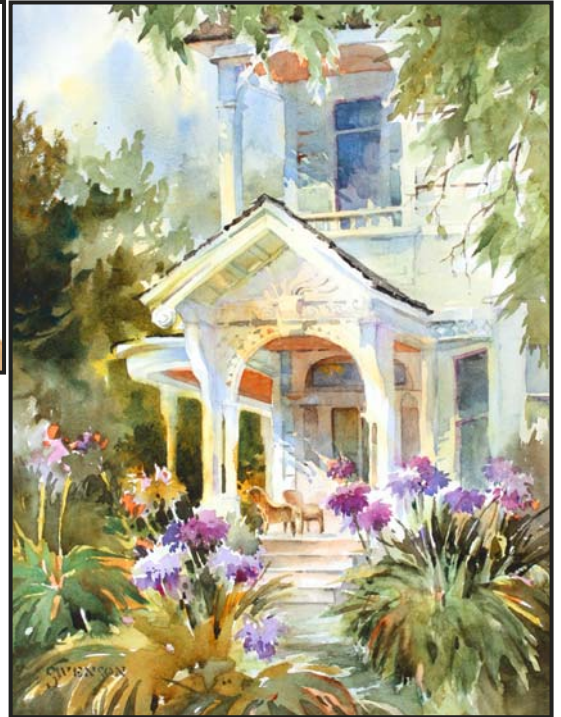
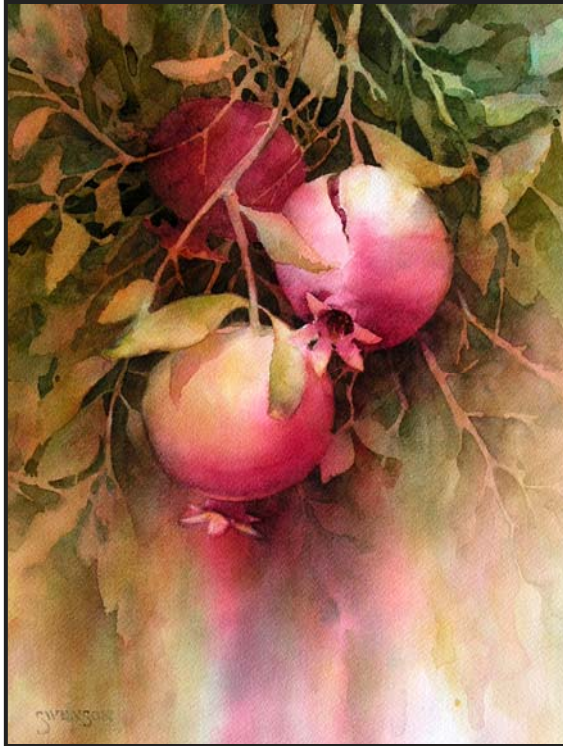




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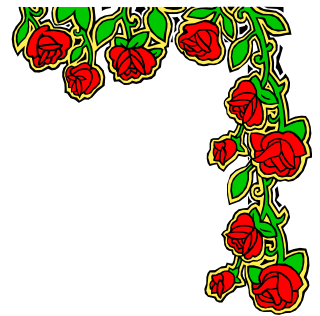
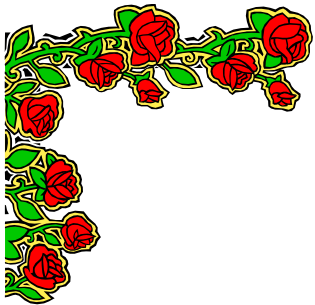


## **Brenda Swenson**

Brenda Swenson's paintings and sketches have been featured in *Watercolor Magazine*, *Watercolor Highlights*, *Quarterly Magazine*, *Wheels of Time* and numerous other publications. She is the artist author of 2 books, *Keeping a Watercolor Sketchbook*, an Award of Excellence Finalist, and *Steps to Success in Watercolor*. She is an active participant in the arts community having served on the board of directors for the National Watercolor Society and Watercolor West. Swenson has received many awards for her paintings and is in demand to demonstrate and teach painting and sketching techniques to groups nationwide and abroad.

I have often had people say, to me it must be nice to be so gifted. And to this, I always have a little laugh. Yes, talent is nice, but it won't get you very far unless you develop your skills. I discovered early on in life, that I didn't really see something, until I drew it. The more I sketched and painted, the more I became aware of the world around me. I found that even the simple things in life took on a new importance and beauty. So what exactly is the 'gift?' "It is the ability to see and appreciate the beauty that exists".

**Brenda Swenson will demonstrate landscape painting at the May Meeting**



## SFVAC Board Member Message

May 2009

Lets hear the word from our Website

Mistress

Janet Snodgrass

Spring is here, so what better reason than to paint outdoors (even your own backyard) and enjoy nature. Getting in touch with nature is very therapeutic and a proven stress reducer, something we all need in these troubled times.

Our thanks to our April guest artist **Rafael Maniago** for a superb demonstration of an oil landscape that was completed in less than an hour, which was much admired. We are very grateful to Rafael for his generous gift of the painting for our raffle and for sharing his talent and many tips for improving our own works of art.

