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# POMONA VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2013

## We Want to Hear From You!

Whats going on! Have you received special recognition? Have you heard about some noteworthy event? Email your information to Don Markofski at [dmarkoki@hotmail.com](mailto:dmarkoki@hotmail.com)

## Congratulations to Our PVAA Monthly Show Winners.

**1st Place** – H. Benjamin, Hesperian Winter, Watercolor  
**2nd Place** – Don Markofski, Floral Threesome, Watercolor  
**3rd Place** – Jane Green, Is That The Blue Moon, Photo  
**Honorable Mention** – Linda Hauser,  
Once In A Blue Moon I Win, Collage  
**Honorable Mention** – Veronica Kortz, Murrieta Hike, Oil

Photographs of the artwork will become available on the association website at [www.pvaa.net](http://www.pvaa.net)

## Committees Now Forming!

We are now forming committees for the 2014 Student Show in March and the Open Juried Show in April. Your help is needed! The success of these events often depends on the work generated by the committees. If you can help, call (909) 469-1599, or e-mail [info@pvaa.net](mailto:info@pvaa.net).

## CONDOLENCES

*Nancy Hogan (daughter of past PVAA president Al Fages) passed away on July 7, 2013. Some may remember Nancy, she was once very active in PVAA.  
Condolences to her family.*

## Unique Member Exhibit Opportunity

## Featured Artists Still Needed For Gallery SOHO Wall.

Here's a really special opportunity for all PVAA artists. The association has established a 'Featured Artist Wall' within the Gallery SOHO. This is a unique exhibit & potential



sales opportunity for those artists not presently gallery exhibitors. Artists creating framed artwork suitable for typical gallery hanging (wire only) will need to submit their names to Renee Matter at [figitm126@aol.com](mailto:figitm126@aol.com) to become eligible. Each selected artist's work will be displayed for a one-month exhibit period. Candidates may be asked to submit examples of artwork via e-mail that might typify the artists work to qualify.

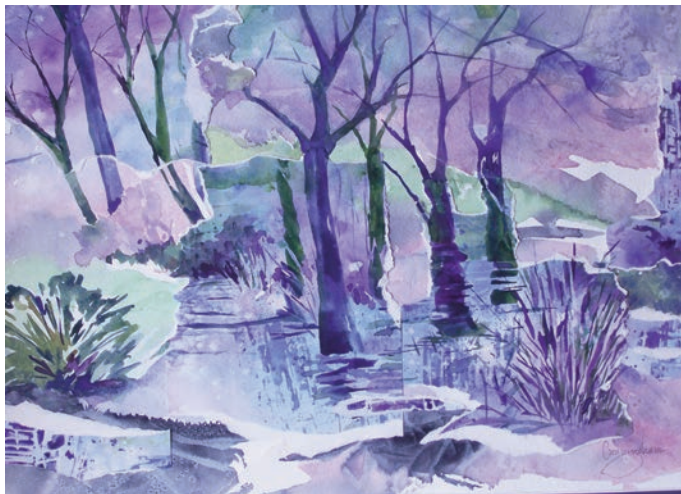
*Welcome*  
**NEW MEMBERS**

Conchi Sanford • Shannon Anderson

## Carolyn Cunningham

**I** I was once told that in order to “make it” as an artist, I needed to choose one style and stick with it. How boring! I guess maybe I’ll never “make it”, because so far, I can’t seem to stick to just one style. I sure have a great time trying different things, though. I enjoy realism as well as abstract, watercolor as well as ink, colored pencil or acrylic, two-dimensional as well as three-dimensional surfaces. And I hope you enjoy my art as much as I enjoy “making it”!

I am a California girl, having spent all but three years living here (the three years were spent in Bangkok, Thailand, when I was a young teenager). From



an early age, my father recognized my artistic talents and encouraged me to pursue some kind of art career. Although interested in art all my life, I wasn’t actively producing work until just the past few years. Before that, raising a family and working full time made it unrealistic to paint as often as I would like. But when my kids got older, I joined Pomona Valley Art Association and was encouraged and inspired by the wonderful people there. I’m also a member of Associated Artists of the Inland Empire and the National Watercolor Society, and was a member of the former Chino Art Association. I’ve won several



awards including a ‘Best of Show’ with Chino Art Association way back in the 1980’s. I’ve garnered one or more ribbons in each of the PVAA Open Juried shows the past four years, as well as PVAA Monthly Show ribbons, and have won ribbons at Associated Artists’ annual juried show.

Although I work primarily in watercolor and colored pencil, I’ve also produced work in acrylics, graphite, ceramics, collage and ink.

