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John Paul Thornton

John Paul Thornton is an American artist, and educator. He is the author of the book: "Art And Courage: Stories to inspire the Artist-Warrior Within" .

While teaching art to underprivileged children, he learned that one of his students was reported as "missing." As a way to honor the families who have endured such a loss, John Paul created a series of paintings depicting the faces of America's missing children. Numbering in the hundreds, they have been exhibited in many public installations, most notably on the National Mall in front of the White House, and at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. In 2011 he was working in Haiti through a grant from the United Nations Foundation, Meridian Health Foundation and Full-Circle Learning. In 2010 he received a travel grant to work in Mexico from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) through the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. John Paul Thornton's "Peace Prints" project, created with the Natural World Museum for the United Nations' Environmental Programme, was displayed at the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway during the 2007 World Environment Day. He has received honors from CBS Television, the California State Senate and the United States Congress for his work linking social causes with art.

The Tibetan Government-in-exile in Dharamsala, India granted John Paul permission as an artist and educator to live and work in the Tibetan refugee settlements of Nepal, giving him first-hand experience with the traditions and peoples of the Himalayas. This has led to the creation of a vast ongoing series of paintings exploring the imagery of global ceremonies, sacred religious rituals and rites of passage.

John Paul attended Otis Parsons School of Design and California State University at Northridge, where he received his B.A. while working with two distinct voices in American art: Hans Burkhardt and Saul Bernstein. Extensive travels throughout Europe have given him the opportunity to study the history of Western Art. Invitations to work and teach in India, China, Nepal, Japan and Mexico have expanded his knowledge of traditional Eastern and Pre-Columbian art. As an award-winning professional painter, he regularly conducts workshops and lectures to audiences around the globe. He has had the honor of being invited to lecture in China at the International Conference on Comparative Studies of Modern Chinese and Western Art Education at Shandong University. Japan's Global Culture Center invited John Paul to represent the United States in exhibitions in Tokyo and in Cairns, Australia. He has taught at The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California State University of Los Angeles, Pierce College, the Los Angeles Unified School District Conservatory of the Arts, and the Sophia School of Painting in Tokyo, Japan. He also served as Art Education Coordinator with the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs working on projects with MOCA, the Getty Research Institute and on International exchanges with Taxco, Mexico. John Paul's paintings are in numerous private collections. He lives in Los Angeles, California with his wife and daughter.

John Paul Thornton will be our demonstrator at our December 6th meeting.



The President's Message December 2011



"Family In The Arts"

Come join with SFVAC, your "family in the arts" this holiday season and bring a bit of yourself. We'll share our passion and begin the holiday festivities together. Meet and greet during the NoHo Performing Arts Center reception for our "2011 Winter Exhibit." Volunteer throughout the show and make our arts shine! (see the calendar)

For our first Tuesday in December meeting, we'll gather to dine and demo in the Monterey at Encino Banquet Hall. This is the San Fernando Valley Art Clubs' annual holiday dinner. Join us as we thank our outgoing board members: Regina Wolford-Exhibit chair, Marian Fortunati-Membership and Lois Brayton-Historian for their exceptional service to SFVAC. Then we'll install new board members: Marilyn Stempel/Jan Cipolla-exhibit Co-chairs and Miriam Thorin-Membership. Raffle tickets will award prizes with a special raffle to win a painting created by our guest demonstrator John Paul Thornton. Of course we also look forward to visiting the Brush Lady's table as she serves up the tools of our trade (her prices are delicious).

Bright colors, green garlands and light. Candles create a brilliant sight.

Purposeful, relaxed and aimless walks. Singing songs of a silent night.

Lead the way from fruitful times, through losses, loves, sharing cheese and wine.

Fast friends, we join to share our passion. Scenes from life and limb, home and station.

A strand from "source" weaves heavenly fabric with things we have in common. We are not alone. We are connected at the heart.

This year take a moment to reflect together upon our loved ones near and far, found and lost.
Note: A simple holiday wish in the giving season gives twice.

Love and blessings this holiday season,
Michelle ©

November 2011 Mini Show Winners



1st: Yonna Rapaport



2nd: Dulcie Adams



3rd: Antonio Pelayo



HM: Ruben Yadao



2012 Membership Due's

Your 2012 SFVAC Membership Dues are due by December 20, 2011. Please complete the form below so that we can update our database. Artist or Patron Members: \$40.00 .Additional family member of either category is \$10.00

After completing the form, enclose your check made payable to SFVAC and mail both to:

Miriam Thorin
7856 Amestoy Ave.
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Name: _____

**Check if you have new information. If this is checked, please complete the form below...
Otherwise, only complete if there are any corrections or changes that should be noted.**

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E-mail: _____ (very important!)

