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NEWS FROM STEVE... webmaster



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Presidents Corner



Hello SVAA and guests,
Time is flying again, and tomorrow's is May 1 st ... May Day. In elementary school on May Day we danced around the May pole with colorful streamers. It was so much fun! Can you imagine if all the streamers were white? Definitely not as much fun.

Color really adds excitement and emotion to our world.

Yesterday I sat in an all-white waiting room for my dog Annie. No colorful paintings, just sterile white walls. As I was leaving, I suggested they put paintings on the walls to warm things up and help calm the pet parents through calming the pet too.

I also told them about our great artists from SVAA. Her eyes widened and she let me know about a new larger clinic being built. She felt maybe our art work would be enjoyed there and she would pass the word along.

Last month's demo artist Natalia Aandewiel was terrific. Being from Ukraine she not only painted creatively but she shared with us about growing up in her homeland. Thanks Natalia!

Saturday May 10th Gordon Mayfield will be painting in watercolor realistically.

I can't wait to watch his "magic".

Our new Vice President Lawrence Harris is magical with words.

He is not only an accomplished artist but an amazing poet as well...

We're a group of painters from Salinas

Who share our vision among us.

Our art is wide,

If truth be our guide.

So now everyone wants to see us.

New thoughts coming next month from Lawrence.

Hope to see you all May 10 th at 1:00 pm

Donna Davenport

The SVAA website's Secure Page is now available from the SVAA home page.

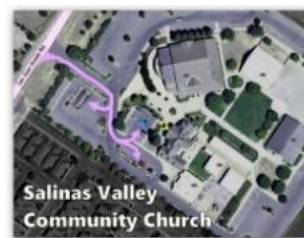
Call or text Steve at 831-229-8841 to receive the password to that new page.

Please do not share the password with anyone else.

New Postings: Go to the SVAA website's DEMO page to see Natalia's video, two videos from Edi, and a Link to Edi's website. Here's a link: <https://www.salinasvalleyartassociation.com/demos.html>

Next Meeting

Saturday May 10, 1:00 pm



Entrance as seen from the handicapped parking lot.



We enjoy your snacks. Keep it up 😊



We don't know about any May birthdays. If you have May birthday, please let us know. You can just hit the reply button on this newsletter

Demonstration Artist

Gordon Mayfield

He paints in watercolor, the wild tumult of Big Sur, mountainous backcountry, lakes and rivers of the West.

Mayfield's wilderness experience and knowledge form the underpinning of much of his work—his many backpacking trips as well as his years living on the cliffs of Big Sur.

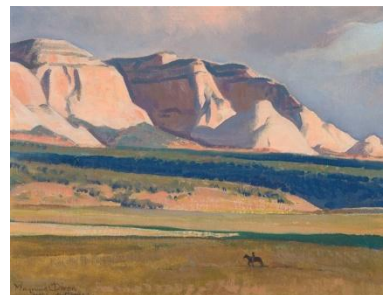
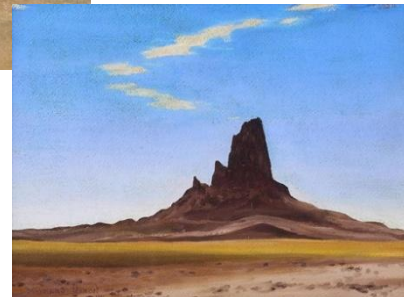
Gordon's work may be found at the Venture Gallery, 260 Alvarado St., in the Portola Plaza Hotel, Monterey, California.



Featured Artist

Maynard Dixon

(January 24, 1875 – November 11, 1946) was an American artist. He was known for his paintings, and his body of work focused on the [American West](#). Dixon is considered one of the finest artists having dedicated most of their art to the U.S. [Southwestern](#) cultures and landscapes at the end of the 19th-century and the first half of the 20th-century. He was often called "The Last Cowboy in San Francisco."^[1]





If you have paintings you would like to share for members to see, we would love to include them in the Featured Artist spot.

If you have a favorite artist, please let us know and we will work hard to share a little about them in the newsletter as a Featured Artist

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Black Bear Physical Therapy painters

6 months is up May 24.

May Luncheon not being held. Gordon Mayfield will be demonstrating

Don't forget; If you have unwanted art supplies or books, you can bring them to give or share.

You just have to take them home if no one takes them.

