



Thousand Oaks Art Association

April 2026

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Calendar



Hello Friends:

Spring has arrived, and with it comes the opportunity to gather ideas from nature's beautiful offerings to create our next inspired works of art. Get out there and find your inspiration. Remember motivation comes from within, but inspiration finds you if you seek it.

I encourage members to take a look at the updated TOAA website with new personal photos and fresh images of member art work. I think that you will agree that it gives our organization a fresher and more professional look. If you haven't already submitted a personal photo and updates to your artwork please respond to one of Jonaki Das Hazra's multiple email requests to do so.

I am pleased to announce that after a four-year absence of the position of Vice President, the board of directors unanimously voted Judy Koenig as our new Vice President. Congratulations Judy, and we look forward to working with you. The position of Publicity Chair is still open and requires filling. Please volunteer.

Our next big event will be our May 2026 Open Juried Show in the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery from 4- 27 May. The reception will be held in the gallery on 17 May from 1:00--3:00 pm. The judge for our show is the talented local artist and instructor Mike Hernandez.

Artistic thought of the month:

"Drawing is about capturing your highest pleasure." Robert Henri

Rob Impellizzeri

President TOAA

TOAA Open Jury Show ..

May 4 - May 27, 2026. Reception: May 17, 1-3 P.M.
Artists awards presentation 1:30 P.M

Welcome to TOAA !!

We are pleased to welcome seven new members to TOAA. In addition to wonderful artwork, they bring additional talents and interests to share with our Association.

Ariah Boyle - Oil

Bonny Butler - Pastel and Mixed Media

Christine Williams - Pastel and Watercolor

Cris Gordy - Watercolor and Acrylic

Kate O'Loughlin - Oil, Acrylic and Pastel/Graphics

Nicole Gaspar - Acrylic

Art Adventure Awaits



Discover unique artwork, meet the makers behind the pieces, and explore open studios filled with inspiration. Come wander, connect, and experience.

April 25th & 26th
11am-4pm

THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY GALLERY

- AB & Esther Alimjad**
700 Page Ln. 91360
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Ceramic
- Pamela Fong**
Carmen Lamp
Arline Tipper
1325 Thousand Oaks Blvd #201
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
Mixed Media
- Lina Dion-Ingis**
1625 E Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
Mixed Media
- The Artiste**
Cara Franke
2219 E Thousand Oaks Blvd
Units 104 & 105
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
Mixed Media

JANET & RAY SCHERR FORUM

- David Freedman**
Photography
- Helene Freeman**
Mixed Media
- Katie Denisova**
Acrylic
- Kelly Greer**
Sculpture & Pastel/Mixed Media
- Marzette Bonar**
Mixed Media
- Saba Nasho**
Mixed Media

WESTLAKE STUDIOS

- Glass Arts Collective**
31139 Via Colfax #201
Westlake Village, CA 91362
Glass
- Blazing Star Arts**
4041 Harthfield Ct
Westlake Village, CA 91361
Fused Glass
- Louisa Jacobs**
32137 Salvine Ln
Westlake Village, CA 91361
Acrylic

THOUSAND OAKS COMMUNITY GALLERY

- Debra Sokolow**
Mixed Media
- Linda Shaner**
Watercolor/Oil
- Maggie Tata**
Watercolor
- Janet Milhomme**
Photography
- Makarand Desai**
Watercolor
- Cory Jaki**
Watercolor
- Daniels Griffin**
Photography

NEWBURY PARK STUDIOS

- Connie Tunick**
2363 Teller Rd # 124
Newbury Park, CA 91320
Mixed Media
- Art Trek**
1146 Toumaline Ln
Newbury Park Ca 91320
Mixed Media
- Studio 316**
2697 Lavery Court, Unit 6
Newbury Park, CA 91320
Mixed Media
- Mouse Hawk**
3520 Old Conejo Rd. #101
Newbury Park Ca 91320
Mixed Media
- Nithya Govind**
3196 Alice Drive
Newbury Park Ca 91320
Mandala/Acrylic/Painting
- Maryann Thomas**
3550 Elmira Ave
Newbury Park Ca 91320
Watercolor/Oil
- Anette Power**
1241 Via Sorento
Newbury Park Ca 91320
Oil/Acrylic/Mixed Media

THOUSAND OAKS STUDIOS

- Joanne Grimm**
Adenna Ebrahimi
Sheryl Kidder
Mansel Sharma
Suchita Soltkar
Vickie Switzer
Tracye Yokas
Heather Rasnick
- Virginia Kambi**
51 W Sidlee Street
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Pastel/Oil
- Barb Lester**
158 W Gainsborough
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Mixed Media
- Shannon Celia**
1139 Roxbury Place
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Mixed Media/Watercolor

Thank you for exploring and supporting our Open Studio Tour!

