

The Sketchpad



President's Message

Hello artists,

I was recently informed that one of San Clemente Art Association's (SCAA) past Presidents, George Gooch, passed away. While I only met George once, I have heard through other members, in regards to his outstanding commitment and contribution to SCAA. George served as President of SCAA for a total of 9 years during three different time periods. I am sure many of you remember George and his late wife Ruth, and all that they did for SCAA.

Our annual Paint San Clemente event is quickly approaching. This year, Tiffany Gantt is Chairing this event. Paint San Clemente is one of the more taxing events that we hold each year, and as usual we need volunteers. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Tiffany.

We are approaching our annual elections on May 18th. This will be our annual membership meeting and voting for officers will be held at this time. This year there will be several key

positions open. Our nominating committee is currently recruiting candidates so anyone interested in getting more involved in the leadership of SCAA please contact Doris Weinbaum, Rose Walker, or Carrie Valladares. Candidates will be presented at the membership meeting on April 27th by our nominating committee and elected on May 18th. Please plan on attending these important meetings.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bertrand

President



Message from the Gallery



Springtime is a time for fresh starts.

Spring is all about fresh new beginnings and transformations. The same can be said about our art association; we had a meeting last Monday discussing issues regarding our art club; asking members to talk about what they like the most about the art association and what needs to be improved.

Many ideas were shared and recorded. It was a very positive discussion. As many of you know, I am stepping down from my

role as Gallery Chairwoman. It has been so much fun working in this position over the past four years, and I am grateful to everyone for all their support.

I can truly say that I enjoyed every minute of it, but now it's time for a break. We have a great group of people appointed to be on the Nominating Committee, and over the next few weeks, there will be many conversations and decisions made in order to keep our association staffed with strong, sound leadership.

If you feel like you would want to get more involved with the art club, please let the nominating committee know: they are Doris Weinbaum, Rose Walker and Carrie Valladares. We are always in need of another set of helping hands. An art association can only run smoothly if we have enough volunteers.

Just like the Monarch butterfly emerges from its chrysalis, its life becomes more beautiful with socialization and being productive.

Mary Franta

Gallery Chairperson



Featured Artist - March 2025 - Susan Menchel



Susan Menchel - Artist

I am an acrylic mixed media artist using all the tools in my toolbox. I enjoy the creative process daily while providing beautiful and affordable original art for everyone. I believe everyone deserves original art in their home. My work is happy and colorful. When I make art in my studio, I become a carefree soul, creating colorful and energetic pieces that soothe every fiber of my being. I can feel my blood pressure becoming lower as I continue with the process. I often do not know what the final piece will look like at finish because my mind takes over my hand. The world around

me is my inspiration; nature, people, places I've visited and shapes. I find beauty in the extraordinary and the mundane. I collect fragments of diverse origins, each carrying a story of their own and give them a new life. Collage art becomes a metaphor for life itself, the old gives way to the new and beauty emerges from the chaos.

I am a Brooklyn, NY native. I am a retired registered nurse and have an interior design degree. My husband and I happily relocated to beautiful Orange County to enjoy the wonderful weather.



March Show Winners - 2025

Judge: Geoff Allen

San Clemente ART ASSOCIATION

BEST OF SHOW

Oil	#15	Alan Nowell	Red
Acrylic			
1st	#53	John Dillon	Where to Sit?
2nd	#64	Nevine Erian	Whitewash
3rd	#49	Karen Meyer	Monkey Mind
HM	#54	John Dillon	Catch a Wave
HM	#52	John Dillon	View of San Onofre Beach
HM	#43	Kathleen Jensen	Rock Heart
Jewelry			
1st	#904	Deb Spencer	Blush Freshwater Pearl Ring
Oil			
1st	#26	Ernie Romo	Black Marlin of Old Tustin
2nd	#66	William Crawley	Oak Creek Trail
3rd	#27	Ernie Romo	San Clemente Saturday Morning
HM	#7	Mary Dunlap	Kids
HM	#10	Carmen Newlove	Angkor Wat Cambodia
HM	#18	Patrick Howrigan	Batiquitos Lagoon
Other Media			
1st	#61	Shenn-Yi Lo	On Route Basel Cathedral
2nd	#14	Jim Brech	The Performer
HM	#19	Joe Valencic	Lambo Dreaming
Watercolor			
1st	#69	Bill Gibson	Overtime
2nd	#24	Cindy Bale Tanner	Generous Sveta
3rd	#17	David Pearce	Seagull, Cape Elizabeth
HM	#67	Bill Gibson	Daybreak
HM	#40	Ekaterina Ashley	San Juan Hills



