



## Salinas Valley Art Association

PO Box 4823, Salinas, CA 939120

October, 2018 Newsletter



### Presidents Corner

Hello all, I love fall with all the beautiful warm colors and the crispness in the air. I love hot cocoa by the crackling fire and my easel ready to capture the gorgeous scenes.

I hope you aren't a procrastinator like me and have your Christmas card design well under way. I've ordered 2 dozen (store bought) just in case.

Our demo artist for October is ME! If you love painting animals but find them a bit daunting, I have a few never fail tricks of the trade for you. I've been painting wild and domestic animals of all sizes and shapes for over 20 years and I love it.

Join me Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for a fun and informative afternoon.



### October Demonstrator

#### Donna Davenport (Burns)

Was born in Monterey CA. She and her brother Eddie were raised on a seven acre ranch near John Steinbeck's "Castles". Her love of the outdoors and animals grew from her positive experiences with their horses and livestock including Star Biscuit, great grandson of Sea Biscuit. She and Eddie especially loved to explore the local caves and also spent many hours creating art with flowers, mud and rocks.

Donna's strong passion for art led her to take art classes in high school, college and beyond. Her favorite mentor is Ann Taugher, an accomplished water colorist who taught locally. In 1992 Donna won the Boronda Scholarship through Hartnell College as an aspiring artist and travelled to study the Southwest Indians with fifteen other students. This experience culminated in her writing and illustrating a children's book entitled "The Magic Water Jar". She has also won numerous awards through the Monterey County Fair.

Donna earned a degree in Early Childhood Education and taught at many local schools including University Park School for 20 years where she specialized in art of all forms including puppetry, face painting and storytelling which delighted her students.

Over the past 15 years, Donna has studied several mediums including watercolor and oil. She has used the techniques learned to paint life-like portraits of both people and animals. Her commission work extends throughout the U.S. with her favorites being of the furry variety.

Her work has hung in the Government Center in Salinas, the Avery Gallery in Seaside, the Del Mesa Gallery in Carmel Valley and most recently her paintings have been displayed in the Co-op Valley Art Gallery on Main St. in Salinas, Calif.

Donna will be demonstrating in watercolor using an array of "tools" besides her brushes to help her create life-like animals.

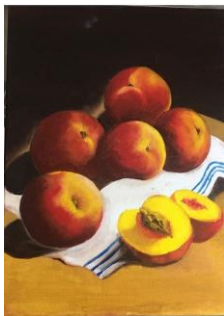


### October Featured Artist...Beverly Orona

In addition to art pursuits, Beverly has been active in community activities. During one campaign, she led efforts to raise a quarter of a million dollars for band programs.

Beverly's art education started in High school where she enjoyed both art and drama classes. She received her first exposure to perspective and drawing at that time. Her later interest in art led to classes at Hartnell Community College and the Pacific Grove Art Center. She has worked in pencil, water color, oil and acrylic. Figure drawing was, and still is, her favorite subject. She still uses a small pad to sketch people and portraits while waiting for doctor appointments and such.

She has not actively pursued the display of her work. In fact, she seems a bit surprised that other artists within the Salinas Valley Art Association members admire her art. She did enter art in the latest Monterey County Fair, where she took both 1st and 2nd place awards.



### Next Meeting

The October meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Petra Bible Church. Meeting starts at 1 pm. Park in the parking lot. Entrance is off the parking lot.

You are welcome to attend the board meeting on the day of the Association Meeting at 11:30 am.

Those with initials beginning A-M bring refreshments.



### SVAA Officers/Committee Chairs

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