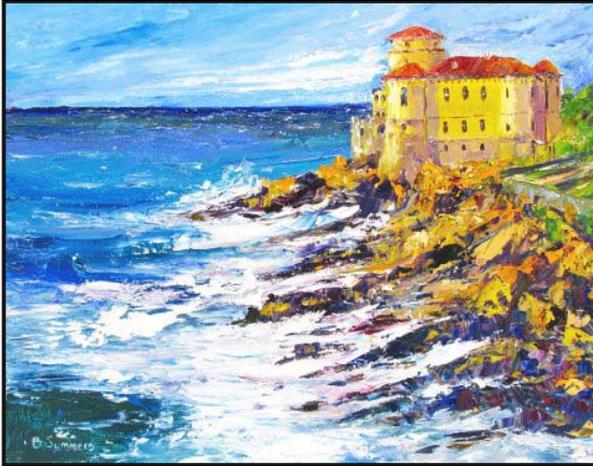




# The Paint Rag

*Celebrating Over 65 Years of Friendship*

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## BETH SUMMERS

BETH SUMMERS is a palette knife plein air artist who travels throughout the world with her paint and pallet knife. She uses bold and bright colors to bring life to her work. Her paintings are shown in galleries and festivals throughout the world.

Her lifetime experiences as an artist started in kindergarten with a drawing of herself that included shoelaces, eyelashes, and whatever her 5 year old imagination thought of. Later in junior high she received national awards. In junior high she won a national prize for a portrait of her best friend.

Wherever she and her husband go, Beth's paint box is with her. They have been in faraway places like Brazil, Chile, Greece, Africa, Argentina, Russia, Peru, Germany, Hungary, France, Italy, and Peru. From her show in the Galapagos Islands, Astronomy magazine published her painting of the solar eclipse, along with the scientific photographs of famous astronomers on the trip, thus blending art and science.

As a teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District, she conducted art classes for teachers at Pepperdine and Calif. State University, Northridge. Beth says, "Children's colors continue to influence me in their intensity and joy." As a licensed psychotherapist in private practice for over 30 years, she uses art therapy to help people, since color is an anti-depressant. Beth has published two books of her paintings and poetry, which she will personally autograph on May 1.

Beth Summers will be our demonstrator at our May 1st meeting.



## A Message from the “Vice President” May 2012

VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - from Diane Nelson Gold

What a complete joy it is, to have a club where we can develop friendships and camaraderie with our fellow artists! We spend so much of our creative time in solitude: it’s fantastic to come together and nurture one another’s ART SPIRITS! I suppose that’s the main point of our club, when you think about it.

Yes, we have many opportunities which exist alongside this premise, like demonstrations, monthly paint outs, workshops, and of course, our semiannual group exhibits. All of these things have value and nurture our technical skillsets as artists, but I would especially encourage us to grow our Art Spirits as we grow our friendships with one another! Great art is SO much more than the sum total of all the technical skills! Here are a few meaningful quotes that inspire me, taken from Robert Henri’s book *The Art Spirit*, (1930):

“The great masters in all arts have been whole men, not half men. They have had marvelous fullness in all directions and have been intensely humane in themselves and their interests.”

“When the motives of artists are profound, their work creates a stir in the world.”

“When a man is filled up with what he is talking about, he handles such language as he has, with a mastery unusual to him, and it is at such times that he learns [new] language.”

Our Spring Juried Exhibit at Gallery 800 is just days away: I can’t wait to see everyone’s most inspired recent work! Hope to see you there!

Diane © 2012

### April 2012 Mini Art Show Winners



1st: Jane Thorpe



2nd: Yona Rapaport



3rd: Antonio Pelayo



HM: Ruben Yadao

## WHO'S WHO IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ART CLUB



Young Dori and Son



Dori Now



### **DORI MARLER**

I recently had the privilege of a visit with our beloved former SFVAC President, Dori Marler, at home in her airy, art and book filled Sherman Oaks apartment, where we lunched on a lovely feast, while strains of tenor saxophone caressed our conversation and an endearing cat named “Carlito” lay at our feet. Dori’s beautiful paintings and ceramics on display everywhere added another wonderful layer to the ambience of the day.

