

# Flourish

EAST VALLEY ARTISTS'  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

BY CAROLE CAMERON

January has been really sucky which makes 2024 really sucky so far. There has been a lot of suffering around me and the weather, the gray skies and howling damaging winds, have gotten me down. I haven't had my bearings, getting up and not knowing what to do. I have now realized that with all the happenings around me, I don't have an art project in the works. It is my happy place and I need to focus myself to be on track. Thankfully I have my art friends and EVA for love and support. We had a wonderful day together at Petroglyph ceramic studio. It was the highlight of my January. I painted the best sandwich I ever ate, from visiting Amsterdam, on a sandwich plate. Oh, the irony!

We are what we are. We are artists. We are absurdly driven to do weird things. It is our secret sauce, even if it doesn't always feel like it. And thankfully we have each other.

This month we have a demonstration with photographer and photo collage artist Susan Harding-Palmore on Thursday Feb 15th. Susan is also a new member.

The EVA board has a great year planned and welcomes your ideas and contributions of time. Candy is back to collect your annual dues.

I can't wait to see you!  
Carole



*Carole's sandwich plate*

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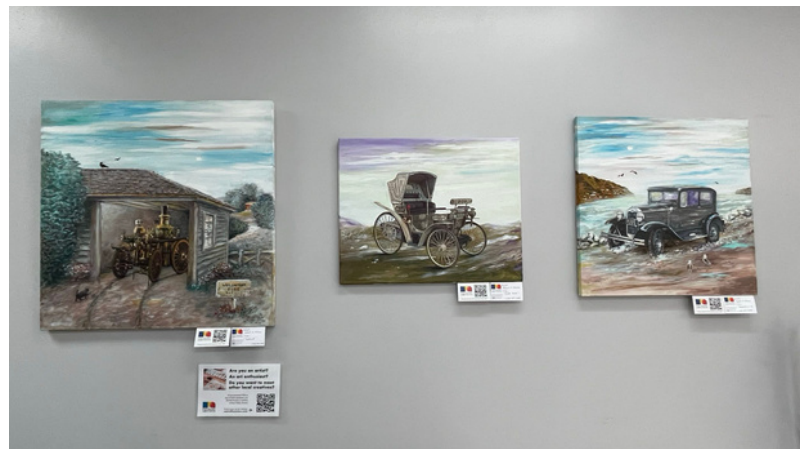
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# NEW ART AT THE COFFEE CUP



Our gallery wall at The Coffee Cup in Toyon Center now features new work by longtime EVA member, Robert Johnson. Stop by for a pastry and a latte. Tell Michelle EVA sent you!



*Robert Johnson*



*Jeanne, Robert, Lynne, Julie, and Sarah (not shown) came out to change out the art.*



# EVA'S 2ND ANNUAL PETROGLYPH PARTY



*From Left: Dang, Jeanne, Judy, Sarah, Wendell, Margie, Julie, and Carole. Not pictured: Carolyn Meredith. We missed her when she went out for coffee!*

Petroglyph seems to be the perfect place for EVA members to kick off another year of creating. Several artists opted to paint on plates of different shapes and sizes. Natural subjects were common choices.

We invite all participants to bring their finished pieces to the February meeting so we can admire them in person!

If you missed out or would like to go again, pick a date for your event and let us know about it. We'll put it in the newsletter and post it on our website.



*Sarah painted two of her cats*



*Julie painted a white-tailed kite*



*Judy painted a red-breasted nut hatch*



# ARTIST OF THE MONTH ONLINE

*Congratulations to our AOMO winners for the month of January!*

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

February AOMO entries are due on February 14th.

## FIRST PLACE



Carole Cameron - Facade / Transparency  
book, acrylic & paper

# ARTIST OF THE MONTH ONLINE

## SECOND PLACE



Carolyn Meredith - Just Before Dark  
digital photo, 8x10

## THIRD PLACE (TIE) & FOURTH CATEGORY - TRANSITIONS

### THIRD PLACE (TIE)



Carol Tillman - Untitled  
Fused glass flowers with dichroic glass centers



Wendell Fiock - Dreamcoat Stallion  
Acrylic, 8x10



## FOURTH CATEGORY

# February SELF-PORTRAIT

This month, we invite our artists to create self-portraits. The self-portrait can be traditional or non-traditional; i.e. it can be of something that represents you, something that is central to your self or your world view. It could be a collection of your favorite things or the things that annoy you most. Maybe there is more than one you and a collection of paper mache figurines would represent you much better than a portrait.

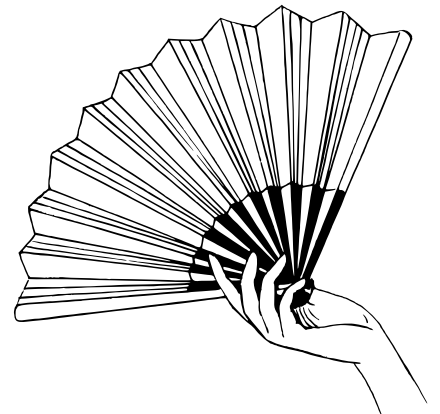
As always, the fourth category is optional and intended as a way to spark inspiration. We look forward to seeing whatever you create this month.



