



## Letter From the the Vice President

Hello fellow EVA members,

I pray you all are well and staying safe & sane. That's my new mantra thru this pandemic!

I'm hoping the mini challenges are helping you do just that. I've been thrilled to see everyone's lovely pieces on our Facebook group page. Please know that your board is working hard to help us all stay positive & creative during this challenging time.

Also, please think about joining our next **Zoom EVA meeting May 21, 7pm.**

We had nine people on our April Zoom meeting, and it was wonderful to SEE people! Everyone took a few minutes to share current projects & something positive. It was really special. Thank you to everyone who participated and I hope you will think about joining our May call.

Please keep creating, sharing and staying safe & sane.

Missing you all,

*Sloane*



We are loving all the submissions! Keep them coming! EVA is going to continue the weekly challenges through the month of May. New prompts listed below. Please create something **NEW** and share this with us! We love to see all your work, but we are hoping to get you to create something new.

### To participate:

1. **Post directly to the EVA Facebook group: East Valley Artists and friends**
2. **Eamil Us!** Be sure to name your image file with your name and the title of your work if it has one.  
[Example: SarahNguyen\_GreenEyes.jpg].

Apr. 29 - May 5: *Scent*  
May 6 - 12: *Summer*  
May 13 - 19: *Country/Countryside*  
May 20 - 26: *Family*  
May 27 - June 2: *Sky*

**Happy Creating!**

*Sarah*  
and the EVA Board



## Calendar of Events

**May 7th @ 6:30 pm - Board Meeting**  
-Virtual meeting

**May 21st @ 7 pm - Artists' Meeting**  
Monthly Meeting - *Virtual via Zoom*  
Email us for login information for the  
virtual meeting. **IN PERSON CANCELLED**

## Art Challenge

### "The Blues"

What do you think of when you hear 'The Blues'? The color or the music? Get creative & share your interpretation.

The project is due on **June 18<sup>th</sup>**

The winning pieces will be on display  
June 20<sup>th</sup> - September 17<sup>th</sup>

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## Water: April 1<sup>st</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup>



Deb Jackson

We were overflowing with water submissions! Thank you to all that participated! Please check your inbox and our Facebook page and group to see all the beautiful artwork!



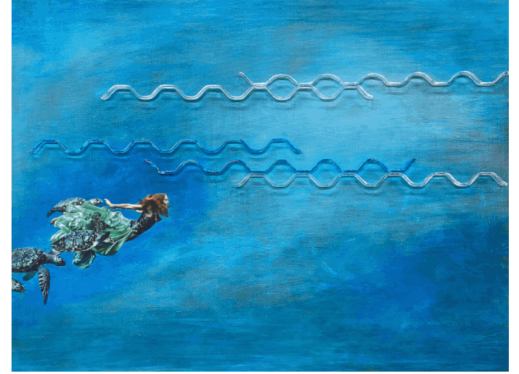
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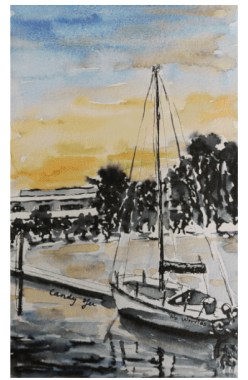
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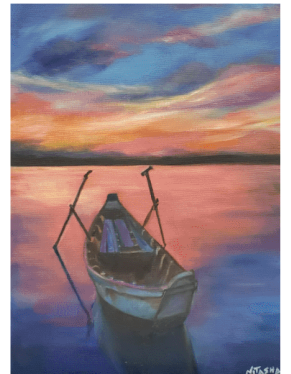
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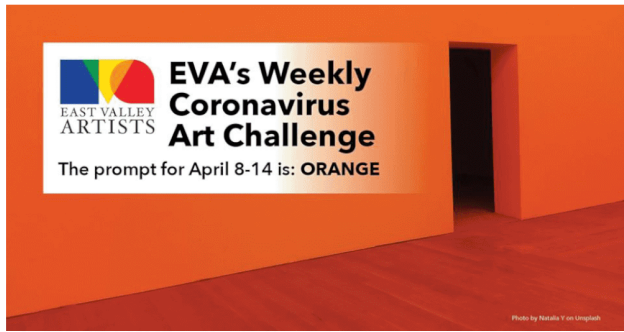


