..# Meli Calkins, Editor

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

Membership Drive

**Win \$50.00 cash or
1 free year of membership.**

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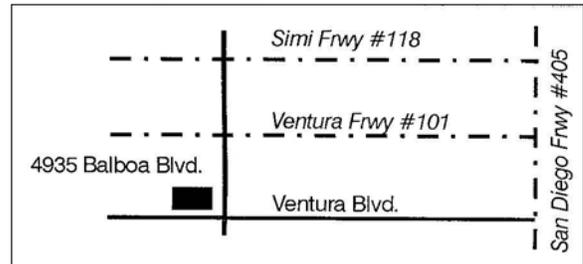
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 Social time 6:30 p.m. - Program 7:00 p.m.
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The Public is Welcome
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 Meeting time - 7:00 pm
Location:
 Tarzana Community Center, 19130 Ventura Blvd., 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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