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Member's Creativity

Sussane Belcher.

(at LACDA "Pink Lemonade" - digital photo collage archival print)

Susanne Belcher will have work on the wall at both Gloria Delson Contemporary Arts Gallery (GDCA) and Los Angeles Center for Digital Art (LACDA) through April with receptions connected to DTLA ArtNite Thursday, Apr. 2nd from 6-10pm. She will also have a piece scrolling on screen at GDCA in conjunction with IAA/USA's World Art Day exhibit



Luster

Jonaki Das Hazra is pleased to share that her artwork, "Santa Barbara Symphony," has been selected for the 2026 All Things Ocean Exhibition at Las Laguna Art Gallery, running from April 2nd to April 30th.

Additionally, she is currently teaching art classes for all ages at the Conejo Valley Art Community Center.



Kim Paul....will be exhibiting her art at the Ojai Art Center beginning April 4th-April 30th. Reception April 11th, 1:00-3:00.

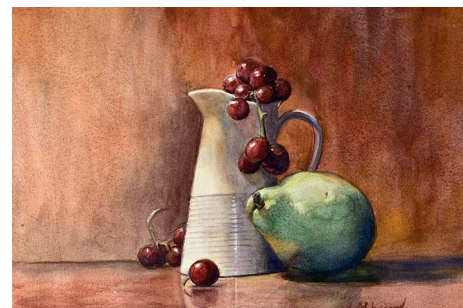


"YIKES", Oil and acrylic on canvas, 40x30



"INTRACTABLE" Oil and acrylic on canvas, 40x30

Makarand Desai won a third place for his painting 'Country house' and also an honorable mention for 'Still life' in Valley Watercolor Soc. member show.





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Sheri Jones had the honor of winning 1st place in the Simi Valley Art Association People's Choice Art Show with her watercolor "On a Nectar Break".



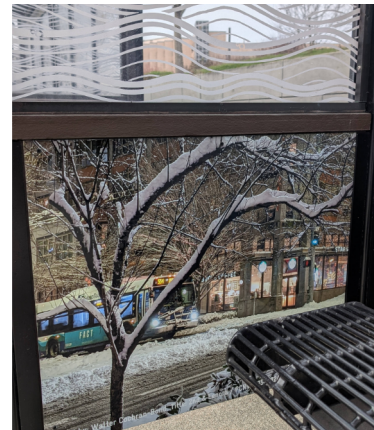
Walter Cochran Bond...had a photo accepted as part of a public art project in Seattle that adorned bus stop shelters.

When last in Seattle, he found the shelter and took a photo of his image.

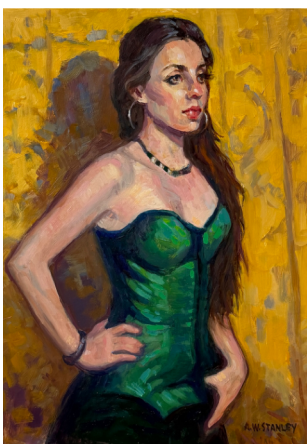
Also, he learned recently, that four more of his photographs have been accepted for part two of this project.

Additionally, he will once again have a booth at the ALTA Arts and Crafts Fair in Alta Dena. The Fair will take place on June 6.

Congratulations Walter! What an honor, indeed.



Andrea Stanley has three oil paintings in the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley's "The Elements of Light and Color" Exhibition at the Galleria, Hillcrest Center for the Arts. The exhibition runs from March 27 thru May 26. The reception is on Saturday, April 18th from 3pm-5pm.



Waiting in the wings



Floral crown



Nagui Achamallah, Solo Show

TAG Gallery

April 22 to May 15

5458 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, California
(323) 297-3061

Opening reception: April 25, 5pm to 8pm

Artist talk: May 3rd at 3 pm

More Member's Creativity (contd. on Page 7)



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Art - related Happenings

Ventura County Creative Artists Present
"Art Affair"



"Cocotillo in Bloom" painted by Julie Smith

Ojai Art Center
113 Montgomery St., Ojai, CA
April 4 - April 30, 2026
Reception: April 11, 2026, 1-3 p.m.
Galleries open: Tues. - Sun. 10-4 p.m.

