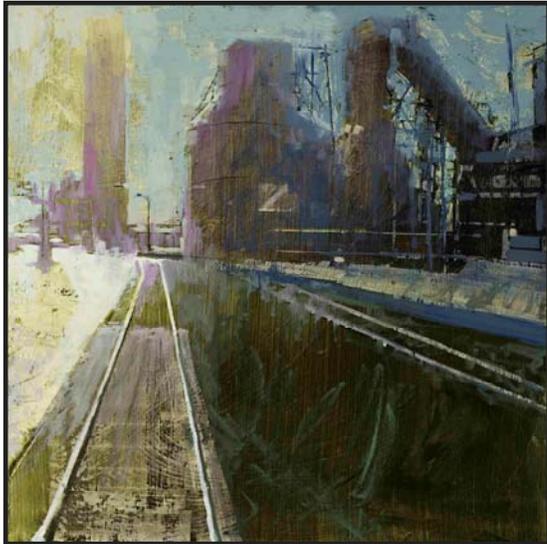




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William Wray

William Wray has lived in California most of his life and studied painting at the Art Students League in New York.

Making his living as a cartoonist who specialized in painted subjects, he spent many years coalescing an eclectic array of art styles, ultimately finding his voice in a contemporized reflection of traditional California regional painting that focuses on humble subject matters rarely considered as fine art.

Wray blends traditional skill sets of realism and the sheer energy of abstract expressionism, in an ongoing evolution to find the balance between two seemingly unrelated styles. Wray has challenged himself to create a brand of realistic expressionism he hopes to use as a bridge into the customarily circumspect contemporary art world.

William Wray will be our demonstrator at our September 4th meeting.



A Message from the “President” September 2012

I hope you kept a journal this summer. My checkbook used to be my journal but I found it unnerving when I tried to decipher a bank statement to recapture the relaxation of a seaside vacation, or an Alaskan cruise.

Truly my paintings have become my journal. The things they tell are the things that interest me internally. Some people keep a drawn journal with greater regularity than an appointment calendar. Last summer that was me. I have done that in the past. But, these days my journal is spotty. This year it’s my paintings that will tell you what I’ve been up to.

My paintings? What will they reveal? They’ll tell how deeply I look into the peoples eyes to hear their thoughts. They tell of the way color excites me on a summer’s day. The mix and blend of sage and sand, the delicate moss at the summer’s end will tell the secret of the many drinks I take in of earth and sky.

The things my paintings tell. Did little Logan’s laughter capture me when I captured his grin? These things my paintings tell.

Welcome back to SFVAC. May this fall be as full as a summer storm, as powerful as mountain lightning and calm as deep night’s dawn.

I hope you have two wonder filled entries for our November “Small Is Beautiful” SFVAC exhibition. Bring one to our September meeting mini-show, too! I’d love to see it.

Yours truly,
Michelle Nosco, SFVAC pres. 2012(c)