Don't forget to make note of upcoming events like the *98th Annual Gold Medal Juried Exhibition* at the Pasadena Museum of California Art on May 2. And get your images over to Peter Krause for the critique for the June meeting. April 25 is the deadline for entries but the sooner the better. For any questions contact Sharon at 818-769-2688.

Check the web page occasionally for new items of interest, such as member news on exhibits, dates and locations, see the current newsletter, also if you have a website you can link to the club's site.

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### April Mini Show Winners



Boz Vakhshori  
1st place



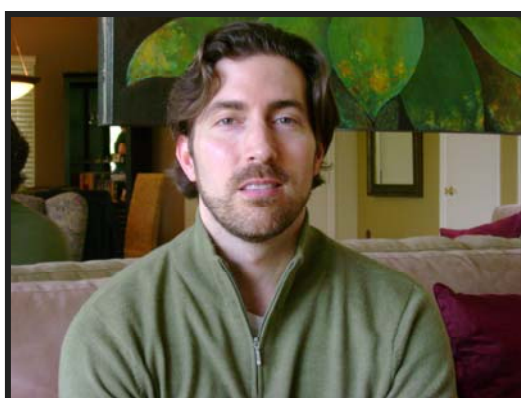
Helene Jukoff  
2nd place



Ingrid Seele Teck  
3rd place



Marilyn Blutter  
HM



### **Meet Bryan Fair**

Some of you may not know him. He is relatively new to SFVAC. But I'm sure you all know his work. Bryan won Best of Show the first two exhibits he entered as a new member of SFVAC. Bryan paints exquisite portraits that are in a class with John Singer Sargent, who incidentally is his favorite artist along with Anders Zorn, Sorrola and Norman Rockwell.

"I could draw as soon as I could hold a pencil" Bryan tells us. He loved drawing glamorous women from his mom's 1930's story books.

At Virginia Commonwealth University, Bryan majored in Fashion Art & Advertising, an understandable pursuit given his flair for design. As technology invaded the advertising world, computer generated art replaced talented artists. The change prompted Bryan to relocate to the D.C. area and focus on oil painting. "I fell in love with oil and concentrated my efforts on faces and figures." Bryan goes on to say, "When I paint, I am unaware of time and find myself in a meditative state." Bryan also found his life partner, Kevin in the D.C. area.

Together they embarked on a new adventure and moved to Los Angeles in 2004. The draw of old Hollywood movie classics and glamour stars such as Rita, Bette, Joan and Barbara was too much to resist. However, Bryan truly "misses autumn, the beautiful fall colors and brisk fragrant air" of his birthplace, Richmond Virginia.

Bryan is currently employed at the Getty Foundation as an assistant. It is a position he loves because of the beautiful setting and as an added bonus, on lunch breaks he visits the exhibits.

Bryan Fair Trivia - favorite foods: Southern and Italian (who doesn't), favorite book: A Course in Miracles, favorite TV show: Ghost Hunters.

Bryan Fair Philosophy - "In art you never meet a pinnacle, it is always changing. I am endlessly learning and improving in an effort to find myself".

As a member of the SFVAC, Bryan has found an endless source for networking, learning new skills and the opportunity to show his work and get constructive feedback.

We are pleased to count this talented artist as a member of our club.

If you have not yet met Bryan, please say hello to him at our next meeting. You'll have no problem finding him. He is a young, gifted and very good looking man.

**Attention, Artists, Members and Guests, The Paint Rag HAS GONE GREEN.** The Paint Rag is now being sent by e-mail unless you requested snail mail. Regardless of which way you receive your Paint Rag, it is still important to let Marian Fortunati (membership) know your e-mail address.

**Plan Ahead to Attend our Tuesday meetings - Future Demonstrators**

brenda@swensonsart.net Date	Media	Artist	Time	Location
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
July-Aug		Summer Vacation No meetings until Sept 09		
Sept 1	TBD		6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
Oct 6	TBD		6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California



Members enjoying the April meeting

A lucky member winning the raffle

What an exciting demonstration **Rafael Maniago** gave us for our April meeting. So he did it so quickly and made it look so easy. Thank you Rafael for your comments.

***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 *98<sup>th</sup> 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*

<b>Date of Art Show</b>	<b>Organization Hosting Show</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Last Date for Entry</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
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: <a href="http://www.artistsnetwork.com/annualcompetition/">www.artistsnetwork.com/annualcompetition/</a>	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 <sup>th</sup> 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	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 <a href="http://www.topangacanyongallery">www.topangacanyongallery</a>	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 <a href="http://www.rainbow-inn.com">www.rainbow-inn.com</a>	NA	8th Annual Idyllwild Plein Air Art Festival
Show opens October 10, 2009	National Watercolor Society (NWS)		Original watermedia on paper <a href="http://www.nationalwatercolorssociety.org">www.nationalwatercolorssociety.org</a> SASE to: NWS, 915 S. Pacific Ave, San Pedro, CA 90731	June 27, 2009	NWS 89th Annual Exhibition
Not stated	Prismacolor Sanford, L.P.	Magazine/ Internet	<a href="http://contest.primacolor.com/">http://contest.primacolor.com/</a>  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 Mixed Media (any combination pastel, colored pencil, etc.)

