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**October, 2016 Newsletter**

**Salinas Valley Art Association**



It's another month and another reminder that we have a meeting coming up. Please plan to attend, have a good time, learn something useful and have your voice heard.



### **Next Meeting**

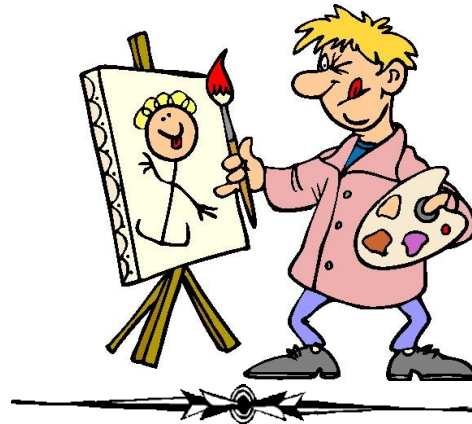
The October meeting will be on Saturday, Oct.15, 1pm at Petra Bible Church. Meeting starts at 1 pm. Park in the parking lot. Entrance is off the parking lot.

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 N-Z bring refreshments

### **Guest Artist**

This month's guest artist will be Ed Avila. I don't need to tell you his biography. We all know and love Ed and he always has something informative and interesting to share.



### **September Guest Artist**



**Ron Ayres** grew up locally and has always doodled as he calls it. He took up painting 3 years ago when his wife gave him a small kit and said he needed a hobby. He was a very entertaining speaker, a good demonstrator, and makes beautiful pictures. You can see more examples of his work at [www.ronayresfineart.com](http://www.ronayresfineart.com)

## Featured Artist



### Judy Willis

I am grateful to be on this journey of discovery and challenges of painting plein air in watercolor and being able to participate in the gallery at American Tin Cannery, Pacific Grove.

([www.montereybayartisans.com](http://www.montereybayartisans.com))

I am always asked “how long have you been painting” and I always answer “my whole life”. I received my first award (Second Place) in an event in Seaside, for an acrylic abstract when I was 18 and was pleasantly surprised when I received First Place from the Central Coast event at the Avery Gallery in Seaside many years later (not giving my age this time) ☺

When I studied under marine artist Bennett Bradbury in 1988, I fell in love with painting the central coast in oils. Although school and my career demanded my attention for 35 years (I have a Masters in Computer Systems Management) at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey and worked for the Federal Government, I always did some form of art.

Now retired, my focus is painting and learning about promoting my work through the September Open Art Studio. I find this most challenging since I am rather quiet and just want to paint.

I enjoy art workshops and am greatly influenced by the work of Dale Laitinen. One of my favorite quotes is from Vincent Van Gough: “If you hear a voice within you say ”you cannot paint”, then by all means paint and the voice within will be silenced”.

Thank you all for your kind words of encouragement. Happy Painting!



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