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EAST VALLEY ARTISTS'
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

BY CAROLE CAMERON

Ahh the fantastic month of March. Firstly, it's the month we return our clocks to the rightful time to have more light. Yay. Secondly, it's the month of my birth. But most important it is the birthday of my beloved giant doggy, Madeleine, sweet cakes that she is. She will finally be 3, which I'm told is the time that her breed will no longer be a puppy. Praise the goddesses. "Maddie" is 93 lbs. of goofy adoration in constant need of play and attention.

But why am I writing about my dog? Because she seems to spontaneously inspire people to paint portraits of her. She is not just a love bomb; she is an art bomb. She just makes me and others want to paint and build things so that she can hang out in the shop. Who inspires you?



Madeleine by Julia Cline

Please refer to our website calendar and monthly newsletter to stay informed about upcoming gatherings and events. We have another demo meeting this month with an interesting multi-media artist, Zoe Caron. Hadi finds the best demonstrators.

Find your muse.
Carole



Madeleine by Candy Yu

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GROUP VISIT TO THE TRITON (AND A SWEET TREAT) *by Sarah Nguyen*



The Same Streets Everyday
by Lost San Jose

Seeing other artists' work is one way to fuel our own artistic practice. A group of EVA members did just that last month with a visit to the Triton. Afterward, we caravanned to a nearby spot for frozen yogurt and boba drinks.

Our focus must have been on the art (and the sweets) because we forgot to take a group photo! Next time...



The Punctum Void: A Miha Sarani Retrospective



An Ode to the Planets by Yunan Ma

FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATION WITH SUSAN HARDING-PALMORE *by Hadi Aghaee; Photos by Sarah J.L. Nguyen*

East Valley Artists kicked off its 2024 art demonstration with an exhilarating collage art demonstration. Susan Harding-Palmore captivated the audience as she described her photography expertise and showcasing the intricate art of photo/realistic-drawing collage. Her mastery of charcoal drawing leaves viewers questioning where reality ends and creativity begins within her collages. Anticipation mounts for her upcoming solo exhibition on March 5th at San Jose State University in San Jose, CA, promising an immersive journey into Harding's captivating world of artistry.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH ONLINE

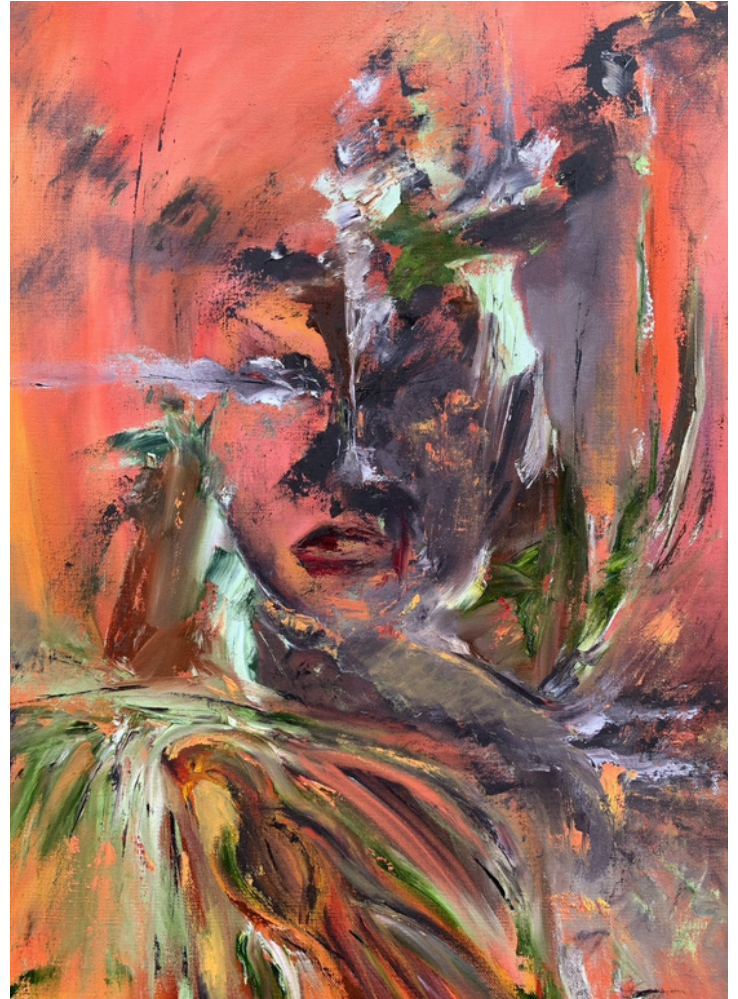
Congratulations to our AOMO winners for the month of February!

