

SFC Chapter New President Susan Jochheim

We are excited to introduce Susan Jochheim as the new President of SWA. Susan, an award-winning watercolor artist, has been a dedicated member of SWA for the past few years, achieving her signature status in 2024. She resides and works from her studio in Los Gatos, California. After retiring from running her HR company, Susan pursued her passion for watercolor painting, despite having no prior art training. She sought out a talented watercolor master to learn from and has since become a prominent figure in the art community. Drawn to rich saturated colors, her paintings tend to be full of exaggerated color. She paints a variety of subjects, from cityscapes to florals to portraiture and landscapes, in a representational, non-representational or abstract manner. Not afraid to experiment with new design elements, color, texture and mixed media, she creates paintings that are dynamic and vivid.



After serving as President for four years, Susan currently holds the title of President Emeritus of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society and served as Treasurer (2022-2024) for the Los Gatos Art Association. In 2024, she joined the SWA board and graciously volunteered to serve as President for 2025. One of her main goals for her term is to revamp or replace the current SWA website. To view her artwork, visit her pages on Instagram or Facebook. @sgjochheim

Thanks to James Stinger, Nicole Joshi, Lynn Flodin, Terri Osborne, Susan Pizzi and Laura Johnson for their donations to SWA.

Welcome to new and returning members:
Claire Cunningham, Eric Ettlin and Jaco-Mari Pieterse

May–June Deadline: April 3

General Meeting and Demo

Saturday, March 15, 1–3 PM

Warren Chang

Painting an Oil Portrait from Life

Warren Chang is a California based Fine Artist, best known for his paintings depicting the fieldworkers of Monterey County. In addition, Chang paints interior scenes inspired by 17th century masters such as Vermeer and Velasquez. He is a Signature Member of the California Art Club and a Master Signature Member of the Oil Painters of America.

<http://www.warrenchang.com>

General Meeting and Demo

Saturday, April 19, 1–3 PM

Biz Rasam

Portrait in Red Charcoal from Life

Biz Rasam's work is mainly figurative and centered around narratives of Afghanistan and its culture. The process he uses is grounded in formal methods and techniques using primarily oil paints. He has an MFA from UC Berkeley and he is an Aat Professor at the College of San Mateo. He teaches drawing, painting and sculpture.

<http://www.bizrasam.com>

Go to societyofwest-coastartists.com for the link to the demos. Please mute your computer when joining.

People's Choice Award for the October/November 2024 Exhibit: "Pathway Home," watercolor by Mark Dobrin

President's Message–SJVC

Members

We've started quickly, with a January exhibition at the Public Broadcasting Service(PBS) Gallery. After closing the PBS Show, we opened our February Fall Juried Show at the Fresno Arts Council Gallery. This show was s made extra special with the addition of a miniature section with 20 entries. The February Show will be celebrated with an ArtHop on Thursday, February 6th. The exhibit will continue throughout February, please drop by the Arts Council Gallery before the show closes, in case you missed ArtHop. Selected as Best of Show was Marilyn Torchin's Plein Air Watercolor Landscape.

We have planned a General Meeting on Saturday, February 22nd from 11:00-1:00, at the Door Art Gallery. It's a opportunity to review our progress and the future of our Valley Chapter. We may have a chance to create some new adventures for our group. I hope members plan to attend, it's been awhile that we have gathered as an organization to prepare for the year.

I want to thank you all for your service and talents. Our members continue to amaze me with their skills and creative works.

Jesus Sepulveda
SJVC President

Please inform the board if you know of members who are ill or have passed away or have lost family members.

Don't forget to pay your dues!

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SFC Center Hours: 11–3, Thursday–Saturday