Dori is a woman whom we all regard as cultured, intelligent and articulate, qualities she has cultivated throughout her life, despite a much more practical upbringing. She has a poet’s soul, is an avid reader, and enjoys attending concerts at the Disney Hall, creating ceramics, and painting in watercolors with a lovely sense of freedom and bliss.

Born in a small industrial town outside of Philadelphia, Dori wasn’t encouraged to pursue her talent in painting, which she first exhibited at age 8. Her formal education ended at age 14 when she had to go to work as a punch press operator in the local textile mill; after a year, she left to become a Bell telephone operator. Shortly thereafter, she married and had two sons.

Dori arrived in Los Angeles in the mid 1970’s, newly divorced with two teens still under her care, (one of whom was an orphaned niece Dori had reared since age six.) She worked as a buyer for Orbachs Department Stores, where her given name “Dorothy” took the newer, hipper form “Dori.” Around that time, Dori began eating a diet of organic, natural, mainly vegetarian foods, which she has continued to this day. She taught organic cooking, and eventually got into Real Estate sales.

Dori’s community spirit is a breath of fresh air: she’s always the first to lighten the scene with a joke, and she’s not timid about volunteering. She currently serves as President of Valley Watercolor Society, and organizes monthly poetry readings at a local coffee house.

The first creative influence in Dori’s early life was her father: he was a talented musician and a sensitive natured man, whom she reveres to this day, even having lost him early in her life. That was the first in a series of losses which have shaped, but not defined Dori. As an adult, she also lost her beloved brother, his wife, and two nieces, but it was the unimaginable loss of her son, Kirk in his thirties, which must surely have been the most devastating. While that pain is always close at hand, Dori feels a poignant need to carry on, and carry on, she does, with courage, hope and purpose, always reaching out to others and spreading her own brand of sunshine. Having survived two episodes of cancer only strengthens her resolve, and makes us all the more grateful for the precious gifts of her friendship and magnificent spirit.

**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
May 1	Oil Pallet Knife	Beth Summers	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
June 5	Oil	Aaron Westerburg www.westerberg-fineart.com	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
July – Aug	All media	Summer Break- no meetings	Anytime anywhere	Your choice of painting locations
Sept 4	Oil	William Wray	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California

**SFVAC WORKSHOPS**

Keep your eyes and ears open for future “mini” workshops hosted and conducted by members of the SFVAC. Attend the April club meeting for more details.

Many thanks to Sharon Weaver for demonstrating at our April meeting.



# Art Around Town

Date of Art Show or Workshop	Organization Hosting Show/ Workshop	Location	Contact Information	Last Date for Entry	Brief Description
May 12 - June 9 , 2012, Reception May 12, 5- 8 pm	SFVAC	Gallery 800, 5108 Lankershim Blvd , NoHo	Jan Cipolla (818) 281-0619 sfvac@jancipolla.com For Prospectus/entry forms visit: www.sfvartclub.org/exhibits.htm	Take in: Thursday, May 10, 10am -12 Noon. Deliver artwork, bio/ statement, fee (payable to SFVAC) & entry forms to Gallery 800. Take down Sunday, June 10, 3-5 PM	Members SFVAC Spring Juried Show.
May 12, 2012 10am - 4 pm	Mid-Valley Arts League	Maranathan High School, 169 South Saint John Avenue, Pasadena, .	For more information call, 626-799-1595 or email, rich2000@aol.com.	Need to register early. \$15 pre-paid; \$20 at the location.	8th Annual Saturday in the Park with the Masters. Learn from and paint with some of this area's finest painters and instructors. Bring water, lunch, your sketchbook, a comfortable chair, and your imagination. Move from venue to venue and learn from each painter.
October 5-25, 2012	The Associates of Brand Library & Art Center Brand Public Library	1601 W. Mountain Street Glendale, CA 91201	www.brandlibrary.org/brand_gallery_schedule.asp for prospectus. 818-548-2051	June 6, 2012 - CD of images only. See prospectus on library website	Forty-First Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper

**Fees for the SFVAC Spring Juried Show Artwork: One or two entries - \$35.00;**

**Bin Art: No additional fee - up to 5 pieces can be submitted. Bin art needs to be inserted into clear bags or clear wrapping.**

**For all the information you'll need to enter your artwork, go to:  
<http://www.sfvartclub.org/exhibits.htm>**

**Show Awards:**

**Best of Show – \$200.00; First Place – \$150.00; Second Place – \$100.00;  
Third Place – \$50.00; Merchant Awards; Honorable Mentions and People's Choice**

**Attention: In order to participate in the SFVAC member Spring Art Show, your 2012 dues must be paid and you need to attend TWO general meetings.**

## Member News

**Announcement:** It is hard to believe, but **Michelle Nosco** will finish her third year as president of our club in December 2012. She will have been “termed out” as required by the by laws of our charter. The club will need a volunteer who is willing to be the club president starting January 2013. If you know of anyone who may make a great president or if you want to give it a try yourself, talk to Michelle.