Home phone: _____

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Please legibly print or type! (THANKS =#)

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 Miriam Thorin, Membership Chairperson know your e-mail address. She will send out up-to-date information about opportunities for shows and paintouts when available and reminders of important deadlines.

Plan Ahead to Attend our Tuesday Meetings - Future Demonstrators

Date	Media	Artist	Time	Location
December 6	FOOD and whatever John Paul is demonstrating	John Paul Thornton And Judy the Brush Lady	6:30 PM	Holiday Dinner Monterey 16821 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA
January 3	Watercolor	Deborah Swan-McDonald	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
February 7	TBD	TBD	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
March 6	Watercolor-Mixed media	Brenda Swenson	6:00 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California

San Fernando Valley Art Club's 2011 Holiday Exhibit

The Exhibit will run from Saturday, December 3, to Monday, December 19, at NoHo PAC in the NoHo Arts District. The address is 11020 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood (west of Vineland). The show hours are Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NoHo PAC is closed on Sundays. The Awards Reception will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact: Regina Wolford-818-992-8848. For more information, go to: www.sfvartclub.org.

Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Monterey at Encino

16821 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA

\$35.00 includes a demonstration by John Paul Thornton dinner and lots of fun with all the members of the SFVAC.

Your choice of ____1) Salmon ____2) Turkey ____3) Vegetarian Pasta

John Paul Thornton is demonstrating oil painting and Judy “the Brush Lady” will be there.

For reservations send your check payable to the SFVAC and this form with meal preference to:

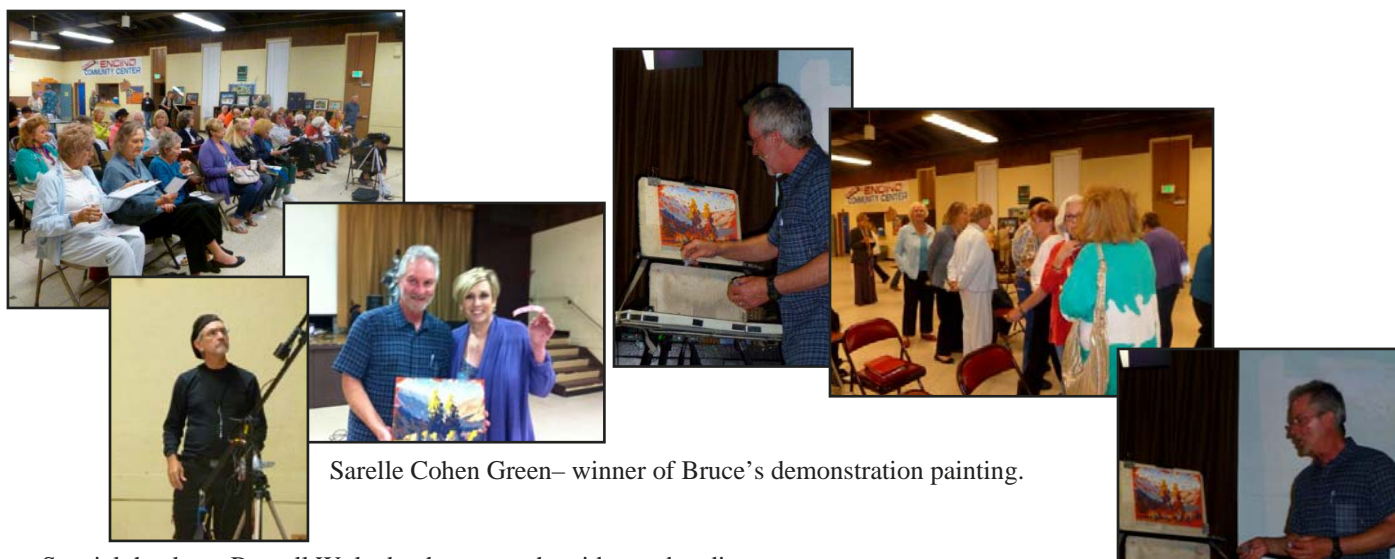
Diane Nelson Gold 16362 Barneston, Granada Hills, 91344

