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February 2024 Newsletter

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Spring



### Presidents Corner

Hello SVAA,

Today the sun is shining through my back door and is helping me think! It's invigorating my brain (creative processes). Looking forward to Spring with more warm days and flowers peeking through the damp soil.

We shouldn't have any excuses for not painting then!

I have an artist friend who says she is not an artist anymore. She sews now. My reaction to that is... you can take the artist out of their art studio but you can't take the "artist thinking" out of their brain!

Artists are artists no matter how old we are or how often we paint. Our eyes see differently than non-artists. Georgia O'Keefe was painting well into her 90's. I wonder if she ever took a break from painting and claimed she wasn't a painter anymore? 😊

The Board decided at our last Tuesday meeting that our May luncheon will be in June and possibly have it catered? Any suggestions? Looking down the road to December we decided it would be fun to have a Sugar and Spice Dessert theme which includes hot cocoa! A crazy \$3.00 gift exchange too 😊.

Back to March...Don't miss Sandra Whipple's demonstration working with charcoal pencils and a variety of paper.

She is very creative with this media!

Hope to see you all March 9 th!

Donna Davenport  
SVAA President



## FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATOR

### Sandra Whipple

Sandra studied art at San Jose State University and is a self-taught colored pencil artist who has worked with that medium for over 30 years.

She specializes in hyper-realistic landscapes, animals, and pet portraits.

She gathers inspiration from the varying landscapes of California and primarily the Central Coast.



### March Birthdays

Vivian Alzawa

Sylvia Hodges



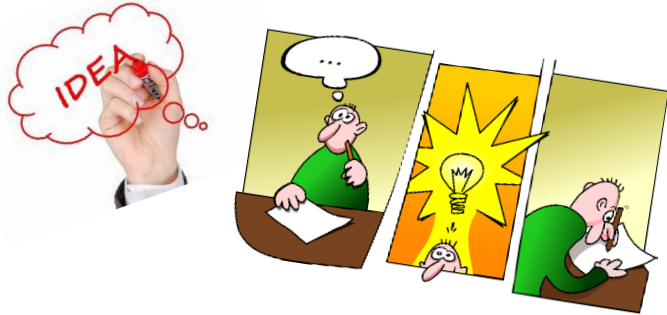
### Dues Change

If you join in January, the dues are prorated to \$15 or 1/2 year. If you join before January, the dues are for the full year, \$30 for single.



## Featured Artist

The subject of featured artist was discussed at the board meeting because we are having trouble getting artists to volunteer, so... we thought a change was needed. This area is now a work in progress. Feel free to hit the reply button to let us know what you would like to see in this space



## SVAA Board Members

President –Donna Davenport

Vice President -needed

Secretary - Gail Lawrence

Treasurer –Sue Shaw

Historian -needed

Roster -Pat Maher

Webmaster -Steve Maher

Web. assistant -Michael Elliot

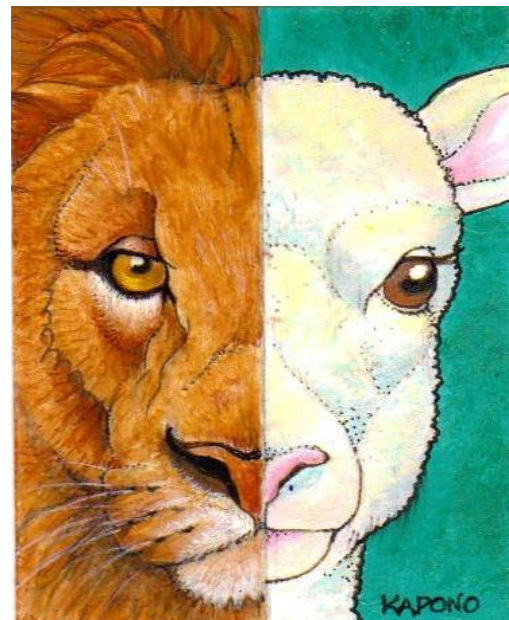
**Please note that there are 2 positions.  
yet to be filled!**

**Could one of them be a fit for you?**

## Next Meeting

Saturday, March 9th at Refuge Bible Church. 115 Iris Dr. Salinas, CA. parking lot. Entrance is off the parking lot

**Thanks for the great snack**



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