June 2012 Mini Art Show Winners



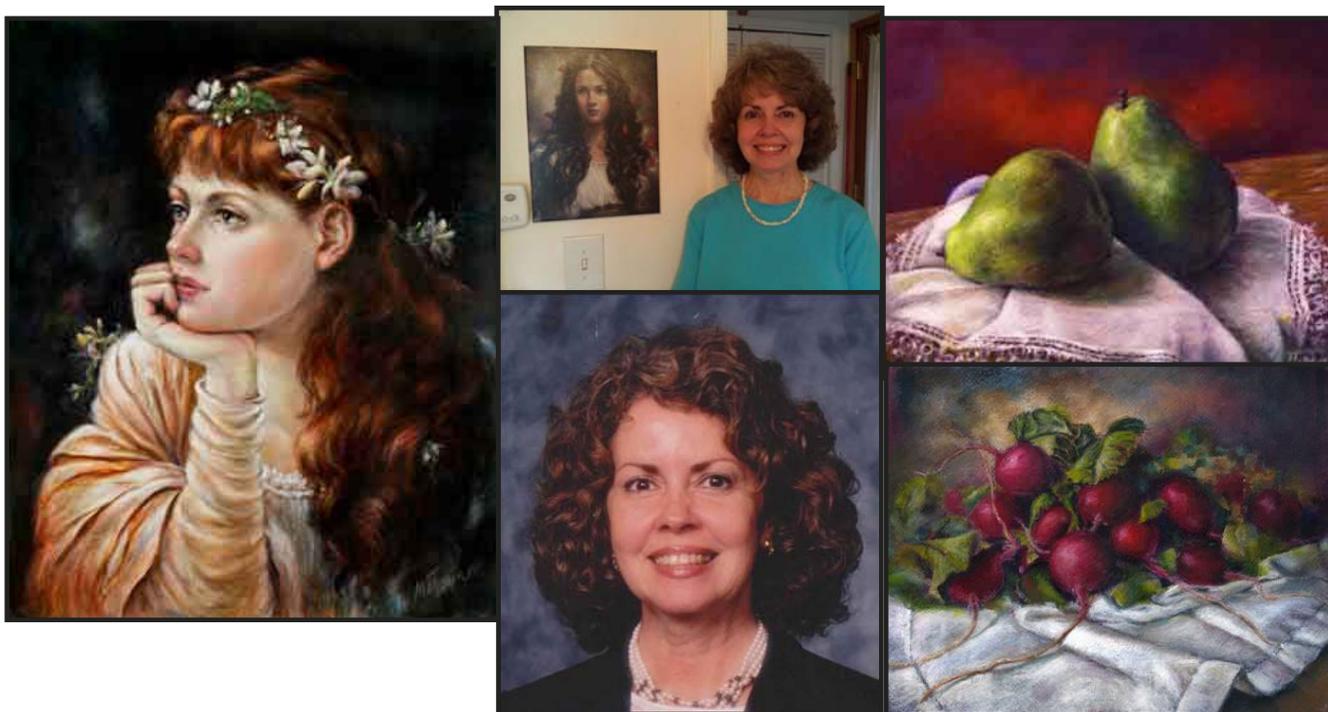
1st& Peoples Choice:
Marian Fortunati

2ndSusie Fischer & Ingrid Seal

3rd: Jim Robin & Meli Calkins

HM: Sylvia Crosby

Who's Who in the San Fernando Valley Art Club: Miriam Thorin



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The painter behind the lovely and delicate portraits so admired by our group, Miriam Thorin, has a reason for knowing faces so well: when she was a child, her mother was drawing faces constantly. Their Formica kitchen table was her canvas, and upon it she drew dozens of faces every spare moment of her day, washing the table down when mealtime rolled around, filling it again with dozens of faces before the next meal... Miriam admired and studied her mother's work, beginning to trace those faces at around the age of four. When Miriam was six or seven, her mother bought her a set of Prismacolor pencils, and she was hooked. From then and throughout her teens, Miriam set to work studying art by copying the masters like Velasquez and Michelangelo. These days in Miriam's studio, she always has at least a half dozen pieces in progress, and she's fearless about making major changes to her work in progress, even relishing the challenge. It's very clear to see why her work is so masterful. Nowadays, Miriam loves to experiment with various media, combining acrylic with her Prismacolors, and even venturing into oils.

Born in Cuba, Miriam spent her formative years there, until, as Castro was coming to power, the Spanish government sent a ship which would provide safe passage for Spanish citizens back to their homeland. At the age of twelve, Miriam, her brother and mother left Cuba with only the clothes on their backs and settled safely back where her mother had originated, in Northwestern Spain. After Miriam finished high school, the family immigrated to the United States and settled in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She worked in a toy store, and in her free time, enjoyed art, music and reading. She's also an accomplished self-taught pianist. In her twenties, Miriam returned to Spain, working in Madrid for two years, and when she came home to the United States, it was to Southern California, where her family had re-settled. She found employment with Northrop Aircraft, working there for 38 years before retiring as the assistant to the CEO / President / Chairman. She still works part-time from her home as the assistant to the Chairman Emeritus of what is now Northrop Grumman.

It was through her employment at Northrup that Miriam met her husband, Tom. They live in a delightful home in the Lake Balboa area with their son, Michael, who has just completed his freshman year at CSUN, as an engineering major. Charming husband Tom is a self-described "tinkerer," who has an amazing talent for restoration, and has built some really innovative storage and transport pieces for Miriam's studio.

Miriam's been a member of our group for about 6 years, and beginning January of this year, has been our Membership Chairperson, the one who sends us all the helpful email reminders. When I asked her what making art is like for her, she replied: "It's like meditation: it helps me connect with something bigger and more beautiful." If you don't know Miriam, introduce yourself: she's the one with the beautiful sparkling eyes that seem to be full of life and laughter.