March Show Winners - 2025

BEST OF SHOW



"Red"
Alan Nowell

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

(FEBRUARY SHOW 2025)



"Good Night Sol"
Jim Stockham



March Show Winners - 2025

ACRYLIC



First Place
"Where To Sit"
John Dillon



Second Place
"White Wash"
Nevine Erian



Third Place
"Monkey Mind"
Karen Meyer
(Not present)



Honorable Mention
"Catch A Wave"
John Dillon



Honorable Mention
"View Of San Onofre Beach"
John Dillon



Honorable Mention
"Rock Heart"
Kathleen Jensen



March Show Winners - 2025

OIL



First Place
"Black Marlin of Old Tustin"
Ernie Romo
(Not Present)



Second Place
"Oak Creek Trail"
William Crowley



Third Place
"San Clemente Morning"
Ernie Romo
(Not present)



Honorable Mention
"Kids"
Mary Dunlap



Honorable Mention
"Angkor Wat Cambodia"
Carmen Newlove



Honorable Mention
"Batiqitos Lagoon"
Patrick Howrigan
(Not Present)



March Show Winners - 2025

OTHER MEDIA



First Place
"On Route Basel Cathedral"
Shenn - Yi Lo



Second Place
"The Performer"
Jim Brech



Honorable Mention
"Lambo Dreaming"
Joe Valencic



March Show Winners - 2025

WATERCOLOR



First Place
"Overtime"
Bill Gibson



Second Place
"Generous Sveta"
Cindy Bale Tanner



Third Place
"Seagull Cape Elizabeth"
David Pearce



Honorable Mention
"Daybreak"
Bill Gibson



Honorable Mention
"San Juan Hills"
Ekaterina Ashley





March Show Winners - 2025

JEWELRY



First Place
"Freshwater Pearl
Ring with cast
Bronze Accent"
Deb Spencer

PHOTOGRAPHY

Not enough entries for awards.



ARTIST DEMONSTRATION

March 9, 2025 - Fay Wyles - Plein Air Painter

Fay Wyles is a professional artist with over 20 years of experience in the industry. Born and raised in New Mexico, she developed a passion for painting at a young age, thanks to her father's influence as an artist. She graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of New Mexico before moving to the San Francisco Bay Area to explore the art world.

Throughout her career, Wyles has had a diverse range of experiences in various aspects of the art industry, including gallery management, sales, and commercial and fine art commissions. She has also had the opportunity to work with well-known companies such as Disney and Universal Studios, which brought her to Orange County, California.

Through Fay Wyles Fine Art, she shares her love of painting, surfing, teaching, and the outdoors by

showcasing a diverse collection of her artworks. Her creative process is rooted in plein air painting, where she captures field studies and color notes from the seascapes and landscapes that inspire her. Working outdoors allows her to immerse herself fully in the scene, translating the natural light, atmosphere, and mood directly onto canvas. These smaller, spontaneous studies provide the foundation for her larger studio works, where she refines and amplifies the initial inspiration into powerful compositions. This balance between plein air exploration and studio refinement gives her art a dynamic energy, capturing both the raw beauty of the moment and a deeper, more considered interpretation.

Wyles is dedicated to creating art that stands as a testament to the inspiration and beauty that she experiences when capturing a scene onto her canvas.



Fay Wyles with
Door Prize Winner
Mary Bierce



MONTHLY CRITIQUE

The Critique Group, led by San Clemente artist **Tom Anderson**, convenes monthly following each art show to foster a collaborative and constructive environment. Their most recent gathering took place on Sunday, March 30, 2025.

During the session, the volunteer artists, all hailing from the SCAA, came together to critically analyze several paintings. With a shared goal of artistic growth, participants offered thoughtful feedback and constructive suggestions to help

each other refine and elevate their work. These monthly meetings serve as a valuable platform for exchanging ideas, sharing techniques, and building a supportive artistic community within San Clemente.



Award winning hors d'oeuvres at the reception...

Prizes were awarded for the best artistic food presentation, creating a stunning display of delicious hors d'oeuvres that perfectly complemented the artwork.