## MEMBER NEWS

**Sharon Weaver** was juried into the upcoming Carmel Art Festival which is a plein air event. Sharon and other artists will be painting May 14 and 15 around Carmel and showing the results of their efforts on May 16 and 17. For more information go to the website at [www.carmelartfestival.org/](http://www.carmelartfestival.org/)

Lulus Restaurant strikes again with a winner. **Polly Barmaper** sold a Giclee called "Young Coin Diver", the other was a botanical drawing of a dried flower called "Whipple". Congratulations Polly!.

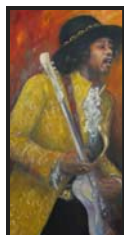
Congratulations to nine of our SFVAC members whose artwork were juried into the West Lake Village Art Guild Open Show that runs from March 18th to April 11th. They were **Lisa August, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Marian Fortunati, Eddie Applegate, Ingrid Tech, Ion Citron, Lisa Fernmoyle, Ken Fernmoyle, and Meli Calkins**. At the reception, Honorable mention awards were awarded to Marian Fortunati (oil), Lisa (oil) and Ken Fernmoyle (digital). Second Place awards were given to given to Meli Calkins (pastel) and Ion Citron (sculpture/3D). The show was at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park.

**Meli Calkins** had two paintings juried into the 72nd Annual Santa Paula Art & Photography exhibit. The show ran from March 10 through April 1, 2009 at the Blanchard Community Library, 119N 8th Street, Santa Paula. Starting from May 1st to May 30th, Meli's paintings will be displayed at the beautiful gallery located at the Simi Valley Senior Center, at 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi, CA. Meli will demonstrate soft pastel painting on June 15th, 7:00 pm at the Santa Clarita Artists Association at the Valencia Town Center Mall. For more information check their website at [www.santaclaritaartists.org](http://www.santaclaritaartists.org).

In the month of May, **Rachel Weissberger** will be showing 4 of her musicians paintings at the Infusion Gallery in downtown LA. The opening reception will be on Thursday, May 14, from 7 to 9pm, which is also the Art Walk day in down town galleries. You are all welcome to attend. It is very nice experience and just fun to walk from gallery to gallery and enjoy the art. The address is: Infusion Gallery, 719 South Spring St. Los Angeles Ca. 90014. Also, Rachael will have just returned from visiting her family in Paris, France and participated in the "Salon des Artistes Independents" show. Rachael showed 2 or 3 of her musicians paintings..



Groovy Guitar by  
Rachel Weissberger



Jimi Jams  
By Rachel  
Weissberger

For those who want an regular venue to try and sell your work, the Simi Valley Town Center, Simi Valley has a fine art show the first weekend of each month. Contact is **Michelle McGrath** at [mcmichelleart@roadrunner.com](mailto:mcmichelleart@roadrunner.com). Cost to participate is \$5.00 and a small commission on any sales. Any funds raised goes to an art scholarship for high school students who attend the Simi Valley High Schools

**Attention club members!** The Brush Lady is returning to Dori Marler's home on Sunday, May 30th at 12:00 noon. Brushes of all kinds at significant discount prices. Bring a picnic lunch and may more to share with others and enjoy a garden party with Dori in her beautiful back yard garden at 4954 Matula Drive, Tarzana, Ca. 91356. As a special treat, Pong Apinyavat will be there to do a mini flower demonstration.

**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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### ArtClasses

The Reseda community Adult School is offering low cost art classes in all mediums (watercolor, oil and soft pastel, oil, acrylic and drawing). **Helene Jukoff** is the instructor. Class schedules are Wednesday mornings at the Wilkinson Center, 8946 Vanalden, Thursday mornings at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 9440 Balboa Blvd. For more information, call Helene at 818-349-7933 or visit the classes. Student's work is shown at the Platt Library located at 23600 Victory Blvd.

Paul Moshay is at Advanced Photo Lab at 21831 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, CA 91303-1941. Telephone is 818-347-4686 or 1-800-818-IMAGE. Hours are from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Mon -Fri. Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All photography is digital. Advanced Photo Lab is a full digital lab with 25 years of photographic experience. Website is [www.advancedphotolab.net](http://www.advancedphotolab.net)

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](http://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 May 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 May meeting. A representative was unable to make the April meeting so we have one more month to donate and make a difference in a child's life.

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

..# Meli Calkins, Editor

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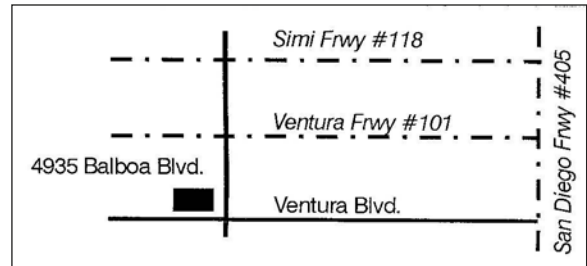
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Location:  
 Tarzana Community Center. 19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana  
 At the corner of Vanalden and Ventura  
 Parking in rear

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