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**March, 2017 Newsletter**

**Salinas Valley Art Association**



If this newsletter seems familiar, there is a reason why. We are going to have the guest artist from the cancelled meeting last month. I know that many of you were anxious to see what this talented artist has to show us.



### **Next Meeting**

The March meeting will be on Saturday, Mar. 18, 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 A-M bring refreshments



The Salinas Valley Art Association is pleased to have **Sharon Andrews**, as our February guest demonstrator.

Sharon has a private passion. She creates inspirational mandala art. Mandalas are based upon ancient Sanskrit geometric patterns that represent a microcosm of the universe. Often dominated by squares or triangles, mandalas have concentric structure, offering balanced visual elements to symbolize unity and harmony.

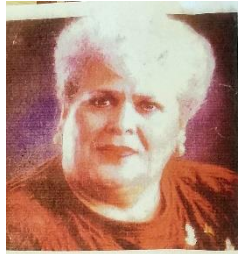
Sharon is a long-term Monterey Peninsula resident who has practiced this activity since she was a teenager. The creation of mandalas is a source of meditation to her. Others may consider them as anything from a pleasant pastime to the means for spiritual journey, symbolizing cosmic and psychic order. Some are attracted by the color palette, others for the design and some for transcendent means. They can be cheerful, calming or exhilarating.

Color pencils and paper will be available at her demonstration so participants can learn by doing.



Our January demonstrator was **John Chavez**.

He did a wonderful job on his maiden outing as a demonstrator. I think we all went away with enthusiasm and new ideas about art.



## Mary Garza

### Featured Artist

My heritage is Native American of the Chumash tribe. I was raised in the Salinas valley. Painting has always been a passion and desire

since childhood. My desire was so great, I used pieces of sheetrock to paint on the sidewalk, walls or anywhere I had space at home. My parents were unable to send me to art classes.

I married young and soon became a single parent of 4 children and working 2 jobs to support my family. Wanting to do better, I enrolled in Beauty College to have a better career. I became an entrepreneur and opened my own beauty salon which I managed for 30 years.

During my working years, I attended art classes at night. My first painting reflected "Images of California Agriculture". In 2004 I entered several oil paintings at an art show sponsored by The Steinbeck Center. I did not realize this was an international art show. Out of 500 paintings entered, 42 were selected. To my astonishment, one of the 42 was mine!

I now paint with the group who have migrated to the La Canada Clubhouse from the Salinas Adult School.



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