COMING SOON!

SAN CLEMENTE ART ASSOCIATION

presents **ART DEMO SUNDAY**



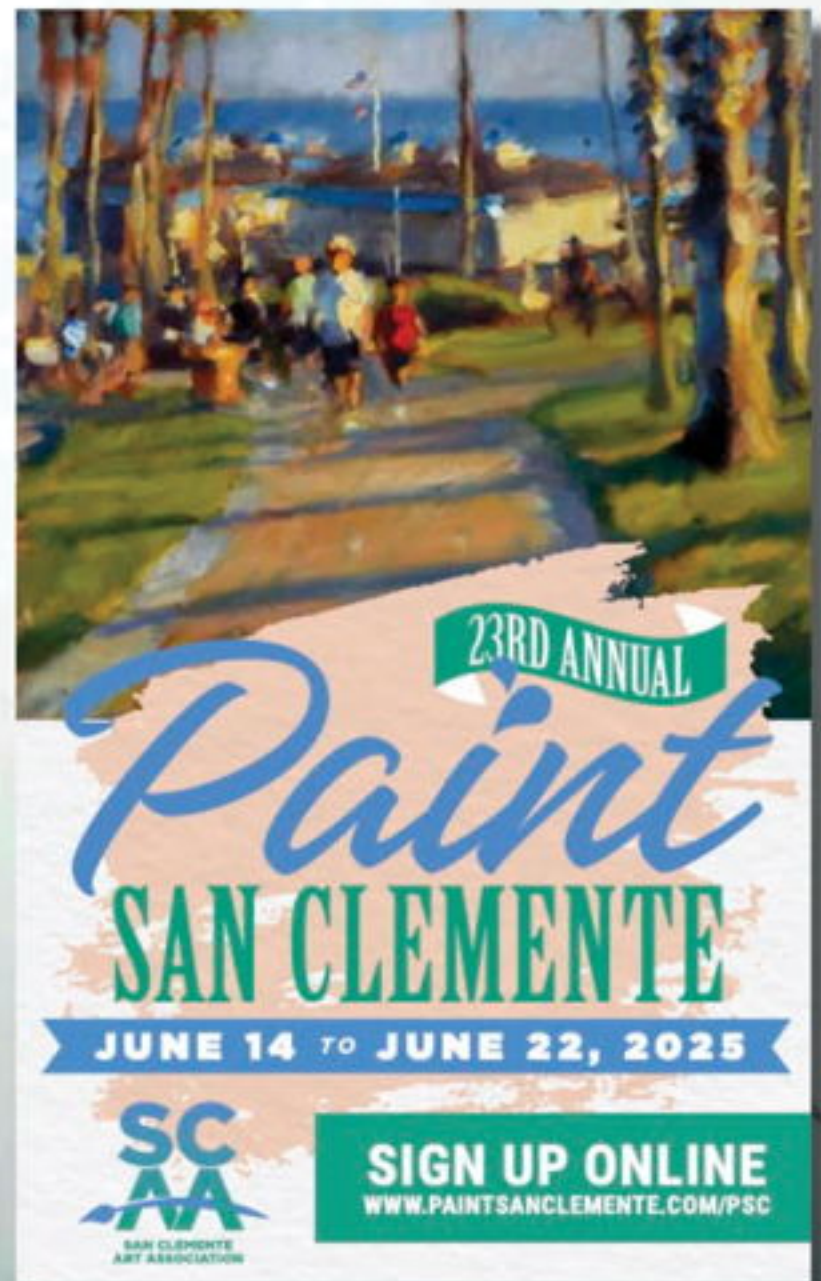
with **DEBBIE MORINES**

Join us in a lovely landscape oil painting demo from the fantastic Debbie Morines. She paints the local landscape with loose, expressive brushwork.

3-5 PM | **FREE TO SCAA MEMBERS** | JUST \$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS

APRIL 27TH

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23RD ANNUAL

Paint

SAN CLEMENTE

JUNE 14 TO JUNE 22, 2025

SCAA
SAN CLEMENTE ART ASSOCIATION

SIGN UP ONLINE
WWW.PAINTSANCLEMENTE.COM/PSC

Next Demo
APRIL 27th, 2025

Paint San Clemente Event
June 14 - June 22, 2025



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