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**January, 2017 Newsletter**

**Salinas Valley Art Association**



Well, it is another year and time to get out the brushes, paint and canvas/paper and get to work. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are raring to begin the New Year.



### **Next Meeting**

The January meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 21, 1pm 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 of you whose names begin with N-Z bring refreshments

### **Guest Artist – John Chavez**

Currently I am still experimenting with media so I really don't have a single preference in it, but the one id be most comfortable using since I've used it the longest would be digital. Though, more recently I've been playing around a lot more with acrylic's, watercolors, oil pastels, and soft pastels, because there are a lot things in traditional media that are extremely difficult to replicate in digital media. With watercolor I enjoy how u can flow water into the colors and have them create some really interesting effects. With acrylics the viscosity of the paints can be adjusted with water or you can glob them on thick like oils. As for the pastels just the ability to use your whole body and just go wild with color and blending is why I find them appealing. I am at the moment currently discovering what my art is. For years I have always done art for others or with the intention of show casing what was ask. In school technical drawing was the main focus. I learned about expression in art among other things at my current workplace where I teach art to kids. In working with kids I was able to reconnect with my own childhood and regain a hunger to do and try new things without worrying about the failures ill run in to. As for inspiration a lot of it has come from my interactions with people, objects, animals, places, and feelings. Most of the work I do is studies, but I focus on enjoying the pieces while applying things that I have learned throughout the years in hopes to do a little better every time.



## Featured Artist – Beverly Orona



Beverly Orona pictured with  
Mighty on the golf  
Course  
Golfer  
Painter  
Live figure pencil sketching



30 X 38 oil

I love to draw, especially live figure drawing. Watercolors have been my main medium until I was commissioned to do a 30 X 38 acrylic, 4 boat painting. I was also commissioned to do an oil painting (Green Door). That is all it took to get me into doing oils. I have painted and drawn all my life.

Joining the SVAA has enriched my life and inspires me.

Happy New Year everyone.



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