



## Guest Artist – Ed Avila

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**Salinas Valley Art Association**



Ed Avila is a semi-retired photographer who paints - mainly in pastel. Being a native of this area he is connected to the history and geography of the area. His paintings attempt to capture the feelings and memories of growing up and living in this special place.

Ed has exhibited in juried shows and won numerous awards including best of show and others in statewide competitions. His paintings hang in private collections throughout California, and other states as well as foreign countries.



The months keep rolling around and it is time again for our SVAA monthly meeting. Please try to attend. We have a wonderful demonstrator in Ed Avila. I believe he is going to show us how he executes his beautiful pot painting in pastel. It is always fun to see how he coaxes out such lovely paintings with chalk and scratchy paper.



### Next Meeting

The November meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 19, 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

## October Guest Artist-Steve Maher

Steve stepped up when Ed couldn't make the meeting and again, did a wonderful presentation, with handouts, of how to execute an oil painting from beginning to end.



not put to use at the time. In the spring of 2009 following my retirement I took a watercolor class at the Salinas adult school. When we weren't traveling I took some more classes & for 5 years painted with watercolors.

In 2014 I switched to acrylic & finally put the easel my wife had given me to use. I have learned a lot & continue to learn from the talented artists I paint with on Tuesday's at La Canada Mobile Home Park clubhouse.



## November Featured Artist: Pete Mills

I was born and raised in England & attended private

schools where there was very little art & almost no art instruction. However I have always liked flowers (in England everyone has a flower garden) & I painted a few flowers with my little box of watercolors & one paint brush. The teacher commended me on my paintings & I determined I should try painting again, someday. About 25 years ago I took a one day watercolor class at Hartnell College which I enjoyed. My business, family and church activities kept me busy & I didn't paint or take any more classes. One Christmas probably about 15 years ago my wife bought me an easel with some watercolor, acrylic and oil paints. While I appreciated the gift it was stored away &



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