



# Thousand Oaks Art Association

# February 2026

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## President's Message



Hello Friends:

In our ongoing effort to increase member wide support of TOAA, I am happy to announce that new member Jonaki Hazra will assist our Website Chair Mike Wicks in a new role as Web Content Creator. Shortly you will be receiving an email from her requesting that you submit a personal photo of yourself with instructions (new request) and any updates/replacements to your artwork images that are presently posted (this is ongoing). For this effort to be effective we believe that a 50% participation rate is required, so please take action.

Jonaki responded to a request by board Historian/Social Media Chair Pei-Tse Goh to assist the board, and Jonaki enthusiastically accepted. This is a great example of members helping members by reaching out to those who have offered and/or exhibited skills that will be necessary for our succession plan and who can provide backup and assistance for critical activities. These include the Member Show, the Open Show, special exhibits, programs, workshops and monthly operational activities. I am pleased to announce that after a 4 year absence in the position of Vice President, we now have a volunteer on whom we will be voting at the February board meeting. If you have an interest in learning how the board operates and are willing to pitch in to do your fair share, please contact me or any board member. If you talk to our board members, I am sure that you will find that the light workload is far exceeded by the sense of satisfaction and community that you will receive in return.

Our next big event will be our May 2026 Open Juried Show. Please get busy and create your next best works! The prospectus and [onlinejuriedshow.com](http://onlinejuriedshow.com) application are available online. Entries close at midnight on Sunday 15 March 2026. The judge for our show will be announced soon.

Artistic thought of the month:

“Flawless technique without heart has no purpose.” – Don Demers

Rob Impellizzeri

President TOAA

## Calendar

**The 2026 Open Juried Art Show May 4-27**

## New!!!

**Jonaki Das Hazra**, is a member of the Thousand Oaks Art Association as well as the Westlake Village Art Guild (WAAG). She's a local artist and art educator, and she's currently serving on the TOAA board, helping with member engagement and website updates.

She will be serving temporarily as a Website Content Coordinator.

**We welcome Jonaki!**

**The 2026 Open Juried Art Show** will be held May 4-27 at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery (by the Newbury Park Library). Entries open Sunday, February 1 and close on Sunday, March 15 on the Online Juried Shows (OJS) website ([OnlineJuriedShows.com](http://OnlineJuriedShows.com)). The Prospectus is available on the TOAA website (2026 Open Show under Events/Shows) as well as on the OJS website (scroll down under "Current Shows" until you see the TOAA logo and click on the "Enter this show" button).

Please consider entering this prestigious event! It would be great to have a significant number of TOAA members represented in the show.

Linda Shaner

Open Show Chair



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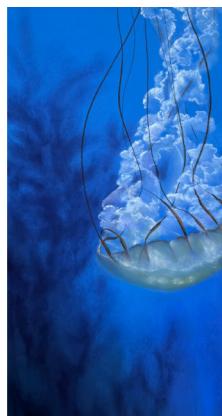
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## Member's Creativity

**Carmen Lamp** has some new artwork of hers that will be at her upcoming show at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum (Feb 12-Mar 30), reception Sat, Feb 21 from 4-6:30pm



**Larry Deeds's** painting, "Just around the corner," won 3rd Place in Watercolor in the Westlake Village Art Guild's 2026 Member Show that will be closing in a few days. This painting is a design concept he loves to use: a trail or road going off into the distance, drawing the viewer's eyes to the center-of-interest, typically where lightest-light meets darkest-dark....



**Amanda Craig** will be attending the Spring Art & Crafts Festival on March 7th 2026. Her art work is also on page 6

**Maggie Tata and Carol Roulland** feel honored to have their art selected to be part of the Currents of Compassion exhibit at the Fred Kavli Theatre. Maggie has 7 of her pieces selected and Carol has three pieces of her art selected for this show.

Please come to view the wonderful art from 12 participating artists Saturday, February 7th from 2pm to 4pm. Light refreshments will be served.

R.S.V.P. with the number of attendees you plan to bring to [art@toaks.gov](mailto:art@toaks.gov).

**Please see Page 6 for viewing images of Maggie's art.**

## Art Reception



**Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 2pm - 4pm**  
**Fred Kavli Lobby**

Featured Artists:  
Katie Denisova, Carol Roulland, Neil Parker, Marzette Bonar, David Freedman, Maggie Tata, Joyce Rumack, Pamela Fong, MerryNell Fullmer, Tim Curtis, Eva Svitak, Nancy Kanter

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**Carol Roulland....Grows.** No One Walks Alone, Above and Below, and The Way Kindness Grows.



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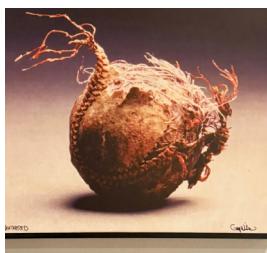
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## Member's Creativity

### Gerry Wilson Photography



Luma framed, retired Boots.



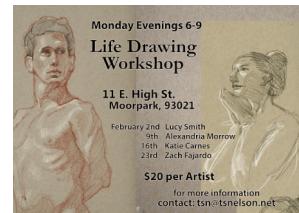
Weathered



Panoramic Sunset

**Joan Sharron** was recognized with a Third Place Ribbon for her mixed media piece entitled "Abstract Serenity" that was on exhibit in the Westlake Village Art Guild Member Show.

Joan was also recognized with a Best of Show Ribbon for "Butterfly Blooms" exhibited at the Camarillo Art Center.



