



# Thousand Oaks Art Association

## March 2026

### NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

## Calendar



Hello Friends,

In her support role as Web Content Creator, Jonaki Hazra has done an amazing job assisting our Website Chair Mike Wicks in collecting member head shot photos and new art work images in our effort to create a more professional online image of TOAA. If you haven't already submitted a personal photo and any updates/replacements to your artwork images please do so now to support this project and the dedicated work of our board members. We set a goal of 50% participation, and we have barely met that goal, but we need additional input to fully benefit our organization as a whole. Remember the old saying, "team work makes the dream work."

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 four-year absence in the position of Vice President, we now have a volunteer on whose nomination we will vote at the March board meeting.

### President's Message (cont.)

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. I'm sure that you are busy creating your next best works, right? 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 is the outstanding artist and instructor Mike Hernandez.

Artistic thought of the month:

"A picture is nothing but a bridge between the soul of the artist and that of the spectator." – Eugene Delacroix

**2025 BEST OF SHOW**

**2026 Open Juried Show**  
May 4-27, 2026 Judge: Mike Hernandez

**1ST PLACE WINNERS 2025**


**RECEPTION / MEET THE ARTISTS**  
Sunday, May 17, 1 - 3 p.m.  
The Artist Awards presentation at 1:30 p.m.

Thousand Oaks Community Gallery  
2831-A Borchard Road,  
Newbury Park, CA 91320

Gallery Hours: Monday thru Saturday 11 am - 5 pm  
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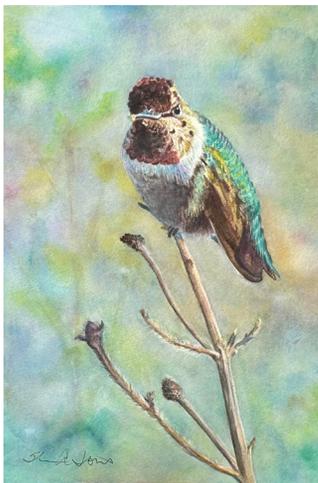
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## Member's Creativity

**Sheri Jones** has two paintings in the Simi Valley Art Association People's Choice / Members Only Art Show 2026. The show is at the Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District Activity (Atrium), 4201 Guardian Street, Simi Valley, CA 93063. It opens on Monday, February 23rd. Public Voting: Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm, Closed Sat/Sun. Voting is closed on March 11 at 3 pm.

**Makarand Desai** has all five of his paintings selected for The Valley Watercolor Society's 2026 Annual Juried show. The exhibition will be held between March 3-27, 2026, at Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, Borchard Rd., Newbury Park

Reception Saturday, March 14th, 1-3 pm. The show closes Friday, March 27th. Please stop by the show and vote for your favorite piece of artwork.



Nectar break



Oh Deer



Sunset glory



Oil and gold on linen. 36" x 24"

**Lili Miura's** "Dancing Geisha" was accepted in the Japanese Garden and Museum exhibition in Balboa Park, San Diego.

This juried spring exhibition will run from February 21 through April 21.

The Japanese Friendship Garden and Museum is an accredited museum that offers a variety of educational programs, exhibits, and cultural festivals. Over 330,000 visitors from around the world and the US attend the 10-acre garden and museum annually.

**Lili Miura**

**310.309.1106**



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**Larry Deeds** was awarded 3rd Place in Watercolor at the Westlake Village Art Guild's 2026 Member Show. It was an ink-and-watercolor piece titled "Just Around The Corner", a common motif of his work: A trail leading off to a destination unknown.

The Arts Council of the Conejo Valley, in their "The Elements of Light & Color", has 4 pieces of his pieces on display. Show opens on March 27th, 2026, with the Artists' Reception to be held Saturday April 18th from 3PM to 5PM at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts in Thousand Oaks, CA.



Just around the corner

**Kim Paul** has a new piece to show..Oil and acrylic on Canvas. 40x30

C a p t i o n :  
"INTRACTABLE"  
these times....