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## Orange: April 8<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup>

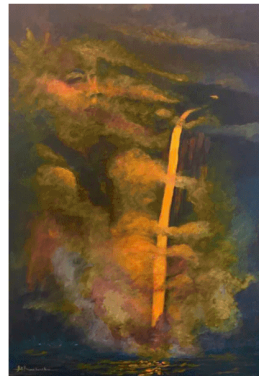


Shelly Woolvin

Orange you glad we didn't say banana? It looks like it! Thank you for all your amazing submissions! Again, check your inbox or our Facebook page and group for all the lovely orange inspired artwork!



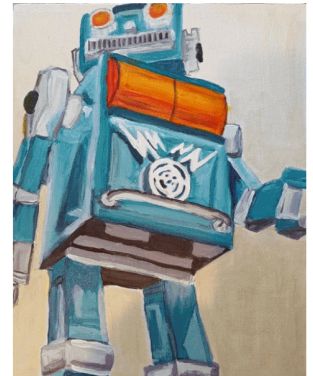
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Julie Cline



Freda Hwu





## EVA's Weekly Coronavirus Art Challenge

The prompt for April 15-21 is: **GRATITUDE**



## Gratitude: April 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

We are so grateful for all the wonderful submissions for the gratitude prompt. It is wonderful to that we have much to be grateful for during these challenging times.



Sarah Nguyen



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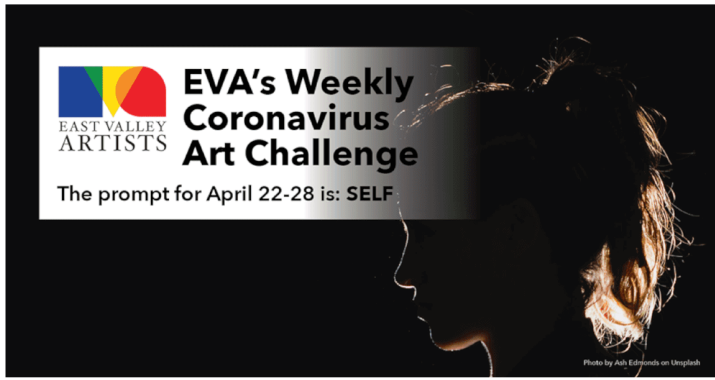


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Robert Johnson



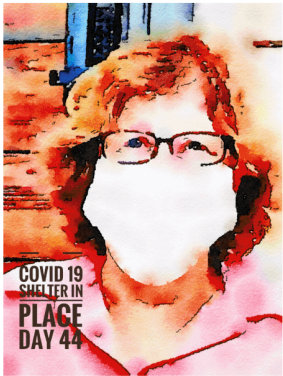


Self relection through portature was this week's challenge.  
Thank you to all who shared a part of themselves.

