

# Flourish

EAST VALLEY ARTISTS'  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

BY CAROLE CAMERON

Again, EVA is innovating with fresh ideas to meet together and forward art in new fun and engaging ways. In April we tried two new things and they both went really well. We had our first, of hopefully many to come, home workspace visits with Hadi Aghae. Hadi graciously opened his home to show us where he works and the source of his ideas. It was really beautiful to see the scope of his work, the many paintings stacked in extremely organized racks. Amazing to see his easel and the small space that he works within. The obvious tedious nature of his large-scale paintings with such incredible, tiny details was undeniable. How he gets such fine detail and smooth canvases while working so large is truly amazing. We all had a nice visit with each other at different times as people arrived. What a great way to kick off workspace visits. Margie Matthews has volunteered next.

And then our first annual kite decorating and flying day was a bit of childish fun. We actually had four kids in attendance, but the rest of us tried to observe their methods and mirror their joyfulness. The decorating upstaged the actual flying, but we did get all airborne who attempted the short run.

The month of May is a tradition for EVA to participate in the Berryessa Art Festival. Several members will be showing and we will have a special booth to promote the EVA club and increase new membership. Prizes!

Carole



*Preethi and her daughter with kites*

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# SENDING ART INTO THE SKY *by Sarah Nguyen | photos by Sarah Nguyen and Carole Cameron*

A first of hopefully many kite-flying adventures, East Valley Artists met at Penitencia Creek Park for decorating and test flying pre-made and handmade kites. Awards went out to each of the kids in attendance: Most Colorful, Best Flight, and Best Sunset. Liz stunned us all with her feathered

creation, earning her the title of Most Creative. Toward the end of the day, we all posed under a tree to capture some promotional footage for the Berryessa Art Festival. It was a fun afternoon of creative (and physical) activity!



*Candy and her high flyer*



*Liz and her handmade bird kite*



*Lanna's son working on his kite*



*Van filming the group for social media*

# WORKSPACE VISIT #1: HADI AGHAEI

*by Sarah Nguyen | Photos by Hadi Aghaei*

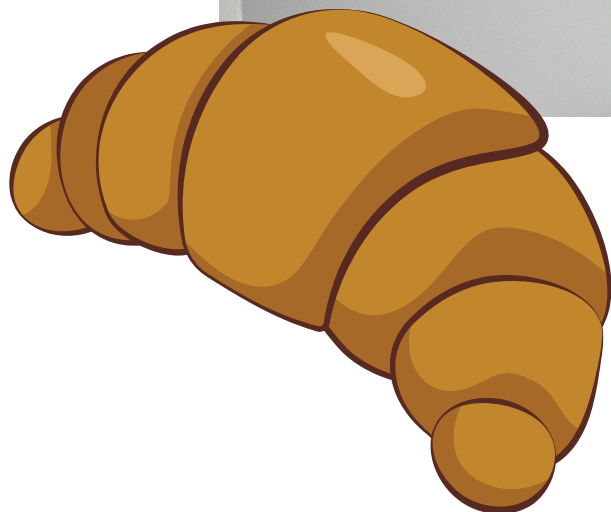
Our new series of workspace visits kicked off with a bang at the home of Hadi Aghaei. Hadi's paintings graced the walls of multiple rooms, and his storage and hanging solutions got me thinking about how I can better organize my own space. But the work itself, as always, was the main point of inspiration for all who visited. Thank you Hadi!





# THE COFFEE CUP

Lisa Blaylock is the latest member of East Valley Artist to show her work at our gallery space inside The Coffee Cup. Stop by soon to get a closer work at her gorgeous watercolors.



## SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Would you like to exhibit your art at The Coffee Cup? We still have spots available for later this year and into 2025. There is a flat fee of \$40, and you'll get to display your art for a period of 3 months.