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.

March AOMO entries are due on March 20th.

FIRST PLACE

Lina Melkonian - Bird Song
oil, 18x24



SECOND PLACE

Julia Cline - Tabby Sandwich
watercolor, 9x12

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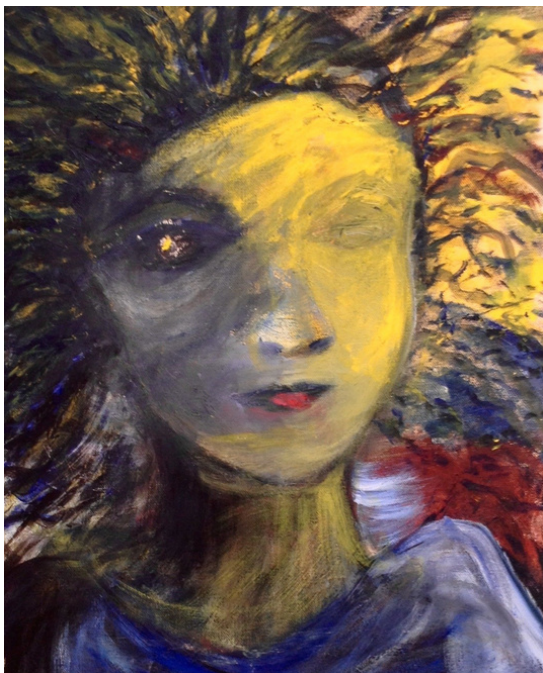
**THIRD PLACE (TIE) and
FOURTH CATEGORY SELF-PORTRAIT (TIE)**

Wendell Fiock - Self-Portrait
Acrylic, 7x10



**THIRD PLACE (TIE) and
FOURTH CATEGORY SELF-PORTRAIT (TIE)**

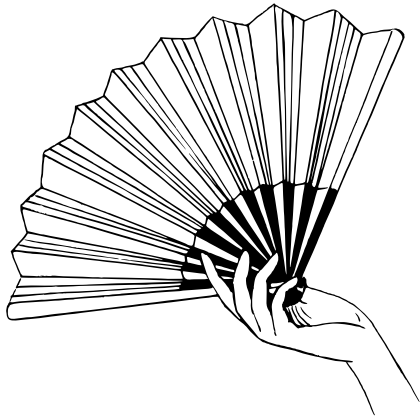
Sriharsha Annadore -My Distorted View
Photography, 16x20



FOURTH CATEGORY SELF-PORTRAIT (TIE)

Barb Gottesman - Self-Portrait
Acrylic, 16x24

FOURTH CATEGORY



March

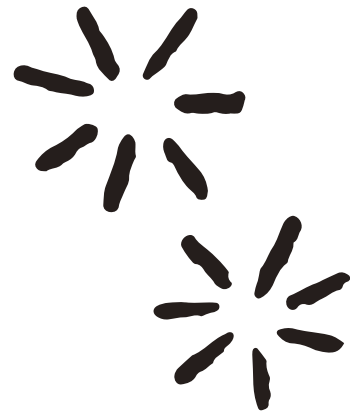
MOVEMENT

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

April

A COMPLETELY NEW DUO

At our demo last month 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!



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, followed by a visit to Margie Matthews' studio in May.

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

Who else would like to open up your studio to visitors?

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SALON AT THE TRITON

Salon at the Triton 2024 is on! Submissions are now open; [visit their website for more information](#). This is a great opportunity to get your work into a museum show!



THE EVA BOARD COULD USE YOUR HELP

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.

Email us at: eastvalleyartists@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