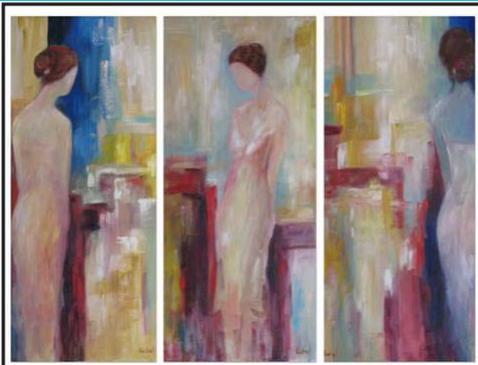
**Miriam Thorin**, and **Sharon Weaver** had their work accepted at the Art Matters Encore! which will be showing at The Huntington Library Botanical Center. The reception is Saturday, May 5 from 6 to 10 PM. Contact the San Marino League for tickets. The sale continues Sunday May 6 from 10:30 to 4 PM.

New member **Irina Chelyapov** is part of a group show opening at the Fremont Gallery. Three of Irina’s best paintings are in the show. Irina says it will be an interesting show with a wide appeal. Bring as many friends as you can. The show runs from April 7 to April 30th. The address is 812 Fremont Ave. #100, South Pasadena, CA, 91030. Telephone is 626 - 403 - 9901.

**Sharon Weaver** is now represented by the Fine Art and Antique on Lake at 60 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena. Phone: 626-356-0222.



**Rachel Weissberger’s** painting “Reflections” (Triptych, 30”x45”) will be presented at a group show in the Linus Gallery Pasadena CA. The phone number is (310) 491-0269. The Address is 545 South Raymond Ave. Pasadena Ca.91105



**Ruben Yadao’s** painting “Dynasty” won first place in floral and still life and his second painting “It’s Showtime” won second place in the Animal category at the Mid-Valley Art League 59th Anniversary Show which ran from April 10-17, 2012. Way to go Ruben.

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

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(818) 222-2782

23400 Park Sorrento

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### Aroma Restaurant

Contact: Moira

(818) 508-7377

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.

### 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 Whitsett

20% Commission

Contact Dori Marler

dorimarler@yahoo.com

(818) 453 8175



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Rea Nagel will be teaching a watermedia class at Carter-Sexton Art Store at 5380 Laurel Canyon Blvd. , North Hollywood. Come join us and have a fun time and learn a lot. We will be starting off with landscapes and continue from there. Call Rea at 818- 908- 5919 or email her at reanagel@mac.com for more information.

### Art Classes

Helene Jukoff will be the art instructor at the Reseda Community Adult School. This low cost class will cover all mediums (watercolor, oil, soft pastel, oil acrylic and drawing). Classes are held on Wednesday mornings at the Wilkinson Center, 8946 Vanalden, Northridge. Helene also offers private lessons on Tuesday afternoon. For more information on both classes, call Helene at 818-349-7933.

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Don't forget to check out the Paint Out Blog at <http://sfvacpaintout.wordpress.com> to see where we have been when painting Plein Air!! The link is also on the SFVAC Web page.

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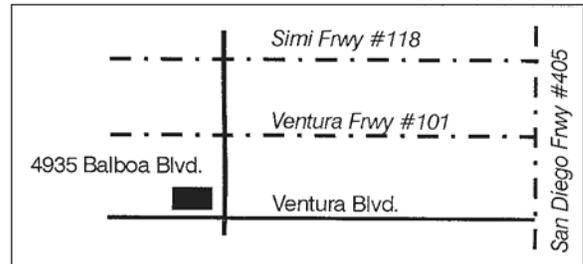
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 Meeting time - 7:00 pm  
Location:  
 Tarzana Community Center. 19130 Ventura Blvd.,  
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 At the corner of Vanalden and Ventura  
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