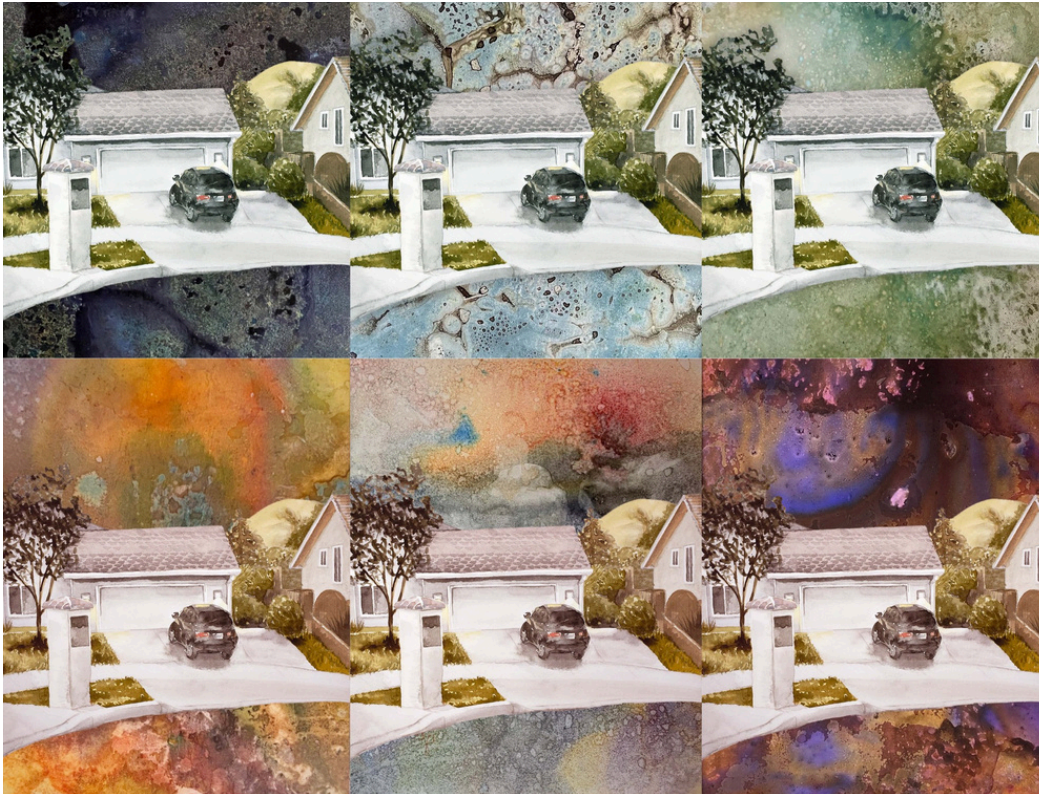
Talk to a board member or email us at [eastvalleyartists@gmail.com](mailto:eastvalleyartists@gmail.com) to sign up.

# ARTIST OF THE MONTH ONLINE

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

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.

May AOMO entries are due on May 15th.