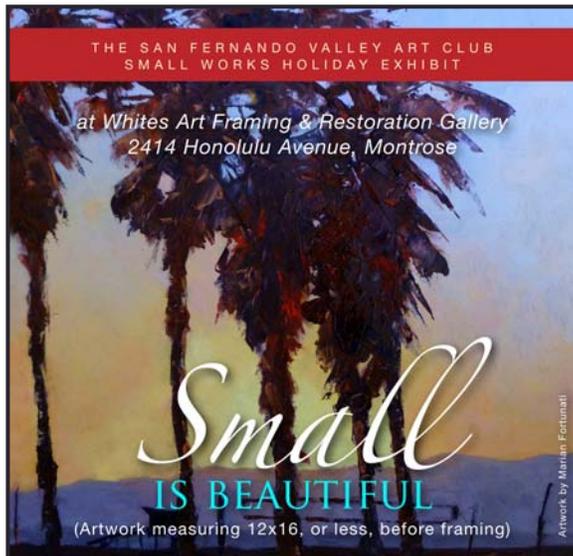
Attention, Artists, Members and Guests, The Paint Rag HAS GONE GREEN. The Paint Rag is now being sent by e-mail unless you requested snail mail. Regardless of which way you receive your Paint Rag, it is still important to let Miriam Thorin, Membership Chairperson know your e-mail address. She will send 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
Sept 4	Oil	William Wray http://williamwray.com	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
October 2	Oil	Eric Merrill www.ericmerrell.com 626-379-7144	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
November 6	Watercolor	James Wisnowski http://jameswisnowski.com 310-633-3080	6:30 PM	Encino Community Center 4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, California
December 4	TDB	TBD	6:30 PM	Holiday Dinner and Demo Location TBD

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SMALL WORKS HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

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Artwork by Marjorie Fortunati

Important Dates

Drop Off: Sat., Nov. 3, 11am-1pm

Exhibit Opens: Tues., Nov. 6, 9am-5pm

Reception & Awards: Sat., Nov. 10, 2pm-6pm

Art Pickup: Thurs., Nov. 29, 9am-5pm

We want to thank Aaron Westerberg, our demonstrator at our June meeting for taking his time to show us how he interprets our beautiful world.



ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS: There will be a special board meeting just before the October 2nd general club meeting (6:00 PM—6:30 PM) at the Encino Community Center that **ALL** are invited to attend. This meeting will discuss the 2013 special exhibit club shows at Gallery 800 and other venue the club has secured for 2013 and to meet members who would like to volunteer to be the 2013 special exhibit chair (really easy as we have committed to the galleries), treasurer, club secretary or president for 2013. We really want and need your input to suggest who you will think will be wonderful in working in these positions.

Art Around Town

Date of Art Show or Workshop	Organization Hosting Show/ Workshop	Location	Contact Information	Last Date for Entry	Brief Description
October 16 - October 31 Reception Oct 21st, 2:30 - 5:00 PM	Simi Valley Art Association	Simi Valley Town Center Gallery, Store #540; 1555 Simi Valley Town Center Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065	www.simivalleyart.org or call Bessie 805 - 583-3690 or Donna 805-8527-6797	Take in is October 12th, from 4 to 7 pm; Oil/Acrylic, ink, pastel/ pastel/watercolor, digital art/photography and mixed media	2012 Open Juried Art Show; Judges are Joe Cibere and Johanna Spinks
November 10, 2012 to March 17, 2013; Reception Saturday, November 10: starts 4:00 – 600 p.m. at The Santa Paula Art Museum	Ag Art Alliance	Santa Paula Art Museum, 117 North 10th Street, Santa Paula, CA (santapaulaartmuseum.org) AND Museum of Ventura County's Agricultural Museum, 926 Railroad Ave, Santa Paula, CA (www.venturamuseum.org)	POB 268, Santa Paula, CA 93061, 805-525-7804 or John Nichols: 805-525-7804	September 27, 012 Digital submission by e-mail or by CD through mail : 1-3 Images at 300 pixels at 4 X 5 inches. All media including 3 dimensional art will be accepted	Fifth Annual Exhibit " Art About Agriculture". All art must be for sale. Maximum 3 pieces. For artists over 18 depicting agricultural heritage or contemporary agriculture.
Nov 6-29	SFVAC	Whites Gallery 2414 Honolulu Montrose CA	Jan Cippolla 818-281-0619	November 3rd, Take in: 11AM—1PM	Member Fall Show 'Small Is Beautiful' Two entries with images no larger than 12" X 16"

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. So we are in need wonderful volunteers who are willing to take this position and a few others on the board. **We need volunteers to be part of the nominating committee for next year's board positions of club president, treasurer and secretary starting January 2013.** If you know of anyone who may make a great president or treasurer or secretary or if you want to give it a try yourself, talk to Michelle or Diane Nelson Gold. Nominations for the 2013 board members are now open and December is fast approaching. So start thinking about who you think will make a wonderful board member or would like to participate helping. Talk to any of the board members and we will toss your name into the hat.