## Self: April 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>



Kika DePonte



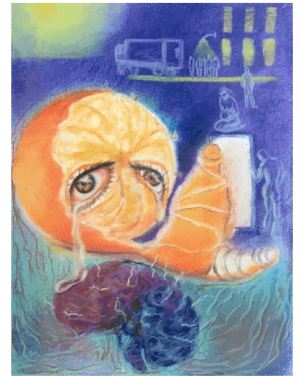
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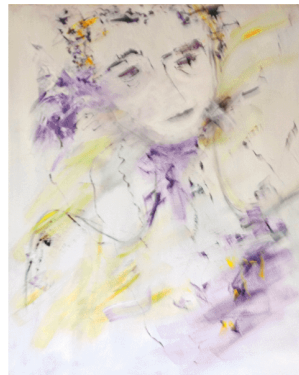
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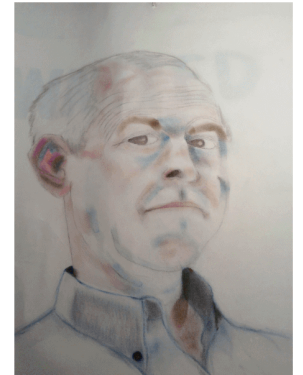
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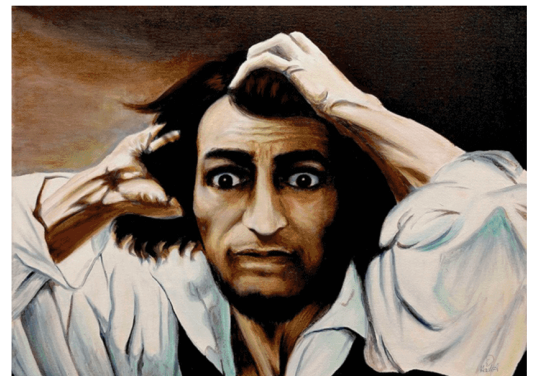
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## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

### Margie Matthews

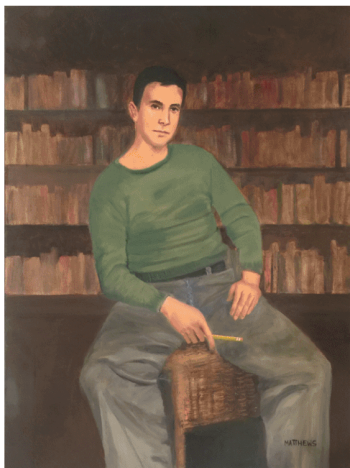
Margie Matthews has lived in Berryessa for most of her adult life. She raised her five children here and now has 8 grandchildren. She picked up a paint brush when she retired from public service as a teacher, public administrator, and elected official, including two terms on the City Council from 1993-2000.



Margie's paintings are mostly oil on canvas. She likes the vibrancy of oil and finds joy in painting people, places, and objects that have personal meaning. Many of her pictures are of favorite outdoor spaces in Berryessa and Alum Rock Park. She also paints still life and commissioned portraits. She has painted many old family photos bringing old black and white pictures to life with color.



Margie exhibits her work at a number of local art shows and fairs, including the Berryessa Art and Wine Festival in May and East Valley Artists' Annual Show in October. One of her paintings of Penitencia Creek was selected as a street banner for the grand opening of the Berryessa Bart Station.







## Inspiration to Stream

*Documentaries and tv shows to get you inspired.*

### **Struggle: The Life and Lost Art of Szukalski, 2018 (Netflix)**

*Releasing on December 21st, this documentary recounts the remarkable life and work of the overlooked Polish-American artist Stanislaw Szukalski (1893 – 1987). A one-time renowned avant-garde artist in Chicago and pre-war Poland, Szukalski ended up leading a humble, mysterious existence in Burbank, California. Filmed by art aficionado Glenn Bray (who was a friend of Szukalski), and produced by the art-collecting Leonardo DiCaprio, the film unveils Szukalski's astoundingly twisted life story.*

### **Loving Vincent, 2017 (Hulu)**

*Nominated for "Best Animated Feature" at this year's Oscars, Loving Vincent is a dramatic biopic about Post-Impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh, and the circumstances surrounding his death. Hugh Welchman wrote and directed the film with his wife, painter Dorota Kobiela. It's the world's first fully painted feature film, employing the same technique as van Gogh, which makes it a truly unique and exciting viewing experience.*

### **Marcus Jansen: Examine and Report, 2017 (Amazon)**

*Who doesn't love a good rags-to-riches tale? This documentary is an in-depth look at the artist (and Desert Storm veteran) Marcus Jansen, who went from selling his art on the New York City street corner of Prince and Broadway to exhibiting in museums internationally. He's been referred to as a "cartographer of conflict," as his work critically documents a chaotic post-9/11 era. The film features influential art critics and gallerists who were involved in Jansen's come up.*

