



PO Box 4823, Salinas, CA 93912
January 2023 Newsletter



Presidents Corner

Happy 2023 SVAA!
 Hope this writing finds you all well and happy.

I'm looking at our 2023 calendar for the use of the Bunkhouse and remembered we don't have every Tuesday. Other seasoned groups signed up last year before I even knew we needed to make a new contract each year.

Luckily Lydia, the Executive Assistant, made sure I knew about it and I quickly was able to get almost all the Tuesdays except January 10th, May 2nd (possibly), July 4th, August 1st, and December 26.

A new item coming in our February newsletter is 🎂 birthdays. Only the month and day.

January... no births

February... 2 of us. More to come.

Hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to paint more... not just for profit but for longevity. Yep! many painters live longer, happier lives. Sounds good to me 😊.

Lastly, wasn't the December meeting held in the Bunkhouse fun! We need to meet there again and share other traditions.

Hope to see you on January 14th. Great meeting to come with Sandra Gray as our Demonstration Artist.

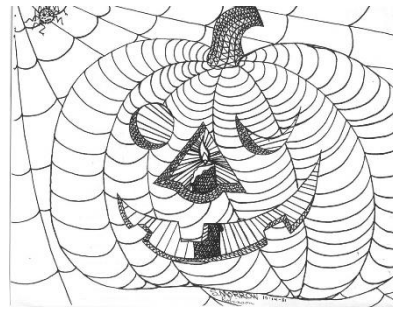
Donna Davenport
 President



Meeting Demonstrator

Sandra Gray

I specialize in not specializing. Artists who attend will be surprised by a painting started from a print and carried on out into the canvas. I want to do something with a fall theme with fall colors. I have a print of a jack-o'-lantern drawing that I will use as a starting point. The beach scene proves that I can do traditional painting. A demo would not give me enough time to finish a traditional painting.



Featured Artist Mary Garza

Raised in the Salinas Valley, Mary is a native American Indian of the Chumash Tribe. Her passion to paint was so strong, she would use sheetrock as chalk to draw on sidewalks, and an occasional wall! Family and a career spent as the owner of her own hair salon were early priorities. After attending an art class, she entered her first oil painting in a juried exhibition. The painting was accepted as one of 42 entries out of 500 submitted. She continues to attend art classes, perfecting her gift and talents. She is now an internationally known artist and her childhood dreams have been realized.



Mary painted 50 crosses for the care givers at the S.V.M.H. during her covid Nov. 2020



She also makes jewelry!

Future Demonstrators

Time moves on...

February – Vivian Aizawa (our newest member)

March - Joan Wells

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 yourself

Next Meeting

January 14th 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 June/July 2023

Avery Gallery in Seaside is featuring SVAA Paint, Paint, Paint 🤗



SVAA Officers

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Vice President -needed

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Musings by Helma Zeuge

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

Helma sent some pictures from the December potluck



Lydia Torres, the Executive Assistant at the Harden Lydia Foundation came to our potluck and graciously gave us a tour of the Harden Home.



