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EAST VALLEY ARTISTS'
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

BY CAROLE CAMERON

Hello Friends! It's been another great month of EVA activities. Our March demo meeting with Zoe Caron was a wonderful inventive time and the highest attended meeting since we started the EVA23 revamp. A good time was had by all and we inducted a new exhibiting member, Michael Sunzeri. Then on March 25th we had a delightful nature walk with EVA member Judith Gottfeld leading, sharing her expansive knowledge of plants and birds. Before the end of the month, we also threw in a nice sit-down group chat at the Coffee Cup.

This all begs the question; what is EVA24? If you are asking me, and I will tell you anyway, EVA is not meant to be a top-down organization whereby the board makes all the decisions and does all the planning. It is my vision that EVA is a joyful collaboration; a cooperative art organization. At this month's board meeting we started dreaming about a goal of having an EVA physical place, a co-op gallery. We all started to deliriously imagine how fabulous that would be to run our own space. We were smiling and rocking in our chairs. Pure delight.

A big part of moving forward is to have more ideas and involvement in activities. Judith Gottfeld leading the nature walk is a good example. Margie Matthews has volunteered for a workspace visit at her home. It's all fun stuff. See you at the kite flying on the 13th.

So, let's all dream together.
Carole



Zoe Caron demonstrating

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WOMEN'S HERITAGE DAY AT HISTORY PARK

by Sarah Nguyen



Three members of East Valley Artists participated in the History San Jose's second-annual Women's Heritage Day event. There were many diverse things to see, including cultural performers, an all-women-owned lowrider exhibition, a poetry lounge, and several vendors, including Julie and Sarah. Shelly got a lot of attention at her bead-making booth!



Shelly playing with fire



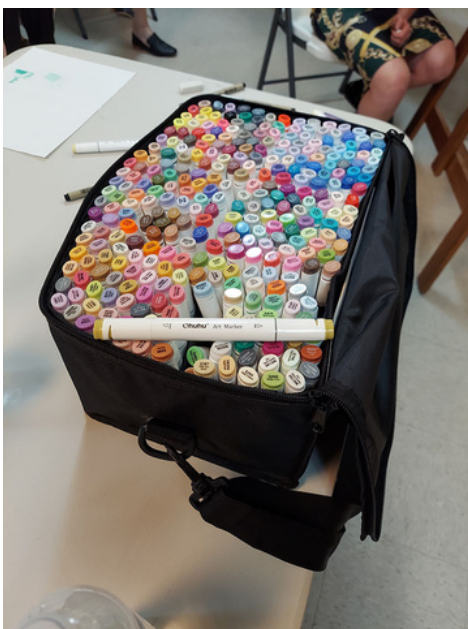
Sarah with her small prints



Julie with her tote bags

MARCH DEMONSTRATION WITH ZOE CARON *by Hadi Aghaee*

What a captivating art demonstration we experienced this month! Artist Zoe Caron's demonstration of alcohol markers as her favorite medium was truly fascinating. For many of us who were unfamiliar with this medium and technique, her detailed explanation of the process during the demonstration held our attention throughout. Moreover, her willingness to address all questions openly was immensely appreciated by everyone present.



NATURE HIKE AT CUNNINGHAM PARK

by Carole Cameron
photos by Judy Gottfeld and Candy Yu



Candy's sketches from the hike



Great-tailed Grackle, Female



Red-eared Slider



Ruddy Duck, Breeding Male



Western Bluebird



Please enjoy all the beautiful pictures supplied by Judy Gottfeld and the walk participants. We had fun identifying birds and plants and wandering around the lake. Judy's knowledge astounds. She also showed us two apps we could add to our phones to help with identifications. Thanks Judy!



Anna's Hummingbird



Pied-billed Grebe



Black-crowned Night Heron

ARTIST OF THE MONTH ONLINE

Congratulations to our AOMO winners for the month of March!

Entries for the AOMO contest should be emailed to us at eastvalleyartists@gmail.com by 8:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

April AOMO entries are due on April 17th.



