

## The Sketchpad



### President's Message

#### Hello Artists,

As you may or may not know, I have decided to step down as President of **San Clemente Art Association**. As such, this will be my final president's message in the **Sketchpad**. Having served as President for the past three years has been pleasurable and rewarding. As President I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know many of our artists and members as well as gain an understanding of the significant role SCAA plays in our

community. If I have not said it to you personally, I would like to thank anyone and everyone who has helped myself and SCAA over the past three years.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 23rd annual **Paint San Clemente** event. This Plein Air art competition is our flagship event and draws artists and tourists from all over the country. The longevity of this event speaks to its popularity and success. As always, we need volunteers to make this

event happen. If you would like to participate in the event or volunteer your time please contact **Tiffany Gantt**, our Paint San Clemente Event chairman for this year. I always look forward to this event and seeing our members and guests painting something in our beautiful city, or at the Gala where we announce the winners. I hope to see all of you there!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Kevin Bertrand**  
President



### Message from the Gallery



#### Sunset and Sunrise

This will be my last Sketchpad Essay to you all. For the past four years, I have enjoyed being your Art Gallery Chairwoman.

While working in this role, I was able to cross paths with so many great people and artists! I would think about my newfound friendships, all the while remembering that if it wasn't for the Art Association, none of this friendly interaction would have ever happened!

I will still remain a member of the Association and I will still make art, and help out the new Gallery Chairwoman, who is now fully trained and ready to accept her new responsibility: she is **Judy Daddieco**.

Judy has a Master's Degree in Fine Arts, I believe in Graphic Design, and she is also a very good, award-winning artist.

Her friendly and outgoing nature has proven to be a great fit for this very demanding role.

Please help me make Judy feel welcomed and supported in her new position.

In the meantime, with summer coming up very soon, keep making art, keep up the socializing and keep learning!

Have a nice day,

**Mary Franta**  
Gallery Chairperson





## Featured Artist - May 2025 - James B. Proett



### James B. Proett, Artist

James was born in Santa Monica, California, and educated at Whittier College in Whittier, CA. There he earned a Masters Degree in Biological Science. He then went on to a D.D.S. degree from University of California Medical Center, San Francisco. He then embarked on a career in the U.S. Air Force which spanned nearly a quarter century and included extensive travel in Europe and the Far East. On his travels, he spent considerable time doing photography, both on land and underwater, where he won awards from the Pacific Stars & Stripes newspaper. At the end of his career, he settled in San Clemente, CA, where he has been to the present day. He has taken digital and traditional art classes over a period of some 10 years, earning certificates in Interactive Design and 3D Art. He has won several awards in South Orange County, both

as a 3D digital artist and traditional artist. He exhibits often in local galleries and art shows and has maintained a membership in the San Clemente Art Association and the Los Angeles chapter of ACM SIGGRAPH right up to the present.

### Artist's Statement

"I had always loved art and music throughout my life, although I never made them my profession. But since retiring from dental practice, art and music have become quite an obsession for me. I was continually surrounded by both as a child and I guess my appreciation for them never left. I use my art to represent the things that truly capture my imagination, and commemorate the efforts of our veterans both past and present. I am continually fascinated by the impact the digital media is having on the arts and entertainment field and look forward to becoming an independent digital graphics artist as well as traditional."



## May Show Winners - 2025

Judge: Marie Christie

San Clemente  
ART ASSOCIATION

May 2025 Show - Winners  
Judge: Mary Christie

### \*BEST OF SHOW\*

Oil	#4	Ernie Romo	Morning at the Mammoth Mill
		<b>Acrylic</b>	
1st	#45	John Dillon	Playa de Familia
2nd	#44	John Dillon	Del Mar from Romantica
3rd	#22	Nevine Erian	Water Waltz
*HM*	#7	KD Keckler	Paddleboard Launch
*HM*	#36	Anka Haczkiwicz	My Sky Notes December 14

### Jewelry

1st	#902	Deb Spencer	In Love with this Turquoise
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### Oil