The first serious pieces I created were the “musical leaves”, a series of paintings where leaves are first painted in watercolor, and a few stanzas of music are then inked behind the leaves. Working as a draftsman in the late 1970’s aided in my ability to ink music in such detail. Much of my art is from my own photographs taken in and around the local area, including a nursery in Pomona (sadly no longer there), barns in Chino and Chino Hills (most of them long gone), Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont, and the LA County Arboretum in Arcadia. I travel often to the Hawaiian Islands, where I’ve also found inspiration

## 2013 Gallery SoHo Monthly Open Art Show, Sales Schedule & Themes

<b>January</b> "Creative Journey" Jan. 6 - Feb. 1 Take in: Sat, Jan 5, 11-4 Reception: Sat, Jan 12, 6-9pm Pick Up: Feb 2	<b>April</b> "No Monthly Show" (PVAA OJS SHOW)	<b>July</b> "Homeland" July 7 - Aug 2 Take in: Sat, July 6, 11-4 Reception: Sat, July 13, 6-9pm Pick up: Aug 3	<b>October</b> "Wild-thing" Oct. 6 - Nov 1 Take in: Sat, Oct 5, 11-4 Reception: Sat, Oct 12, 6-9pm Pick up: Nov 2
<b>February</b> "Heart and Soul" Feb. 3 - Mar. 1 Take in: Sat, Feb 2, 11-4 Reception: Sat, Feb 9, 6-9pm Pick Up: Mar. 2	<b>May</b> "Mini Expressions " (miniature show 10" x 10" or smaller) May 5 - 31 Take in: Sat, May 4, 11-4 Reception: Sat, May 11, 6-90pm Pick up: June 1	<b>August</b> "Atmospheric Elements" Aug. 4 - Sept 6 Take in: Sat, Aug 3, 11-4 Reception: Sat, Aug 10, 6-9pm Pick up: Sep 7	<b>November</b> "Far Horizon" Nov 3 - Dec 6 Take in: Sat, Nov 2, 11-4 Reception: Sat, Nov 9, 6-9pm Pick up: Dec 7
<b>March</b> "No Monthly Show" (Student Show)	<b>June</b> "Nature's Gifts" June 2 - July 5 Take in: Sat, June 1, 11-4 Reception: Sat, June 8, 6-9pm Pick up: July 6	<b>September</b> "Once in a Blue Moon" Sept. 8 - Oct 4 Take in: Sat, Sep 7, 11-4 Reception: Sat, Sep 14, 6-9pm Pick up: Oct 5	<b>December</b> "It's a Wrap" Dec. 8 - 29 Take in: Sat, Dec 7, 11-4 Reception: Sat, Dec 14, 6-9pm Pick up: Jan 4, 2014

for my work. I spend time listening to local blues musicians, and use sketches I make at their performances for some of my ink and watercolor pieces.

I took many art classes at my high school in San Diego, and had excellent art instructors at Mesa Junior College, also in San Diego. I then attended Cal State Long Beach and graduated with a B.A. in Art Education. I hold a single-subject credential in art as well as a multiple-subject credential. I taught sixth grade for ten years, but for the past 20 years I've

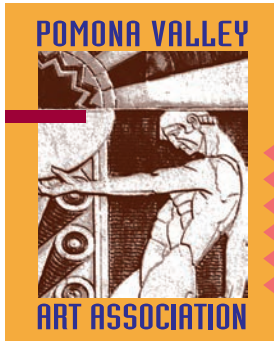


been so very lucky to be teaching art at a junior high school for the Chino Valley Unified School District. My love of both art and my students helps them shine in their artistic endeavors.

I was asked by a high school art student once what my art "means". She was clearly shocked when I told her it doesn't "mean" anything except that I saw something – either in my mind or through my eyes – that I wanted to translate to a piece of paper or canvas so I could share it with others. I paint or draw what inspires me, and if someone likes it enough to buy it, that's great. Of course, we all love to get money for what we do, but that's not my main reason for creating art.

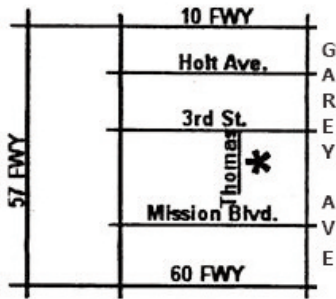
I will retire from teaching at the end of this school year, and although I enjoy my job, I can hardly wait. My husband and I will be moving to Northern California, where I'll have a home with a 'real' art studio – as opposed to my current studio . . . my dining room table!! I'm looking forward to having time to get more serious about my work. Even if I never "make it", I'll be doing what I love. Life doesn't get any better than that!! -





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and GALLERY SOHO**

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**Pomona Valley Art Association  
Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ eMail \_\_\_\_\_

**All donations are tax deductible. Mail your check and completed application to: Pomona Valley Art Association / ATTN: Membership Chairman / 300-A South Thomas St. / Pomona, CA 91766**

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Please indicate your area(s) of interest \_\_\_\_\_

**Pomona Valley Art Association**

PVAA is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. Your membership entitles you to numerous member benefits and helps to support the various association programs and activities.

- Full-time Student / \$6 (under age18)
- Single Membership / \$25
- Married Couple / \$30
- Family / \$35
- Sustaining / \$50
- Patron / \$100
- Benefactor (lifetime) / \$500