FIRST PLACE and FOURTH CATEGORY: MOVEMENT

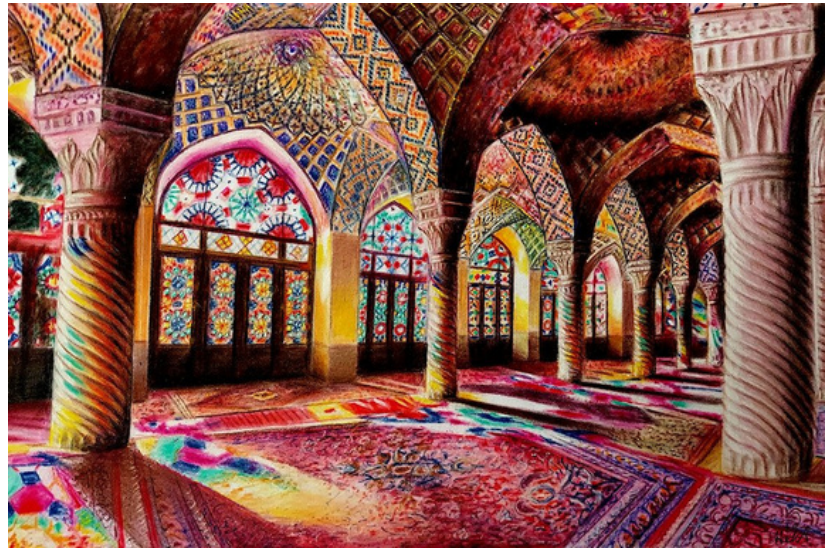
Lina Melkonian - Freedom
Triptych
Oil, 36x54

ARTIST OF THE MONTH ONLINE



SECOND PLACE (TIE)

Nitasha Sahay - The Tree That Would Have Been
Oil on canvas, 12x16



SECOND PLACE (TIE)

Hadi Aghaee - Nasir al Molk Mosque
Pastel pencil, 12x18

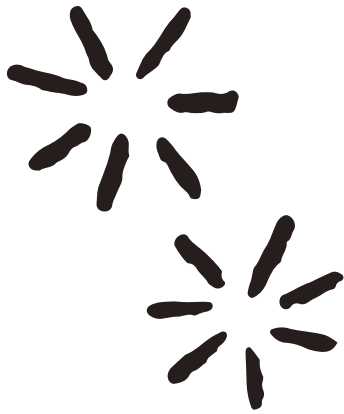


THIRD PLACE

Sriharsha Annadore - Home Calling
Photography, 12x18

FOURTH CATEGORY *by Julia Cline*

April A COMPLETELY NEW DUO



At our February demo Susan Harding talked about several women she has taken the time to meet. She showed us how she combines photography and drawing to pass their stories along to us in her visual art. In April, if you are up for it, the fourth category of our Artist of the Month contest will be about uniting two things you have never combined. They don't have to be things foreign to you—they may be two media you have a lot of experience using, but you've never put them in one art piece. You could combine holes with lines, your work with that of an artist with whom you have never collaborated, a 2D medium with a 3D one, pins with knitting needles. Use hot press paper with your watercolor paints instead of cold press paper. Find a way to use your potter's wheel to sling paint. Repurpose an old paint brush to shape soft clay. Look around and follow wild hares. You'll figure it out!

May CALIFORNIA

To this day one of my favorite art exhibits ever was a small collection of art depicting California landscapes at SJMA. I saw it not too long after I moved here. My impressions of California were fresh and every depiction excited me: convertibles, burger joints, wildflowers, hills, rambling shacks in the burning sun. It was all wonderful and not anything quite like what I imagined when I sang the 5 or 6 campfire songs I'd learned about California as a Girl Scout. I sing those songs differently now. Let's create our own collective tribute to our state in May—however each of us may interpret it. Landscapes are in no way mandatory. And as always, our fourth category is just a suggestion, it's not a requirement for participating in the Artist of the Month competition either—ever. -JC



EVA COLORING BOOKS *by Sloane Perroots*

Our wonderful board has a super idea and I've offered to help. We were talking about the new EVA Information booth for the Berryessa Art Festival as well as future events, and there was a terrific suggestion to print a coloring book, with line drawings of some of our art to sell as a fun activity or as a gift for kids and adults to enjoy. To make this happen, we will need your help and unfortunately time is short.

Please hurry and submit a lined drawing (I'm sure there are apps or photoshop, that can convert your beautiful work into something suitable for coloring) with:

1. your name
2. actual size & medium of your piece.

The book will be 8.5 by 11 and vertical preferred. We have to get it to the printers asap, so please send us your lined drawings by Friday April 12 (before we fly kites together on Apr 13) and we will get the exciting process going!