**Thomas Scott Nelson** is pleased to announce, Lucy Smith will be our model this coming Monday evening from 6-9 pm in his studio at 11 East High Street, Moorpark, California 93021; \$20 per artist.

Parking is available diagonally across Moorpark Avenue in the Post Office parking lot at 100 West High Street. Handicapped parking is also available next door at 33 E. High Street.

After an initial warm-up of five, two minute poses followed by two, five minute poses, we will move onto a twenty minute pose, followed by a forty minute pose, and ending the evening with a one hour pose.

Thank you for supporting Life Drawing at my studio. Information is online at: [artistsn.com](http://artistsn.com)  
Looking forward to seeing you.

Thomas Scott Nelson

(805) 529-7149 house

(805) 552-4045 studio

Please visit the Hillcrest Center for the Arts & Join us for the Artists' Reception & Awards Ceremony. Thank you to TOAA for their continuous generous support.

 **Arts Council**  
of the Conejo Valley  
"The Voice of the Arts"

**HANG with the BEST**  
**January 23 - March 8**  
Featuring Student Artists from the Greater Conejo Valley  
Grades 6th - 12th  
**Artists' Reception & Awards Ceremony**  
**Sunday, March 8**  
2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Community Room  
[www.ConejoArts.org](http://www.ConejoArts.org)  
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#### Art - related Happenings

The City of Thousand Oaks is excited to announce our upcoming **Open Studio Tour**, taking place **April 25 and 26 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. We are now accepting artist participants for this year's event.

This self-guided tour invites the community to explore local art studios, meet the artists behind the work, and experience the creative process up close.

##### Eligibility:

- Open to artists **located within the City of Thousand Oaks**
- Participants must have an **active art studio** that can be open to the public during tour hours, this includes home-based studios

We do have **limited space available for artists who do not have a studio**. If you fall into this category and would like to be considered, please submit a request and we will follow up with availability.

If you're interested in participating, send an email to [art@toaks.gov](mailto:art@toaks.gov). Please let us know if you have your own studio, home studio space, and/or if you'd be showing with a group. Additionally, please share your typical artistic medium. This is a great opportunity to showcase your work, connect with the community, and be part of a vibrant arts weekend in Thousand Oaks.

Our deadline for confirmation is February 27, 2026. Please let us know if you have any questions and would like to participate. We look forward to another inspiring Open Studio Tour.



## Social Media

### **Stay Connected and Share Your Art with TOAA Social Media!**

The Thousand Oaks Art Association is proud of the creativity and talent within our membership, and we'd love to highlight more of your artistic accomplishments on our social media platforms. If you have recently participated in an exhibition, completed a new piece, attended a workshop, or been involved in any other art-related activities, we invite you to share them with us.

Please include a brief description and one or two photos, and send them to [pei.tse@gmail.com](mailto:pei.tse@gmail.com), so we can feature your work and celebrate your artistic journey with our community. Showcasing our members' creativity helps inspire others and strengthens the connection among local artists.

Also, be sure to **like** and **follow** TOAA on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on the latest news, upcoming events, and member highlights. Your engagement and participation help our association continue to grow and thrive!

#### **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/people/TOAA-Thousand-Oaks-Art-Association/61566330600564/>

#### **Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1334874361256351>

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Facebook!



Follow Us On  
Instagram!



#### **Instagram**

<https://www.instagram.com/thousandoaksartassociation/>

### **Thousand Oaks Art Association Invites Artists to Apply for Membership**

The Thousand Oaks Art Association (TOAA) invites prospective members to submit their completed application consisting of three (3) high-quality digital images of work completed in the last two years, and high-quality digital images of five (5) additional examples of their work (labeled with title, medium, size, and date completed).

To reserve an in-person opportunity to present your portfolio on Saturday, March 21st at 10:45AM at the Studio of Carol Roulland located at 1329 East Thousand Oaks Blvd. Suite 210 Thousand Oaks, email your application no later than February 20, 2026 to Joan Sharron at [jgsharron@gmail.com](mailto:jgsharron@gmail.com). You will then receive an email from Joan with instructions to upload your information and art images.

On Saturday, March 21st, Artists must bring a hard copy of their application, a \$15 application fee (unless pre-paid), a portfolio as described in the application, and the three (3) original framed pieces of artwork completed in the last two years.

Please see the application on our website for additional details.



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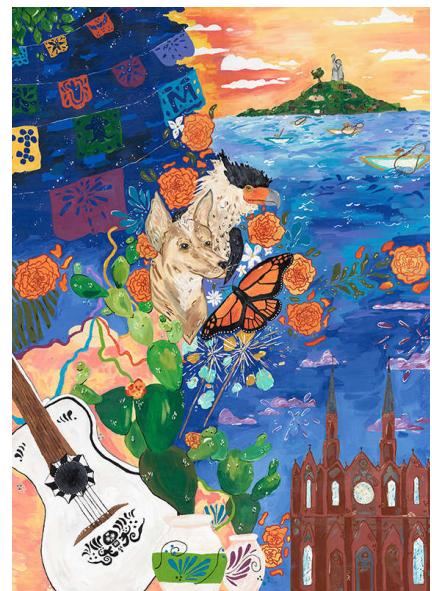
## Plein Air News

### January Plein Air Outing



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**Maggie Tata's** 3 of the 7 pieces being exhibited at the Fred Kavli theater, in "Currents of Compassion  
..... Hope, Symbol of Compassion & Walk of Peace



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