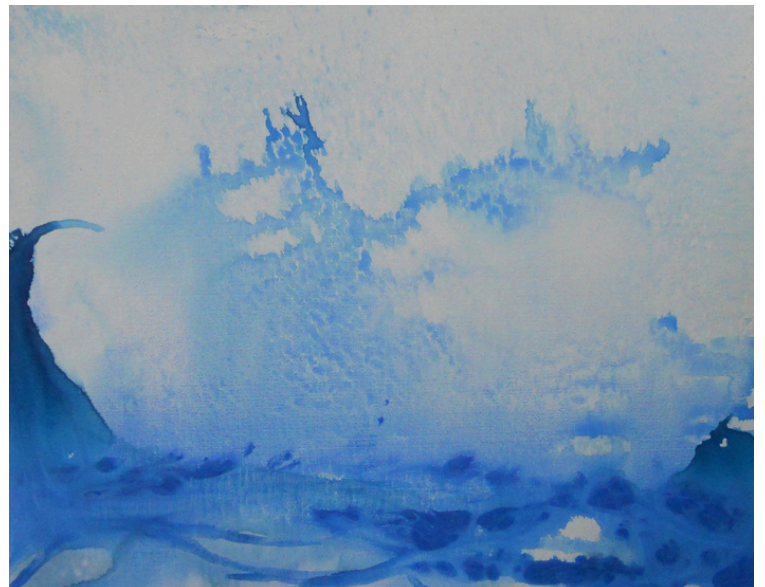


## FIRST PLACE

Julia Cline and Sarah Nguyen  
Climate Change  
Mixed media, 21.5 x 18

## SECOND PLACE

Barbara Gottesman - Waves  
Watercolor and acrylic, 24 x 16



# ARTIST OF THE MONTH ONLINE [CONTINUED]



## THIRD PLACE (TIE)

Yanna Shen - Blooming  
Oil, 18 x 24

## THIRD PLACE (TIE) & FOURTH CATEGORY: A NEW DUO

Carole Cameron - Salty Backsides  
Acrylic on panel  
24 x 24



**FOURTH CATEGORY** *by Julia Cline*



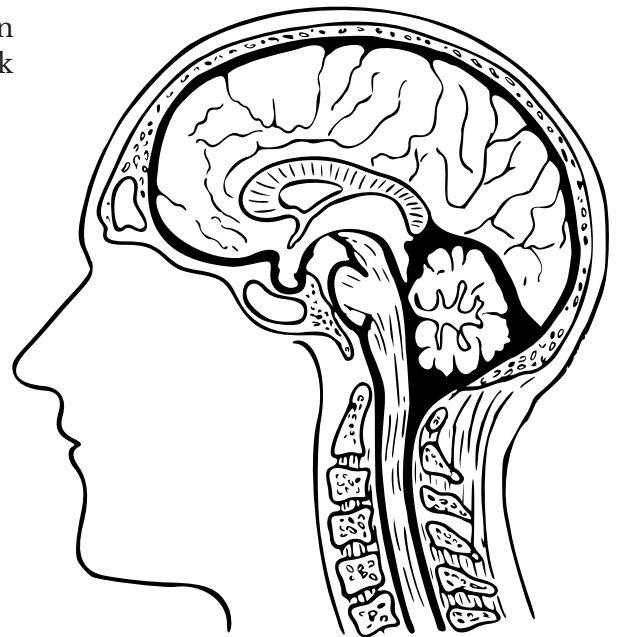
# May CALIFORNIA

Don't forget this month's fourth category is California! If you can't find something in this state to inspire, flummox, frustrate you, or flood your heart with joy, maybe you should have your pulse taken? -JC

# June

## EXTROVERSION/INTROVERSION

Next month's fourth category is either extroversion or introversion or both. Use one as a theme or work both into your composition.



# UPCOMING EVA EVENTS

## MAY 11 EVA AT BERRYESSA ART FESTIVAL



Don't miss out! Visit the East Valley Artists promotional booth to support your fellow members. Chat it up with visitors to encourage them to join. And most of all, have fun! There should be a wide range of vendors this year - check out @berryessaartfestival on Instagram to get a glimpse of some of them. See below which of your fellow members will have booths at the show.

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

Shout out to all the members who contributed prizes for our booth! We anticipate a big crowd, and now we're well-stocked to greet them with inspiring art and creative gifts for prizes. THANK YOU!

**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

## PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

*If you make it out to the festival, be sure to support our members! Tell your friends to pick up a stamp card at any of our booths, then visit each artist for a chance to win an Amazon gift card.*



Margie Matthews



Claudio Martinez



Sarah Nguyen



Robert Johnson



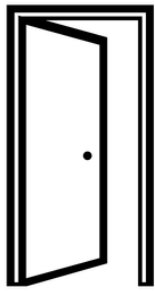
Julie Cline



## UPCOMING EVA EVENTS [CONTINUED]

### JUNE 8 EVA WORKSPACE VISIT #2: MARGIE MATTHEWS

East Valley Artists



workspace  
visits

We continue our series of workspace visits at the home studio of Margie Matthews. Join us to see where Margie creates her oil and acrylic paintings.

**When:** Saturday, June 8, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

**Where:** RSVP for address

**Cost:** Free



### JUNE 20 JENNA HOBBS DEMONSTRATES GEOMETRIC ABSTRACT



Jenna Hobbs will be our June demonstrator. Jenna's style is a mix of realism and abstract. She incorporates geometry into her landscapes, to show how humans have organized natural landscapes using geometric shapes and forms.

**When:** Thursday, June 20 at 6:30pm

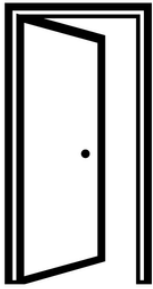
**Where:** Fellowship Hall, Foothill Presbyterian Church  
5301 McKee Road San Jose, CA, 95127

**Cost:** Free

## UPCOMING EVA EVENTS [CONTINUED]

### JULY 6 EVA WORKSPACE VISIT #3: KAY CLARK

East Valley Artists



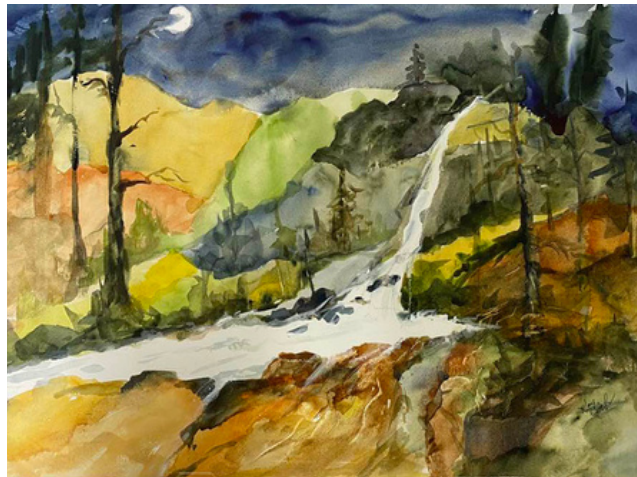
workspace  
visits

Join us for our third workspace visit at Kay Clark's home studio.