You don't want to miss this exciting opportunity, I personally want to give them out as Christmas gifts. What a fun way to support EVA and share our wonderful artists work.

Happy spring all - wasn't it just spring?

Stay warm,
Sloane



UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

APRIL 13 LET'S GO FLY SOME KITES



We have basic kite kits for everyone so you'll be able to decorate your very own high flyer. Or, you can go for it and build your own kite of any design at home. Some of the prizes will be: the highest soarer, the most spectacular crash landing, the most colorful decoration, biggest unintentional tangle of kite string—join us for a fun time out-of-doors and bring friends and family.

When: Saturday, April 13th at 12:00 PM - we'll eat lunch and build our kites first, then fly them

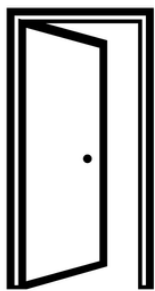
Where: Penitencia Creek Park - 3050 Berryessa Rd, San Jose, CA 95132 - meet in front of the playground, next to the Community Ctr.

What to bring: Your kite, a blanket and/or chair, picnic lunch

APR 20 EVA WORKSPACE VISIT #1

EVA's 2024 series of workspace visits begins at the home of award-winning artist and EVA Demo Coordinator, Hadi Aghae.

East Valley Artists



workspace
visits

From Hadi:

“Join me for my very first Open Studio event at my studio on Saturday, April 20, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. This isn't really a sale event (but I won't stop anyone!)—it's an opportunity for my cherished friends and loyal followers to see themselves in the creative space where my ideas come to life, and at the same time we can share some artful conversations with one another!”

When: Saturday, April 20,
1:00 - 6:00 PM

Where: RSVP for address

Cost: Free



UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

MAY 11 EVA AT BERRYESSA ART FESTIVAL



We're back at the Berryessa Art Festival for 2024! This year, we'll have a single informational booth and our artists will have their own individual booths scattered around the festival. Spin the wheel to win prizes at EVA's booth, including our new coloring book. Support our members by visiting each artist. Check Member News to see who's participating.

Parking is mostly around the neighborhood and can be tough; we recommend getting there early and carpooling.

When: Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (the day before Mother's Day)

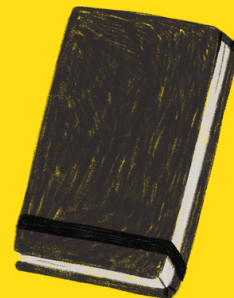
Where: Penitencia Creek Park - 3050 Berryessa Rd, San Jose, CA

Cost: Free

REQUEST FOR ART & SUPPLIES

Help us promote EVA at the Berryessa Art Festival

Do you have small gifts like greeting cards, drawing studies, seconds, or other art or unused art supplies you can contribute to EVA? We're looking for prizes to hand out at our booth at the upcoming Berryessa Art Festival. Please contact us at eastvalleyartists@gmail.com to get in touch with a board member. Thank you!



MEMBER NEWS

SRIHARSHA ANNADORE



Sri is hosting a field photography workshop in Death Valley April 12-14. Topics will include: Landscape (sunset & rise), closeup, and night landscape. This workshop is currently full, but keep an eye out for a second event planned for July.



SUSAN HARDING-PALMORE

Susan's solo show is currently on view at a gallery in Barcelona.

SHELLY WOOLLVIN

Shelly will lead classes in April and May - [see the complete list at her website.](#)



MEMBER NEWS



CANDY YU

Candy has two upcoming art shows.

1) I entered two paintings, “The Gorge”, “Mission of Music”, into Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society’s 56th Annual Member Juried Show “The Magic of Watercolor”, and both were accepted. The show is on view at the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center (JCC), 14855 Oka Rod, Los Gatos, CA 95032. You are invited to attend this free event which runs April 1-30. Artist’s reception is on Saturday, April 13th, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM.

2) I was invited to show 5 of my watercolor paintings in Louie-Meager Art Gallery, Ohlone College Smith Center. 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539. The show runs from April 6 to May 2.

EVA members Claudio Martinez, Robert Johnson, Marie Serda, Sarah Nguyen, and Julia Cline will each have an artist booth at the 2024 Berryessa Art Festival. Come out and support your fellow artists on May 11th! More details about the festival are in the Events section (on page 10).



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