



PO Box 4823, Salinas, CA 93912
February 2023 Newsletter



Presidents Corner

Hello SVAA,
 Rain, Rain go away

Bring back the Sun today!
 That was my chant during the storms and probably yours. Sorry we had to cancel our January meeting but looking forward to February as Carol Gray will be creating her beautiful oil paintings for us to enjoy. Sandra Gray our demo artist for January will now be sharing her eclectic artwork and photography in April. Flexibility is the name of the game! Thank you, ladies, for gracefully switching. I enjoyed Mary Garza's paintings as Featured Artist last month. She is a very multitalented lady as she also crochets beautiful blankets, baby clothes etc. Thanks Mary!
 I also want to thank those members who sent me cards and phone calls with prayers and good wishes for Richard and I to get better... He with pneumonia and I with an ongoing cough and cold.

We are finally better 😊
 Some of the Emergency Room Department walls have vivid red, pink and black abstract paintings which were much more fun to look at than the dull white ones!
 Stay well and keep painting. Looking forward to seeing you Saturday, February 11th.
 Donna Davenport
 President SVAA



Meeting Demonstrator

Carol Gray

Carol studied art at UCLA and painting privately with Andrea Day in Santa Monica for many years. She showed her work at The Andrea Day Studio and was the featured artist at The Barbara Mitchell Design Studio in Santa Monica until moving to the Monterey Peninsula. She studied life drawing and design with Susan Long and Rodney Winfield at the Carmel Adult School.

She is a juried member of Oil Painters of America and the American Society of Marine Painters.

Her work is permanently on display at the Cheryl Watts Gallery on Cannery Row and was previously shown at the Venture Gallery in Monterey for many years.



Future Demonstrators

March – John Chaves
April – Sandra Gray

February Birthdays 😊
 Donna Davenport
 Steve Maher

Featured Artist Vivian Aizawa

When I was in high school, the only subjects I could manage were Art and PE. I failed all the other academic subjects, practically ALL. After I graduated (miraculously I did) I hung out with my art teacher who took me around to attend the various artists gatherings. My role was to clean the brushes, prepare the ink and carry the rice paper. Thus, I was immersed in an artistic atmosphere with a bunch of “very old” Chinese ink painters. I went on to study Chinese ink painting with three different teachers who mastered different subject matters, i.e.: landscape, buddha and gardens. I studied Classics and Philosophy in college which involved much thinking and analyzing. Doing art allowed me to give my overworking brain a break. It was there I was introduced to western painting. I used acrylic. I guess I must have been impressed by the art department who offered me a scholarship which I declined

for a personal reason.

Life threw me in Middle Town in Ohio for a summer that was where I came across watercolor painting with which I found instant connection. I like the flow of the water. That energy intrigued me. Meanwhile I did pottery too. I enjoyed hand-coiling which evoked some of my primitive spirit. I like all forms of art.

Human voice is one of the most ancient musical instruments. I love singing. My Art is something I enjoy. However, I do not take it too seriously. Art or not, I am happy.

Regardless. -----This is my art of life-----



How to become the Featured Artist in Newsletter

Each month we try to show the work of our members. It's not hard. Just take a picture of a few of your paintings and share them with me (Linda), either by message 831 809-0629 or e-mail griffik@sbcglobal.net. If you can, move close when taking the picture which will crop out all but the wonderful art. Also send a brief note telling a little about yours

Next Meeting

February 11th at Refuge Bible Church.
115 Iris Dr. Salinas, CA. Meeting starts at 1 pm. Park in the parking lot. Entrance is off the parking lot.

Thanks for the great snacks 😊 Keep 'em coming 😊

Coming Up

Due to Covid Avery Gallery in Seaside had to change the time of our show to September/October. That gives us more time to...

Paint, Paint, Paint 🎨



SVAA Officers

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Please note that there are 2 positions yet to be filled! Could one of them be a fit for you?