### **Abstract: The Art of Design (Netflix)**

*An original documentary series that takes a sort of "Chef's Table"-style approach to the everyday objects and structures in our lives — from the artist's perspective. Featuring a few of the most innovative leaders in design, including New York-based illustrator Christoph Niemann, stage designer Es Devlin, and architect Bjarke Ingels, this series is a must for anyone remotely interested in the world of art, design, and architecture. With every episode, you'll journey into the mind of an artist and discover the true art of design and the impact it plays on all aspects of life, including some you might have taken for granted.*

### **The B-Side: Elsa Dorfman's Portrait Photography (Netflix)**

*Portrait photographer Elsa Dorfman found her medium in 1980: the larger-than-life Polaroid Land 20x24 camera. For the next 35 years she captured those who visited her Cambridge, Massachusetts studio: families, Beat poets, rock stars, and Harvard notables. As pictures begin to fade and her retirement looms, Dorfman gives Errol Morris an inside tour of her backyard archive.*

### **Finding Vivian Maier (IFC or Amazon)**

*Vivian Maier, a reclusive French-American woman, worked for most of her life as a nanny and housekeeper in Chicago. She carried a camera everywhere she went. It wasn't until after her death, in 2009, that her vast body of brilliant photographs came to light. John Maloof, who discovered her photographs in a box at an auction house, co-wrote and directed Finding Vivian Maier (2013), a documentary that uncovers her life through interviews with people who knew her. Read Hyperallergic's review [here](#), and watch it [here](#).*

### **The Creative Brain (Netflix)**

*Neuroscientist David Eagleman taps into the creative process of various innovators while exploring brain-bending, risk-taking ways to spark creativity.*

### **Blown Away (Netflix)**

*Ten master artists turn up the heat in glassblowing sculpture challenges for the chance to win \$60,000 in prizes and the title of champion.*

### **Sky Ladder: The Art of Cai Guo-Qiang (Netflix)**

*This 2016 documentary follows Chinese artist Cai Guo-Qiang, known for his pyrotechnic spectacles, as he creates his most ambitious project yet.*



## Art tip of the Month

The most beautiful art is sometimes art which is free from the demands of convention.



## Association News



- ✓ Board meeting:
  - Ongoing EVA projects and events were discussed.
- ✓ Virtual Artist get together held in April via Zoom.
- ✓ Berryessa Art show has moved to September due to the Coronavirus. Stay tuned for further updates later this year.
- ✓ The Art Crawl is currently on hold due to the Coronavirus. Please stay tuned for further updates.
- ✓ Julie has stepped up to coordinate the En Plein Air Group
- ✓ We need additional members to help with set up for the next meeting. Please let us know if you can help!
- ✓ The March, April, and possibly May demos will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for future updates.

## Call for Artists



*De Young Museum: The de Young Open*

The de Young Museum is excited to announce a juried exhibition welcoming submissions by artists from the nine Bay Area counties. Titled The de Young Open, this showcase will debut after the Museums reopen to the public.

Whether self-taught or professionally trained, all Bay Area artists are invited to submit newly created artworks for possible inclusion. Exhibiting artists can offer their artworks for sale and will retain the full proceeds.

They look forward to filling their 12,000 square feet of gallery space with works of art by Bay Area artists, in support of local art communities. Check out the website for the submission process:  
[www.deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/de-young-open](http://www.deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/de-young-open)

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## Announcing the EVA En Plein Air Group

*A BIG thank you to Julie Cline for stepping up to be the En Plein Air Coordinator!*

For now, Julie will be using photographs for the group activities. Stay tuned for announcements regarding the first creative outing.

The group includes watercolorists, pastelists, oil, and acrylic painters. However, the group is open to all. If you would like to participate, please email her ([juliacline@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juliacline@sbcglobal.net)) or the association ([eastvalleyartists@gmail.com](mailto:eastvalleyartists@gmail.com)).

## EVA Monthly Meeting Details

Meetings are held on  
3rd Thursday of each  
month @ 6:30 PM

Meetings are open to all

Fellowship Hall  
Foothill Presbyterian Church  
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