Photo by [Toa Heftiba](#) on [Unsplash](#)

## March MOVEMENT

The fourth category for March will be centered on movement. How do you emphasize movement in your art?



## EVA WORKSPACE VISITS

This spring will bring a fun new event for EVA: A series of workspace visits featuring our members.

**Hadi will kick off the series for us on April 20th.**

We'd like to have a series of at least 3-5 different workspace visits over the course of the following several weeks.

### ARE YOU IN?

**Would you like to open up your workspace or studio for a visit?**

Send us an email with a photo of you in the place where you work if you'd like to participate in this event.

The sooner we have a solid list of participants, the sooner we can start promoting! Email us today.



*Photo by Hadi Aghaee*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SALON AT THE TRITON

The Triton Museum of Art announced on social media that their 2024 Salon at the Triton is coming soon. Watch their [facebook page](#) to be the first to know about this opportunity.



## EVA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE MARCH 1ST

It's time to renew your membership for 2024.

Make your check payable to "EVA" or "East Valley Artists" and mail it to our treasurer:  
Candy Yu - 2718 Royalvale Way, San Jose, CA 95132

\$40 INDIVIDUAL

\$50 FAMILY

\$10 STUDENT

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**If you're interested in taking on a board position or another more active role in EVA in 2024, we'd love to hear from you!**



## UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

### FEB 15 SUSAN HARDING DEMONSTRATES COLLAGE



New EVA member Susan Harding will demonstrate techniques combining painting with photographs to create interesting collages. Join us in Fellowship Hall at Foothill Presbyterian Church for our first in-person demo of the year.

**When:** Thursday, February 15 at 6:30pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall - Foothill Presbyterian Church  
5301 McKee Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

**Cost:** Free



# UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

## FEB 24 GROUP VISIT TO THE TRITON

*Organized by: Sarah J.L. Nguyen*



Let's take a trip to see what's on view at the Triton. Current exhibits include photography, 3D art, and painting. More details on [the Triton Museum's website](#).

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 24 at 2:00pm

**Where:** Triton Museum - 1505 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** Email [eastvalleyartists@gmail.com](mailto:eastvalleyartists@gmail.com) with subject line **Triton Visit** to let us know to look for you there.





# UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

## MAR / TBD NATURE HIKE WITH JUDY GOTTFELD



EVA member Judy Gottfeld will lead us on a nature hike to discover wildflowers and birds. Bring your camera or a sketchpad to capture what you see on the hike.

**When:** TBD - sometime in March while the wildflowers are in bloom

**Where:** TBD

**RSVP:** Email [eastvalleyartists@gmail.com](mailto:eastvalleyartists@gmail.com) with subject line Nature Hike



*Photo by [Mickey Dziwulski](#) on [Unsplash](#)*

## MAR 1 ART TALK AT THE COFFEE CUP



Meet your art buddies for a cuppa joe and some good convo about art. Share what you're working on or what's inspiring you lately. If you haven't seen Robert's new exhibit on our gallery space inside The Coffee Cup, this is your chance to check it out. Bring a friend!

**When:** Friday, March 1st at 1:00pm

**Where:** The Coffee Cup - 438 Toyon Ave., San Jose, CA 95127

**Cost:** Free, but supporting our local, family-owned coffee shop is encouraged!

**RSVP:** Email [eastvalleyartists@gmail.com](mailto:eastvalleyartists@gmail.com) with subject line Coffee Cup

## UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

### MAR 21 ZOE CARON DEMONSTRATES WATERCOLOR, INK AND PENCIL

Mark your calendars for an exciting demo by artist Zoe Caron. More details coming soon.

**When:** Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall - Foothill Presbyterian Church  
5301 McKee Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

**Cost:** Free



### TBD / APRIL EVA KITE CONTEST



Test out your hand at kite-making! Get creative building a kite of any shape or size at home, or come to the meet-up to build one from a kit. Then we'll see whose flies the best. Prizes for multiple categories.

Let us know in your RSVP whether you plan to DIY your kite or use a kit provided by EVA.

**When:** TBD - most likely a weekend day in April

**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



## UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

### 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.

**When:** Saturday, April 20, time window TBD

**Where:** RSVP for address

**Cost:** Free



## MEMBER NEWS

### CANDY YU



Candy has agreed to demonstrate for the Fremont Art Association later this year, on September 4. More details as the date approaches.

### HADI AGHAEI



Someone finally convinced Hadi to do a demo! Hadi will talk about his process at The Villages this summer, on June 3rd. More details as the date approaches.

### SARAH J. L. NGUYEN



Sarah's painting "24/7, 365" has been selected for inclusion in the collection of artworks to be displayed inside San Jose's Office of Emergency Management/Fire Department Training Center.

### JULIE CLINE AND SARAH J.L. NGUYEN



Julie and Sarah will each have a booth at the Women's Heritage Day at History Park on March 9. This event celebrates Women's history month and features women-owned organizations and businesses.



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