Art Around Town

Date of Art Show or Workshop	Organization Hosting Show/ Workshop	Location	Contact Information	Last Date for Entry	Brief Description
December 3rd through December 19th, 2011 Reception: Saturday December 3rd, 6-8 PM	San Fernando Valley Art Club	NoHo PAC, 11020 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood, 91601 (west of Vineland)	Regina Wolford ; phone: 818-992-8848 Prospectus available at the SFVAC webpage www.sfvartclub.org	Take in: Wednesday November 30th 11:00 AM - 1:00 pm Take down/ pickup: Tuesday December 20th: 11AM-2PM	SFVAC "Holiday Exhibit" a member juried show. Note: Participants are required to sign up and sit at the gallery. Juror is Julie Snyder
January 11 - 29, 2012	Topanga Canyon Gallery	120 N. TOPANGA CANYON BLVD. #109, Topanga, CA 90290	Rebecca Andrews, Show chairperson PO Box 321, Topanga, CA 90290, phone: 310-455-2345	December 4, 2011 On line entry only at www.topangacanyongallery.com	2012 Annual Juried Open Show Awards Reception: January 22, 2012
February 2-26, 2012	Thousand Oaks Art Association	Thousand Oaks Community Art Gallery	www.thousandoaksartassoc.org/ or Phyllis Doyon at 805-987-0291	January 7th, 2011 Send digital images by e-mail only	2012 Open Juried Art Show

Meli Calkins is looking for a volunteer to learn the skills needed for publishing the monthly Paint Rag as a backup. Needs to have a computer with Microsoft Publisher, photo editing software and Adobe Acrobat that can convert to a PDF file to send to the printer. Please call her at 818-366-9835 or talk to her at the Tuesday club meeting.

Thank you Bruce Trentham on how wonderful soft pastel painting can be....



Sarelle Cohen Green– winner of Bruce’s demonstration painting.

Special thanks to Russell Wolvek who set up the video and audio.

Member News

Lisa August won BEST OF SHOW at the Burbank Art Association Fall Juried Art Exhibition at the Burbank Creative Art Center, 1100 West Clark Avenue, Burbank, CA 91506. Phone: 818-238-5397.

Ruben Yadao had work accepted in the 2011 Ag Art Alliance to be exhibited at the Santa Paula Museum of Art. Also, Ruben won first place for his "Horses Series" in animal/wildlife category and hon. mention in Floral/still life category at the Glendale Art Assn. Fall Salon/Whites Framing and Art Restoration Gallery in Montrose, California.

Miriam Thorin won third place and **Antonio Pelayo** won an honorable mention for their artwork at the Simi Valley Art Association Open Juried Show which is located at the Simi Valley Town Center Art Gallery, Simi Valley. Also, SFVAC members **Meli Calkins, Ruben Yadao, and Gerda Maxey** had their paintings in the show.

Leonard Spunt had one of his paintings displayed at CSUN - Chicano House at the Dia De Los Muertos Festival in November.

Diane Nelson Gold has one painting included in the California Art Club exhibit: "At the Foothills of the San Gabriels," currently at the Altadena Town and Country Club through January 11, 2012. The piece is entitled "Solstice Evening, Eaton Canyon."

Plan to attend the December Meeting for the installation of your new 2012 Board of Directors.

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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.

Lulu's Beehive

13203 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Cross

street Mary Ellen Ave,

Contact Marilyn Blutter.

(818) 830-0825

Coffee Fix

12508 Moorpark St, Studio City

Corner of Moorpark and Whissett

20% Commission

Contact Dori Marler

dorimarler@yahoo.com

(818) 453 8175



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 Do you have your own art website?
 E-mail Janet Snodgrass and we'll link to your site!
 Member News? E-mail Meli Calkins and get it
 online. Check out workshops, news and much more!

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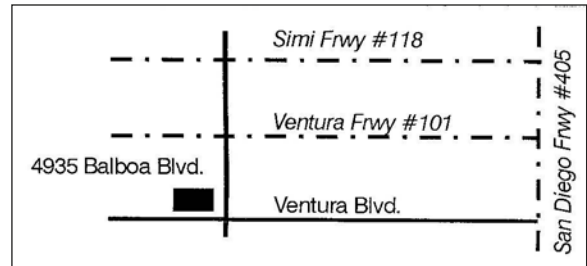
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Board Meetings -
Monday November 28th and Monday January 23rd
 Meeting time - 7:00 pm
Location:
 Tarzana Community Center. 19130 Ventura Blvd.,
 Tarzana
 At the corner of Vanalden and Ventura
 Parking in rear

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

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