San Fernando Valley Art Club Student Scholarship

A \$1000 scholarship has been awarded to a CSUN art student Elaine Chou . She will be present at our September meeting to meet members of the club and receive the scholarship.

The **San Fernando Valley Art Club** began in 1943 and has provided a continuing forum for artists of all skill levels and working in most art mediums. Guests are welcome to attend the monthly meetings/demonstrations and learn more about the club. Additional information can be found on the club's Web site, www.sfvartclub.org.

Member News

The SFVAC is sponsoring a special 12 week workshop where **BETH SUMMERS** will lead on learning the "ARTIST'S WAY, a Spiritual Path for Greater Creativity". Signups will be at the September meeting. Workshop is free, only \$20.00 for workshop book called the Artist's Way. This is not a painting workshop.

Dulcie Adams and **Ruben Yado** recently joined the LELA Gallery as members. They are part of the 2012 LELA International Art Show which coincides with the Annual Nisei Week celebration at Little Tokyo in Downtown Los Angeles. Exhibition dates: August 10 thru August 20. LELA Gallery is located at 333 South Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90013.

Terry Supple had a big day at the Ventura Count Fair. He entered 8 paintings/drawings into various categories at the Ventura County Fair this year. Terry received two first place ribbons, two second place ribbons, two third place ribbons and an honorable mention. Congratulations!

Quite a few of our members were exhibiting at the VAG show that was held at the Whites Gallery starting June 3 through 29, 2012. Congratulations to award winners **Yona Rapoport** (First Place), **Lisa August** (Third Place), **Terry Romero Paul** (Merchant award), **Joe Marino** (Merchants Awards) and **Marian Fortunati**.

Marian Fortunati was one of 3 finalists selected to submit a proposal for the METRO bus and rail poster / ticket for the city of San Fernando. She didn't win the proposal... but it was nice that they selected Marian to submit!! Also, Marian will be exhibiting her wonderful work at the "One Lucky Artist" a one woman show coming up at **Gale's Resturant** in Pasadena starting September 22 through November 17, 2012. A reception will be held on September 30th from 4-6 PM. It is at 452 South Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena CA 91105.(626) 432-6705 or webpage <http://www.galesrestaurant.com>

Esther Pearlman participated in The Santa Monica Art Walk on July 21st and July 22nd. Three stores that showed her work were Patton Pharmacy, Montana Natural, and Simon Sallon's Realty.

Diane Nelson Gold spent 16 days painting in Alaska this July, hosted by her fellow painter and friend, Nancy Angelini Crawford. Both of them were participants in David Gallup's five day workshop based out of Anchorage. Both Nancy, Diane and Marian Fortunati will be "three-peating" on-board the third annual, five day Channel Islands workshop this September, also led by David Gallup. Diane and Nancy will additionally be painting in Kings Canyon this September.



Diane next to a "cool" refreshing river called Susitna in Alaska.



Terry Supple won 1st place with his painting "Communion" at the Ventura County Fair

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.

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 multimedia art class starting September 11 at the Carter- Sexton Art Store at 5380 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood. Come join us and have a fun time and learn a lot. Work with watercolors, inks, acrylics, and collage.. Call Rea at 818- 908-5919 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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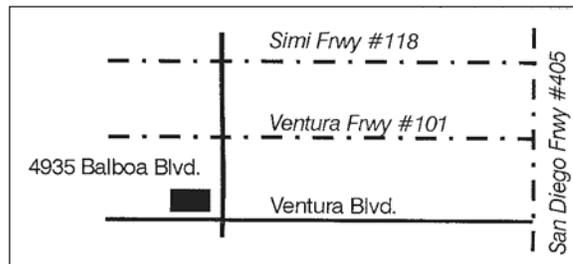
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Monday: Sept 24th and Oct 29th
 Meeting time - 7:00 pm
Location:
 Tarzana Community Center. 19130 Ventura Blvd.,
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 At the corner of Vanalden and Ventura
 Parking in rear

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

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