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

MarchApril Exhibit

March 6–April 18

March

15 SWA Board Meeting/Warren Chang Oil Demo
(Zoom)

17–19 SCVWS Sponsored Workshop with
Kathleen Conover

24–27 Kim Lordier Rental

April

4–6 Kathleen Alexander Rental

19 Board Meeting/Bill Rasam Charcoal Demo

21–May 2 San Mateo School District Show

SFC Center Hours: 11–3, Wednesday–Saturday

SAN JOAQUIN CHAPTER

Juried Show through February at Arts Council Gallery

February 22 General Meeting at Door Art Gallery

2025 SWA Exhibit Schedule

January/February Exhibit	January 16– February 28 Call for entry 12/10/24. Closed 1/6/25. Juried 1/8 and 1/9. Delivery 1/10, 11–3pm and 1/11, 10–1pm. After 1pm judging for awards
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	January 18 Zoom; Demo Artist Michael Rodman/Oil
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	February 15 Zoom; Demo Artist Judy V. Magoon/Pastel
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	March 15 Zoom; Demo Artist Warren Chang/Oil
March/April Exhibit	January 27–February 21 Call for entry 1/27. Closed 2/24. Juried 2/24 and 2/25 Delivery 2/28, 11–3pm and 3/1, 10–1pm. After 1pm judging for awards.
SCVWS Sponsored Workshop	March 17–19 with Kathleen Conover
Rental–Workshop	March 24—27 with Kim Lordier
Kathleen Alexander Rental	April 4–6
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	April 19 Zoom;
San Mateo School District Exhibit	April 21–May 2
May/June Exhibit	May 8–June 13. Call for entry 3/28. closed 4/25. Juried 4/28 and 4/29. Delivery 5/2, 11–3pm and 5/3, 10–1pm. Judging for awards after 1 pm.
SWA Workshop with Warren Chang/oil	May 10–11
SWA Workshop	May 17 & 18 with Warren Chang/Oil
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	May 17–18 Zoom;
75th Annual Exhibit	May 16–June 6. Open call for entries 5/16, closed 6/6. Juried in 6/10 or 6/11. Delivery of paintings 6/13, 11-3, KEY ENTRY OK. 6/14. Awards after 1pm Opening Reception TBD; Awards Reception August 10 from 1:30–2:30.
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	June 21 Zoom
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	July 19 Zoom
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	August 16 Zoom
Signature Member Show	August 21–September 26. Delivery 8/10–8/14 entry
Annual Online Open Exhibition	September 2–October 31; the Pacific Artistry Showcase
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	September 20 Zoom; Demo Artist Laurie Johnson by Zoom
October/November Exhibit	October 2–November 14. Open call for entries 8/14, closed 9/19. Juried in 9/22 and 9/23. Delivery 9/26, 11-3 or 9/27, 10-1. Judging for awards after 1 pm.
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	October 18 Zoom; Demo Artist Mark Dobrin/WC
SWA Board Meeting/Demo	November 15 Zoom/Demo Artist
Skyline College Show	November 17, 2025–January 9, 2026

2025 SFC Demonstrations

January 18	Michael Rodman	City Scene in Oil	https://rodmanart.com/
February 15	Judy Magoon	Pastel Landscape	www.jvmagoon.com
March 15	Warren Chang	Portrait in Oil	http://www.warrenchang.com
April 19	Biz Rasam	Portrait in Red Charcoal from Life	http://www.bizrasam.com
May 17	TBD		
June 21	TBD		
July 19	TBD		
August 16	TBD		
September 20	Laurie Johnson Lepkowska	Oil	www.lauriejohnsonart.com
October 18	Mark Dobrin	Watercolor Landscape	www.markdobrinart.com
November 15	Rafael DeSoto Jr.	Watercolor Landscape or Building	www.rafaeldesotojr.com

January–February Exhibit

1st Place	Karen Mitchell	<i>A Maine Coon Cat</i>	Watercolor
2nd Place	Mark Dobrin	<i>Awake in Stillness</i>	Watercolor
3rd Place	Bill Ramroth SWA	<i>The Ball Player</i>	Oil
H. M.	Michael Rogan	<i>Amaden Pond</i>	Oil

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Judges: Anneliese Drbal SWA, Guy Magallanes SWA, Deborah Shea SWA

Participants: Barbara Alger SWA, Karmen Askew, Lorraine Barry, Teresa Beyer, Claire Cummmingham, Rafael DeSoto Jr., Mark Dobrin, Carrie Drilling SWA, Sharon Slusarz Harris SWA, Susan Grace Jochheim SWA, Leona Marini, MaryAnn McDonald, Karen Mitchell, Leona Moriarty SWA, Yvonne Newhouse SWA, Beth Oehlert, William Ramroth SWA, Michael Rogan, Maria Sky, Jitendra Tandel and Rosemarie Willimann SWA

Volunteers: Sharon Harris and Carrie Drilling

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Directions to SWA San Bruno Gallery

From 280: take the San Bruno Exit east (towards the Airport). At San Mateo Avenue (approximately 1/4 mile) turn right on San Mateo Avenue.

From 101: exit San Bruno Avenue west over the freeway. San Mateo Avenue is immediately after the CalTrain elevated track, turn left. SWA gallery is two blocks south on San Mateo Avenue.