Participating Artists:

Jannene Behl, Nancy DeCaprio Blemker, Bert Collins, Lori Corradi, Barbara Crowder, Darci Demetri, Darlene Dewing, Dean DeWinter, Cindy Jones, Judy Klement, Rex Kochel, Sydney Kopeikin, Patrish Kuebler, Carmen Lamp, Virginia Martinson, Kim Paul, Lynn Byrne Simon, Julie Smith, Kale Starbird, Pamela Strautman, Donna Vis, Deni Weeks, Chris Williams, Diane Zusman

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MOORPARK COLLEGE ART GALLERY
400 S. Santa Ana Blvd., Moorpark, CA 93021

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
Ribbon Cutting
CEREMONY

Celebrate an evening of inspiration with us as we unveil this vibrant space dedicated to showcasing innovative and engaging professional artists and enriching our community through the power of visual arts.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th, 2026
4:30PM - 6:30PM

MOORPARK COLLEGE ART GALLERY

RSVP REQUIRED
You are welcome to share this invitation with the art lovers in your life!

MOORPARK COLLEGE ART GALLERY
7075 Campus Road, Moorpark, CA 93021
Technology Business Building, Room 105

Artists Featured:
Left: Kaitlin Hildberg; Right: Zara Annet Feeney

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LIGHT & COLOR

Arts Council of the Conejo Valley
Hillcrest Center for the Arts
March 26 - May 26
Reception April 18
3:00pm - 5:00pm

Celeste Bocian	Joyce Rumack
Edith Bryant	Gerri Schonberg
Larry Deeds	Linda Shaner
Pamela Fong	Lori Shocket
Dennis Griffin	Debra Sokolow
Sheri Jones	Andrea Stanley
Judy Koenig	Rachel Sylvers
	Barbara Welch

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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, 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>

Instagram

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



A Reminder from Mike Wicks... all those members who may have missed sending in their headshots and images, please do so via the Jotform given here.....

<https://form.jotform.com/260604460409048>

Thank you to all the members who have contributed to this publication and Congratulations to all for your achievements!



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Plein Air News

Other News (contd.)

Some sketches from last Plain air event - Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa by **Makarand Desai**

Next Plain air event date **Fri Apr 24th**; information about location to be announced soon.



Dear Members of the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley,

We are inviting you to showcase at our **Conejo Cottontails Color Run and Jubilee!** This vibrant one-of-a-kind community celebration will be held at CLU Memorial Field on May 3, 2026, from 8:00am -1:00pm. You will be able to have a display in our Jubilee section. The event highlight will be a Color Run 5K featuring a few of our iconic Conejo Cottontail sculptures. After crossing the finish line the participants will have the opportunity to meet the Cottontail artists, as well as, visit out Members Display Booths.

This is a **FREE** event for you to showcase your organization to the public! We welcome you to sell your artwork, conduct artist demonstrations, present your promotional materials, and celebrate the arts!

An online sign up form for the event can be found here:
<https://forms.gle/mgKMaGhnehCkaw3aA>

You may also contact me at info@conejoarts.org with any questions. We need to hear back from you by April 5 at the latest. Respond now to reserve your space.

As a reminder, this is a free event for organizations that are current members of the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley (ACCV). If you need to renew your membership, please visit <https://www.conejoarts.org/become-a-member>.

Thank you for being such an important part of the ACCV. We are grateful for your creativity and support of the arts in our community.

See you there!

Brian Gaffney
President, Arts Council of the Conejo Valley
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MAP FOR ABOVE EVENT



FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE SCAN QR CODE



Monday Evenings 6-9


Life Drawing Workshop

**11 E. High St.
Moorpark, 93021**

April 6th	Katie Carnes
13th	Erika Muse
20th	Yannis
27th	Zoe Carina

\$20 per Artist

for more information
contact: tsn@tsnelson.net



Rachel Sylvers feels honored to have four pieces selected to be in the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley's show "The Elements of Light and Color". The show just opened and will run through May 26.

Also, two of her pieces were juried into the Pastel Society of the West Coast's 2nd Annual Out of Bounds show. It is a mixed media show - the entries were to have pastel on 30-50% of the surface rather than the usual required minimum of 80% pastel. The show is in Morro Bay and runs from April 2- May 11.

Rachel is also participating in the "Light & Color show", (Arts council of Conejo Valley) at the Hillcrest Center, (March 26 through May 26) along with other artists.

(Please view flier in page 4)