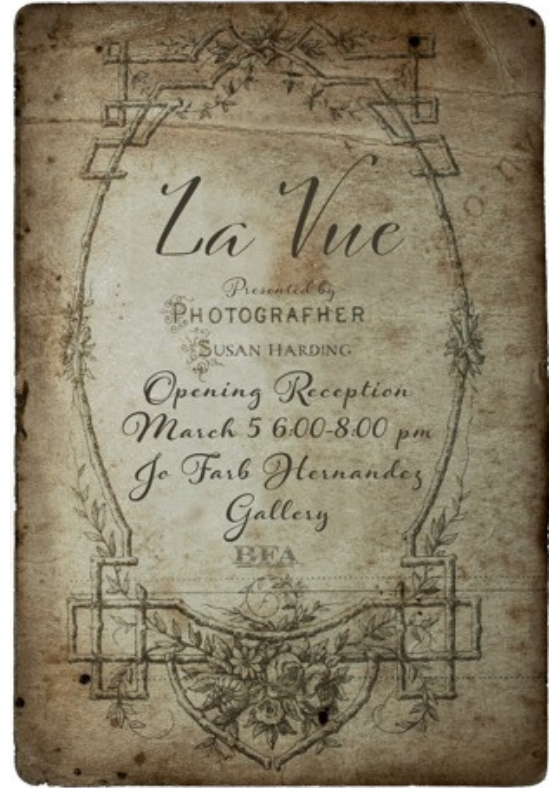
MAR 5 OPENING RECEPTION - SUSAN HARDING-PALMORE'S BFA SHOW



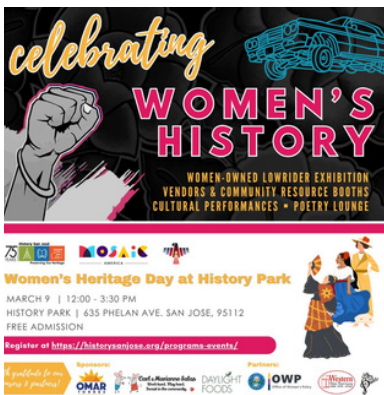
Come and celebrate EVA member Susan Harding-Palmore's BFA show at her Opening Reception.

When: Tuesday, March 5th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Where: Jo Farb Hernandez Gallery, Art Building, San Jose State University



MAR 9 WOMEN'S HERITAGE DAY AT HISTORY SAN JOSE



EVA members Julia Cline, Sarah Nguyen, and Shelly Woollvin will each have a presence at this family-friendly event celebrating women and San Jose history. Shelly will demonstrate bead making, and Julia and Sarah will have interactive art projects at their vendor booths.

This event is **free**, but an RSVP to the organizers is strongly encouraged. The first attendees who check in at the event will receive free food, while supplies last.

When: Saturday, March 9th, 12:00 - 3:30 PM

Where: History Park - 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose, CA 95112

RSVP: [On this website](#)

UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

MAR 25 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: Monday, March 25th at 9:00 AM

Where: Lake Cunningham Park - 2305 S. White Rd. San Jose, CA 95148

RSVP: Email eastvalleyartists@gmail.com with subject line Nature Hike



Photo by Mickey Dziwulski on Unsplash

UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

MAR 21 ZOE CARON DEMONSTRATES WATERCOLOR, INK AND PENCIL



Artist Zoe Caron will demonstrate pencil and ink mixed media work that blends realistic animal forms with abstract pattern. Read more about Zoe [on our website](#).

When: Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm

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

Cost: Free



MAR 27 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: Wednesday, March 27th 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 with subject line Coffee Cup

UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

APRIL 14 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: Sunday, April 14th 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.

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

Where: RSVP for address

Cost: Free



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 BFA show opens on March 5th in the Jo Farb Hernandez Gallery at SJSU. The opening reception will be from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. See the Events section for details.

Susan also has an upcoming solo show at a gallery in Barcelona. Details coming soon.

HADI AGHAEI

Hadi has a piece at WORKS/San Jose gallery fundraising group show.

The exhibit opens First Friday, March 1, 5-9pm
Ends with auction on Saturday, April 6.



MEMBER NEWS

SHELLY, JULIE, AND SARAH



Shelly, Julie, and Sarah will each have a booth at the Women's Heritage Day event at History Park on March 9. Shelly will be demonstrating glass bead making with the Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI). See the Events section for more info on this event.

SHELLY WOOLLVIN



Shelly will lead several classes for BAGI and MakerNexus in March - [see the complete list at her website.](#)

She'll be at the following shows coming up in March and April:

- March 15-17 - [Walnut Creek Bead and Design Show](#)
- March 31 - [Artisan Open Market Solo Show on Facebook](#)
Show starts 8pm on 3/30; ends at 7pm on 3/31
- April 5-7 - [Glass Craft Las Vegas](#)

— Welcome —

A warm welcome to the following new members:

- Marie Serda
- Carmen Arjona-Ariza
- Preethi Elango
- Claudio Martinez

And an enthusiastic welcome back to **Christine Harkins**, a former EVA President!

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