First words

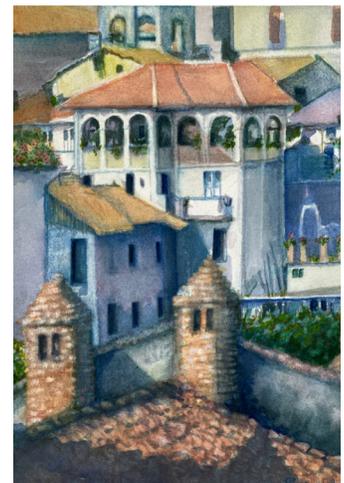
**Barbara Leitzel** has five paintings accepted for the Valley Watercolor Society 2026 Annual Juried Exhibit.

The titles are: First Words, Hotel Window, ER ANXIETY, Morning, May's Farmhouse.

The exhibit will be held at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, adjacent to the Newbury Park Library, from March 3 to March 27 The gallery hours are 10 to 4 Monday to Sunday. Reception: Sunday, March 9 from 3 to 6.

Hotel window

The Arts Council of the Conejo Valley Show titled "Elements of Light & Color"



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## Art - related Happenings

Announcing the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley's Exhibition at the Galleria, Hillcrest Center for the Arts

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

*the elements of*  
**LIGHT & COLOR**

March 27 - May 26

**Artists' Reception**  
Saturday, April 18  
3:00pm - 5:00pm

Artists: ANDREA STANLEY, EDITH BRYANT, LORI SHOCKET, PAMELA FONG, LARRY DEEDS, RACHEL SYLVERS, SHERI JONES, JUDY KOENIG, DEBRA SOKOLOV, JOYCE RUMACK, GERI SCHONBERG, LINDA SHANER, DENNIS GRIFFIN, CELESTE BOCIAN, BARBARA WELCH

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**Valley Watercolor Society**  
**2026 Annual Juried Exhibit**

2nd Place: Karen Holly "Old Glory"

1st Place: Fatemeh Kian "White Dream"

3rd Place: Meggie Chen "2nd Street"

Thousand Oaks Community Gallery 2331 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park CA 91320

**Valley Watercolor Society**  
**2026 Annual Juried Exhibit**  
**March 3 - March 27, 2026**  
**Reception: Sunday, March 8, 3-6PM**  
at

2331 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park CA 91320

Gallery Hours:

[ValleyWatercolorSociety.org](http://ValleyWatercolorSociety.org)



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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](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>

#### Instagram

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



Monday Evenings 6-9  
**Life Drawing Workshop**  
 11 E. High St.  
 Moorpark, 93021

March	2nd	Mariah wood
	9th	Lauren Latham
	16th	Nolan Roy
	23rd	Susanna Eggli
	30th	Nicole Moore

**\$20 per Artist**

for more information  
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## Plein Air News

Makarand Desai and Rob Impellizzerri were at **last month's plein air event** at Rancho Simi Community park.

Next plein air event will be either at Corrigan Ville park Simi valley or Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Date and venue to be determined soon. .... Any questions or suggestions contact: [makd45@hotmail.com](mailto:makd45@hotmail.com)

**Makarand Desai** Art from the Plein Air event last month

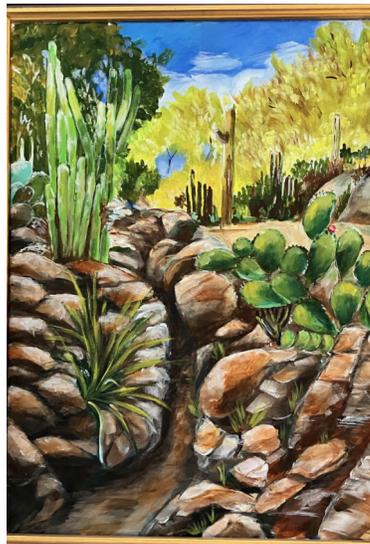


## Member's Creativity Contd. From page 3

**Barb Welch** has 2 of her Art pieces displayed in the ACCV's show, "Light &Color"



Middleton Plantation, Charleston, S. Carolina  
( Gauche) **Barb Welch**



Scottsdale Rock Garden" **Barb Welch**



"Golden Glow" **Barb Welch**