



EAST VALLEY
ARTISTS

Flourish

February 2021

Upcoming Events on Zoom:

Feb 4, 6:30p, Board Zoom Meeting

Feb 18, 6:30p Zoom Meeting & Demo by Kree Arvanitas

Presidents Notes:

Wow, what a great start to the year. We not only have over %65 percent of our members having already renewed their membership, we also received a donation to sponsor 2 demos and an ad renewal! So exciting! If you have not renewed, I encourage you to send in your renewal and check out the Galleries on line. If you are an artist who sells your work, I encourage you to sign up for a gallery. For just \$10 you have a way to not only reach more people, but to increase your ranking in google search. Need help? Please feel free to reach out and I'd be happy to walk you through how to make this happen.

Want to get more involved? I am looking for members to help with the Annual Show, roles can be large or small, if you want to hear more about helping with the committee, email me at eastvalleyartists@gmail.com.

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Send those checks (\$35 individual or \$45 family) payable to EVA - (plus 10.00 for website page if participating) mailed to Julie Cline, 3510 Whitman Way, San Jose, 95132.

Artist of the Month:

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you all who participated. It was fun to see the lovely work and the website voting worked really well. So far we had 11 participants - I'm wishing for 15 next month!



1st Place Fiery Collaboration
Sloane Perroots & Shelly woolvin



2nd Place - Look Back
Saikat Choudhury



3rd Place - Cats fly around the globe
Carole Cameron

Demonstration by: Kree Arvanitas; a journey from henna body art to henna fine art.



Kree Arvanitas is a mixed-media artist based in Seattle. An autodidact, she has been illustrating or drawing since childhood, bodypainting since 1997, and painting professionally for the last 10 years.

Kree's art work has appeared in a variety of media, including in NY Times best-seller *"Tiger's Saga"* series, and Roseanne Gault's book "Paper Clay." Her body art and painting have been featured in "Elegant," "Obscurae," and "Nephilim" online art, fashion and beauty magazines. In 2020 her painting, *"Twitter Revolution in Heaven,"* was chosen for the cover of a new book by scholar and author Sima Shakhsari, *"The Politics of Rightful Killing: Civil Society, Gender, and Sexuality in Weblogistan"* published by Duke University Press.

Kree has experience curating and has participated in many group shows in the Pacific Northwest. She has given many henna presentations from Seattle to Los Angeles, Amsterdam to Athens, including Riffat's Mehndi Mela (London, UK); in 2016 Kree was a featured lecturer at the California Henna Intensive convention, where she led several workshops, specifically "Henna In Art" – a Survey of Henna Pattern and Tools used by international painters.

Kree is a member of CoCA (Center On Contemporary Art) Seattle and A/NT Gallery in Seattle, Washington. She has attended workshops with local and international artists such as Brigid Marlin, Virginie Ropar, Beverly Naidus, Ash Kumar, Damon Brown and Brian Snoddy.

A critic on the UW program, "RadioActive" stated that Kree's work is "Magical, mythical, political... otherworldly, a sumptuous feast for the eye... An uncanny ability to combine disparate imagery that addresses current sociopolitical dilemmas through traditional artistic motifs... medieval Iranian angels twittering with their blackberries; or traditional Greek shadow puppets ouzo-bombing the World Bank."



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New Members:

I am pleased to welcome Shamita Tripathy - we are thrilled to have you join our fun friendly club.

Artist Spotlight:

Had poor support so it has been deleted at this time! Thank you to all who supported it & participated.



Pinterest!

Do you have a Pinterest account? Did you know it can be a very powerful marketing tool for artists? A couple of our members have been taking a deep dive into Pinterest marketing, and they want to share what they've learned. If you currently have a Pinterest account (or would like to create one) and your art is listed for sale somewhere online (your own website, an EVA gallery page, Etsy, Fine Art America, Shopify, etc.), and you're interested in learning more about promoting your art online, email eastvalleyartists@gmail.com with the subject line "Pinterest" or contact Sarah or Julie to join an upcoming information session on Zoom.

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