1st	#6	Ernie Romo	San Clemente Pier
2nd	#39	Nick Martello	Tree of Life
3rd	#40	Nick Martello	Day at the Office
*HM*	#30	William Crawley	Crystal Cove
*HM*	#56	R. R. Christensen	Away From the Roll of the Sea
*HM*	#57	R. R. Christensen	The tail End of the Wave

### Other Media

1st	#48	Arpad Petrass	Migration Rush Hour
2nd	#28	Moy Young	Sugar High
3rd	#55	Patti Prather	Painting Laguna
*HM*	#14	Joseph Valencic	Lemans Audi LMP-1
*HM*	#27	Moy Young	Clear View

### Photography/Digital Art

1st	#41	Todd Metzger	Divine
2nd	#18	Brad Friesen	Marrakesh Tea Break
*HM*	#47	Arpad Petrass	A Mother's Love
*HM*	#53	Ellen Seefeldt	Dinner Time

### Watercolor

1st	#37	David D. Pearce	El Camino Real
2nd	#21	Alan Nowell	A Shy Bunny
*HM*	#58	Judi Phillips	Europa
*HM*	#62	Julie Horne	A Beachcomber's Treasure





## May Show Winners - 2025

### BEST OF SHOW



***"Morning At The Mammoth Mill"***  
**Ernie Romo**

## PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

(MARCH SHOW 2025)



***"Mountain Chapel Springtime"***  
**Jim Stockham**



## May Show Winners - 2025

### ACRYLIC



**First Place**  
**"Playa de Familia"**  
**John Dillon**



**Second Place**  
**"Del Mar from Romantica"**  
**John Dillon**



**Third Place**  
**"Water Waltz"**  
**Nevine Erian**



**Honorable Mention**  
**"Paddelboard Launch"**  
**KD Keckler**



**Honorable Mention**  
**"My Skynote December 14"**  
**Anka Haczkiwicz**





## May Show Winners - 2025

### OIL



**First Place**  
**"San Clemente Pier"**  
Ernie Romo  
(Not Present)



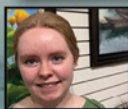
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**"Tree Of Life"**  
Nick Martello



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**"Day At The Office"**  
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**"Crystal Cove"**  
William Crawley  
(Not Present)



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**"Away From The Roll  
Of The Sea"**  
RR Christiansen



**Honorable Mention**  
**"The Tail End Of The  
Wave"**  
RR Christiansen



## May Show Winners - 2025

### OTHER MEDIA



**First Place**  
**"Migration  
Rush Hour"**  
Arpad Petrass



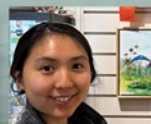
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**"Painting  
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Patti Prather



**Honorable Mention**  
**"Lemans Audi LMP-1"**  
Joe Valencic



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**"Clear View"**  
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### WATERCOLOR



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**"El Camino Real"**  
David D Pearce



**Second Place**  
**"A Shy Bunny"**  
Alan Nowell



**Honorable Mention**  
**"Europa"**  
Judi Phillips



**Honorable Mention**  
**"A Beachcomber's Treasure"**  
Julie Home







## May Show Winners - 2025

### PHOTOGRAPHY



Photography  
Winners:  
Arped Petrass  
Todd Metzger



First Place  
"Devine"  
Todd Metzger



Second Place  
"Marrakesh Tea Break"  
Brad Friesen (Not present)



Honorable Mention  
"Dinner Time"  
Ellen Seefeldt (Not present)



Honorable Mention  
"A Mother's Love"  
Arped Petrass

### JEWELRY



First Place  
"In Love with this Turquoise"  
Deb Spencer



## ARTIST DEMONSTRATION

April 27th, 2025 - Debbie Morines - Plein Air Painter

**Debbie Morines** began her demo by sharing that, although she never attended art school, art had always called to her. Her story inspired confidence in us all. A longtime Kindergarten teacher, Debbie began pursuing art seriously in recent years, taking lessons—including her first from our own Alan Nowell, who was immediately struck by her talent.