SJVC February Juried Show

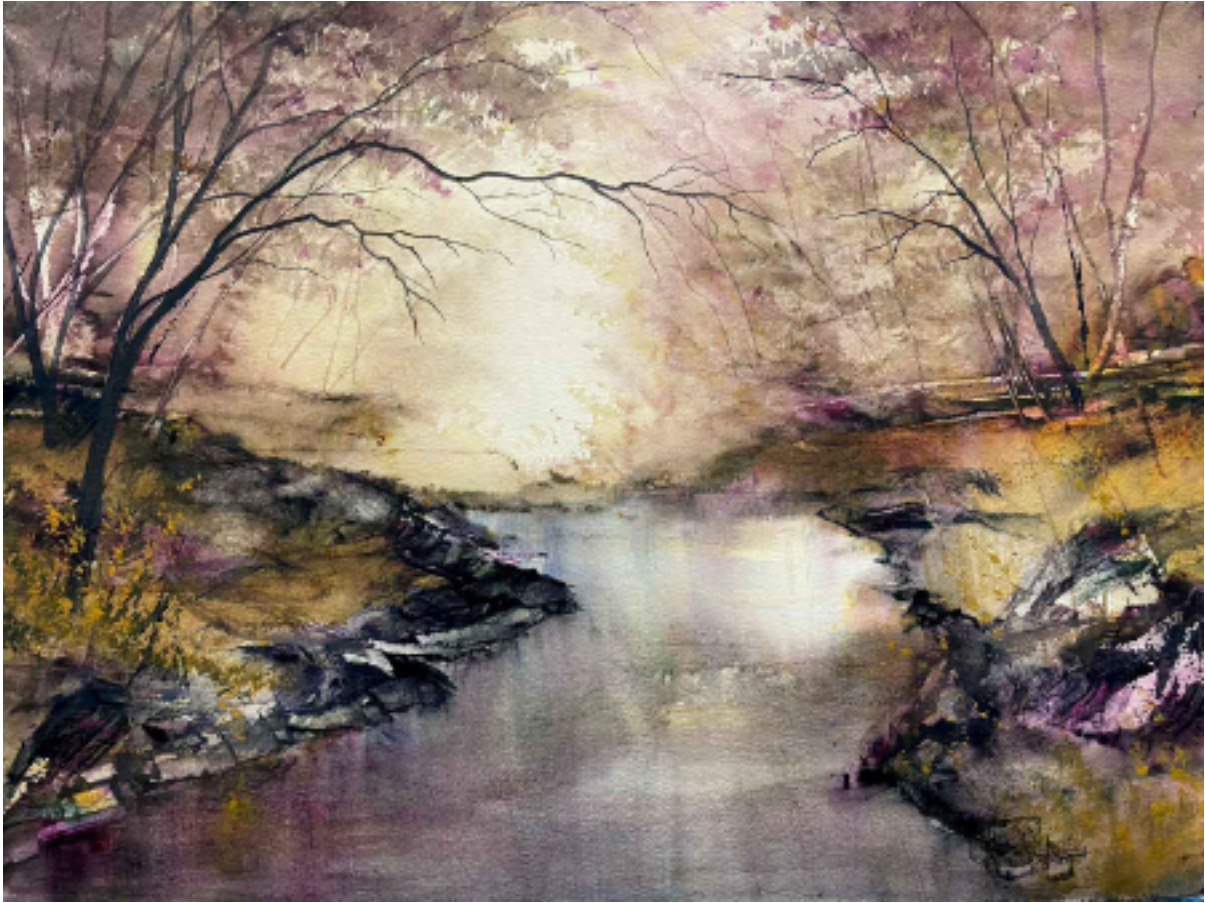
Best of Show	Marilyn Torchin	Scene in the Valley
1st Place WC/Pastels	Chris Hays	Early Morn
2nd Place WC/Pastels	Lorraine Barry	Wine a little
1st Place Oils	Kat Moseley	Path at Swanz Lake at Santa Cruz
2nd Place Oils	Don Schoelen	Morro
3rd Place Oils	Andrew Brazier	Maria
H. M. Oils	Susan Guzzetta	Vines and Palms
H.M. Oils	Nancy Tan	Ascent

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January–February 24–25 Exhibit Winners



1st Place
A Maine Coon Cat
Watercolor by Karen Mitchell



2nd Place
Awake in Stillness
Watercolor by Mark Dobrin



3rd Place
The Ball Player
Oil by Bill Ramroth

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2025 Workshop

Warren Chang

2-Day Head and Figure Painting Workshop

May 10-11, 2025 10 AM to 4 PM



Welcome to a weekend of practicing portrait and figure painting from life. The workshop will be for two days, the first day concentrating on painting a head/portrait, the second painting the human figure. Techniques will involve, creating a monochromatic underpainting and utilizing a limited palette in the tradition of the Old Masters. The approach will be alla prima, painting both the head and figure in one sitting.

\$300 for SWA members

\$350 for non-members

\$325 for non-members joining SWA

**Questions? Contact John Barrows at 650-918-8568 or email
swagallery@societyofwesternartists.com**

Warren Chang is a California based Fine Artist, best known for his paintings depicting the fieldworkers of Monterey County. His realist paintings are reminiscent of 19th century painters. Chang's paintings depict subtle narratives that celebrate the human spirit. In addition, Chang also paints interior scenes depicting his home, studio and classroom environments. Many of these paintings include self portraits, where he is depicted teaching or painting in his studio. He has coined the phrase "autobiographical interiors" to describe this body of work. Warren is a Signature member of the California Art Club and a Master Signature member of the Oil Painters of America.

Visit Warren's website: www.warrenchang.com