**When:** Saturday, July 6, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

**Where:** RSVP for address

**Cost:** Free



# MEMBER NEWS

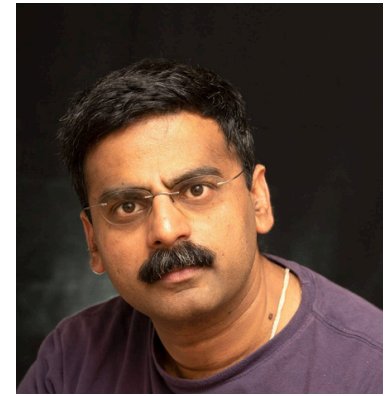
## HADI AGHAE & SRIHARSHA ANNADORE



Hadi and Sriharsha each received the wonderful news that their pieces have been accepted into the 2024 Salon at the Triton.

The opening reception will be on May 25th from 2-4pm.

Congrats and great work, Hadi and Sri!



Hadi will also be part of a group art show at Citadel Gallery. Reception May 3, 5-9 pm.

And finally, Hadi will make his debut as a demonstrator at The Villages on Monday, June 3 at 2 pm.



## CANDY YU

Candy's painting "The Gorge" received First Place in Popular Choice as well as an Honorable Mention in Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society's 56th Annual Member Juried Show.



Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society

Congrats Candy!



## MEMBER NEWS [CONTINUED]

The following members of East Valley Artists are participating in Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS) this year. Here is a mini-guide to see when and where each EVA artist will be showing.



### CARMEN ARJONA-ARIZA

**Weekend 3 - May 18-19**

**Site 186 - Alameda Art Works  
1068 The Alameda, San Jose**

### NITASHA SAHAY

**Weekend 3 - May 18-19**

**Site 562 - Cupertino  
10601 E Estates Dr, Cupertino**

### MARIE SERDA

**Weekend 3 - May 18-19**

**Site 186 - Alameda Art Works  
1068 The Alameda, San Jose**

Additionally, here are a few artists who have demonstrated for East Valley Artists in the past and may be of interest to our members visiting SVOS.

### TARYN CURIEL

**Weekend 3 - May 18-19**

**Site 186 - Alameda Art Works  
1068 The Alameda, San Jose**

### JAMES ONG

**Weekend 2 - May 11-12**

**Site 106 - Los Altos  
Viewpoints Gallery 315 State St, Los Altos**

### LUCY GHELFI

**Weekend 3 - May 18-19**

**Site 186 - Alameda Art Works  
1068 The Alameda, San Jose**

### FLOY ZITTIN

**Weekend 1 - May 4-5**

**Site 106 - Los Altos  
Viewpoints Gallery 315 State St, Los Altos**

### STEPHANIE METZ

**Weekend 3 - May 18-19**

**Site 186 - Alameda Art Works  
1068 The Alameda, San Jose**

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### **JULIA CLINE AND SARAH J.L. NGUYEN**

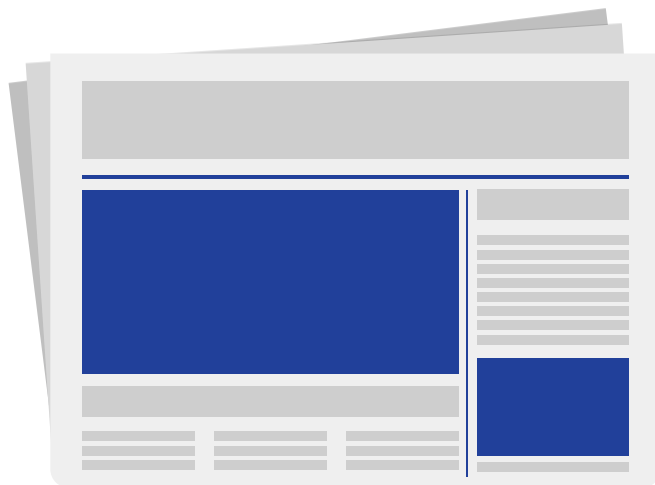


Julie and Sarah seem to think they haven't done enough events at or near the Berryessa Community Center this year, so they each signed up for the Berryessa Arts & Crafts Summer Boutique happening on Saturday, June 8 from 10am - 4pm.



## **DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?**

Send us some text and a photo– we'll get it in the next newsletter.  
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