

Flourish

April 2022

Upcoming Meetings:

April 7th, 6:30p Board Meeting April 21st, 6:30p Demo & IN PERSON MEETING **Bring your submissions for the "Coffee and Tea" quarterly challenge.**

President's Notes:

Ahhh, Spring is in the air. That is so clichéd. However true that Spring brings the happiness of wildflowers and the anticipation of warmer weather, we should push past cliché and make fabulous art. Did you come to the March monthly meeting to see the needle felting demonstration of Stephanie Metz? It was over the top fantastic. I was smiling and intrigued the whole time. If you missed it, you can find it on our <u>Facebook group</u> or soon it will be posted to our <u>YouTube channel</u>. If you haven't, "like" the EVA page on Facebook and subscribe to the YouTube channel. It was an experience and she brought many pieces for us to enjoy. So that brings us to our next EVA Quarterly Challenge. The theme is "Coffee & Tea" purposely to

So that brings us to our next EVA Quarterly Challenge. The theme is "Coffee & Tea" purposely to push you past the security of your usual subjects. It, of course, does not have to be a literal categorization, be loose and free. It can be 2D or 3D, something about your favorite beverage or even how you feel with that first cup o' joe in the morning or your favorite place that has that comfort. Have you stained with tea bags before? Stunning effect. A sculpture made entirely of coffee beans and spoons? Go crazy and bring your beautiful

things to the April meeting. Don't let the theme box you in, just go for it.

Are you going out and looking for murals. You can find them on <u>Find MASA</u>. I did and it was fun. Take a selfie and post it on our EVA group page. While you are out looking for murals, do enjoy Spring and the wildflowers. However tiny, they are blooming in our beloved Alum Rock Park. I hope to see you at this month's meeting and demonstration.

Carole Cameron EVA President



Welcome new members and exhibiting members!

The following members have joins since the begining of the year! Carolyn Meredith, Donna Potter, Judith Gottfel, Judith Thompson, Karen Crowe, Sri Annadore, Thong Le, Mary Valderrama, Stephanie Metz, Taryn Curiel

Congratulations to Donna Potter, our newest exhibiting member!

A shout out to those of you who have kindly made donations to the club, we appreciate it!

April Art Demo

Demonstration by: Elizabeth Jiménez Montelongo

Elizabeth Jiménez Montelongo is a visual artist, poet, and facilitator based in the Bay Area. Her work has been exhibited in California, Washington, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York. Locally, she has exhibited at the Triton Museum and Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. Elizabeth Jiménez Montelongo earned a BFA in Pictorial Art and a BA in French from San José State University. She



served as 2021 Creative Ambassador of the San José Office of Cultural Affairs. Her next solo exhibition of thirty large paintings is scheduled in San Antonio, Texas.

The paintings in the series, The Euphoric Dance of the Unconquered Mind, consist of textured oil paintings of Mexika (Aztec) dancers which exude energy and power to celebrate the continued existence of Indigenous dance that could not be suppressed despite violence, politics, and religion.

This work is based on Mexika dancers from the San Francisco Bay Area who continue the traditions of indigenous Mexican dance into the 21st century, across social and political borders. I crop and combine my photographs of dancers in movement to create the composition of my paintings. I apply paint with a palette knife to create heavy impasto.

These paintings honor our Indigenous ancestors and our local culture-keepers while inspiring a powerful, liberating vision of the future.

6:30p Demo & IN PERSON MEETING at Foothill Presbyterian Church ***Masks and Proof of Vaccination required

** Don't for get your Coffee and Tea submissions for the quarterly challenge!**



Artist Of The Month

First: a tie between Julia Cline for "Lookout," and Candy Yu for "Cold Winter".





Second: a tie between Hadi Aghaee for "Tomb of Cyrus the Great" and a new member, Donna Potter for "Hand painted Card."





Third: Carole Cameron for "Sunflower."



Member News:

Congratulations to Hadi Aghee!

Three of Hadi's 48"X48" paintings were accepted to the Haggin Museum's National Juried exhibition/Competition! The paintings will be on display during the exhibition which will run from April 7 to May 15 at Haggin Museum in Stockton.



BERRYESSA Art and Wine festival is ON for 2022!

The event will take place on May 7, 2022, the day before Mother's Day. EVA has traditionally participated in this event with a club booth and we want to continue to support this local show by having a booth again this year. Booth feees are split between participants as is set up, and tear down. Sign up by Apr 5 to participate in the EVA tent. Email eastvalleyartists@gmailcom, if interested or if you have any questions.

A chance to disply your art locally

"The Coffee Cup", a favorite local coffee shop, has moved to a larger location (off Toyon) and they would LOVE to display our artwork. They have one large wall about 10-13 feet that is all ours for the filling. Sloan is planning either a rotating theme or rotating artist every three months. The main parameters are its 2d only at this time and ALL pieces must be able to hang with ONLY 3m hanging strips, that means large pieces must have no glass.

This is an exciting opportunity and im thinking the art will rotate quarterly as we do the church lobby. Of course not all work has to be for sale so all are welcome to participate. I hope to move the purple pieces to the coffee cup unless I have a interested artist who's ready to display now.

Please contact Sloane via the EVA email with interest or questions. Its first come first serve to have the space to yourself.

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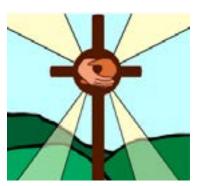
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Call For Art

1. The 47th Annual Rotary FINE ART IN THE PARK is calling for artists to register for the in person summer 2022 edition.

Please find more details and registration forms at:

https://www.rotaryartshow.com/