Her confidence grew quickly, and opportunities soon followed—painting at weddings, corporate events, and even a Vans Skate-park gathering. “You never know where art will take you,” she said.

Debbie’s palette holds around 30 colors, always arranged in the same spots for quick access. She stressed that drawing is the foundation of any painting and demonstrated how holding the brush like a drumstick, not a pencil, adds a painterly quality.

Some of her favorite techniques include:

- Starting with darks using a mix of ultramarine blue + burnt umber for deep blacks.

- using gray + white + Naples yellow for sunny rock highlights.

- Mixing unexpected sky colors—pink, orange, or viridian + white for pale blue, and manganese + cerulean for variety.

- Creating shallow ocean tones with cobalt + Naples yellow + white, adding viridian for a minty hue, and transitioning to deeper blues with more cobalt.

Debbie worked on a Maui beach scene, which she’ll finish and share soon.

Debbie teaches both group and private art lessons. Her warmth, talent, and practical tips made this a truly outstanding demo!

Submitted by,

**Mary Franta**



Debbie Morines brought two generous door prizes: a beach painting won by Ingrid and a watercolor-filled art bag won by Karen Vecchio.





## Award winning hors d'oeuvres at the reception...



Prizes were awarded for the best artistic food presentation, creating a stunning display of delicious hors d'oeuvres that perfectly complemented the artwork.







## URBAN SKETCHERS



Urban Sketchers Los Angeles  
North Orange County & San Diego chapters  
Saturday, May 3rd 10am - 12pm  
31791 Los Rios Street, San Juan Capistrano



The **Urban Sketchers San Clemente**, is a regional chapter of Urban Sketchers ([urbansketchers.org](http://urbansketchers.org)). We organize free sketching events all around the San Clemente area. All skill levels and media are welcome.

The mission of Urban Sketchers is to raise the artistic, storytelling and educational value of on-location drawing, promoting its practice and connecting people around the world who draw on location where they live and travel.

They most recently met up with the North Orange County and San Diego Chapters at Rio Street in San Juan Capistrano. Watch for emails for the latest meet up.

### Monthly Critique Gathering

Place: The Art Gallery  
Date: Sunday, May 18th  
Time: 2 pm

Bring in art or use the art that you have in the current show. Other members will share their insights and positive thoughts on an art piece.

This event will be a Positive Social Gathering and a way to connect with fellow artists in the association.

Don't miss the chance to immerse yourself in the world of art critique and vibrant conversations.

Whether you're an artist, art lover, or someone curious about the creative process this event is for you!

See you there!

Contact Person: Tom Anderson

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## RICK DELANTY WORKSHOP

Rick Delanty's "**A Plein Air Mindset**" workshop sponsored by SCAA was held May 10, 2025. The lucky participants were first treated to a demonstration and instruction on recognizing values; dark, medium, and light; and connecting shapes for inspired composition. The focus was on water, as we have the phenomenal Pacific Ocean at our back door.

We adjourned to the San Clemente Pier to practice our new skills in the glorious sunshine. The group experienced first-hand the challenges of Plein Air Painting.

Many of us had never fully created a work of art outdoors, but Rick helped us work through the encounters with the blazing sun, quick-drying paint, and sand (let the painting fully dry and then just brush it off!)

Rick Delanty is a master instructor and recognized world-wide as a premier Plein Air Painter. We are so very grateful for his dedication to promoting the arts in Southern California and promoting SCAA in particular.

**Thank you Rick!!**







## COMING SOON!

**SAN CLEMENTE ART ASSOCIATION**

presents **ART DEMO SUNDAY**

with **LORRAINE MARIE COTE**




Join us for an awesome demo from the award-winning rising star Lorraine Marie Cote! She will be painting a landscape in oil.

3-5 PM | **FREE TO SCAA MEMBERS** | JUST \$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS

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*Next Demo*  
*May 18th, 2025*

*Paint San Clemente Event*  
*June 14 - June 22, 2025*



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