

# VERDUGO HILLS ART ASSOCIATION

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## Artist of the Month

# Joseph Todorovitch: art as personal experience

Joseph Todorovitch is a young contemporary painter who has developed a reputation for his highly representational figure paintings.

Growing up in Southern California, he became interested in traditional drawing and painting at an early age. His training introduced him to many artistic

utilize what's necessary to achieve an impact that speaks about a personal experience with his subjects. His paintings emote, and convey a care and sensitivity that is reminiscent of the naturalist painters of the 19th century. Utilizing subtle value and temperature shifts, fine draftsmanship, and pure intuition, Joseph

weaves a world of breathable air and psychological nuance in his work.

He has participated in many group shows including the 15th annual U.S. American Artists Fine Art Show in Pennsylvania; the *Artist for the New Century* assisted by *Art of the West*, Fine Art Connoisseur, Southwest Art, and

Wildlife Art magazines; Ontario History Museum invitational; the Antiques and Fine Art Show at the New York Armory; and the Richard Schmidt Fine Art Auction 2005, 2006, 2007.

Joseph has been awarded First Honor and Peoples Choice at the 10th annual



National Portrait Society of America's international portrait competition. He was awarded first place at the Chaffey Community Art Association 2009. His latest accolade was the Draper Grand Prize at the 2009 11th annual International portrait competition given by the Portrait Society of America and he is currently a semifinalist for the *Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition* for the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. Joseph Todorovitch is proud to be newly represented by the Arcadia Gallery in New York.

For more information, log onto his Web site: [www.ONEJOSEPH.com](http://www.ONEJOSEPH.com).



Joseph Todorovitch will demonstrate at the April meeting.

influences including notable ateliers and instructors.

His work is a culmination of these forces with a deep respect for the knowledge and sensitivities of the past. Joseph has been able to sift through the vast amount of information, be selective, and

## NEXT ART ASSOCIATION MEETING

Friday, April 2, 2010 • 7:00 P.M.  
Citibank Community Room  
2350 Honolulu, Montrose

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 5, 2010 • 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Mary Hoehn  
3673 Hampstead Road; Glendale

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Most of you are aware that we lost Lorraine Ruby a few weeks ago. It is difficult to think of the club functioning without her constant guidance.

Lorraine was a past president of the Verdugo Hills Art Association and remained on the board for many years. She was the cement that held the club together, greased the gears with her reminders and suggestions, and tuned the engine so that jobs got done in a timely manner. Lorraine was always present and working at every event, arriving first and leaving last. She graced our presence with her positive caring manner, her ready laugh and smile. Lorraine's illness didn't dilute her interest in making sure the club continued to run smoothly; advice and mentoring were dispatched from the hospital bed. Thank you Lorraine! How we shall miss you!

Thank you Bob for sharing your beloved spouse with us. May your heart be comforted by our projected feelings of care and love that we extend to you at this time.

I'm sure you all enjoyed Bruce Trentham, our wonderful pastel artist last month. In April we will be visited by a renown portrait artist who will actually paint one of our members or their family member, who then will be the recipient of the painting — WOW!! Isn't that exciting? Be sure to buy your raffle tickets at the door to have a chance to win this one.

We will be asking three members to volunteer to serve on the nominating committee. This should not require much time, as there are only a few positions that require filling. The open positions are 1st Vice President, responsible for monthly meeting programs; Auditor, responsible for auditing the treasurer's reports; and Member at Large, who fills in when chairmen are ill or unavailable to fulfill their duties. Please volunteer to serve either on the committee or maybe for one of the open positions — we need your help! Be an involved member, it's fun and you get to meet lots of people.

Enjoy Spring. I hope it is here by the time you get this letter so you can paint the Descanso Gardens Spring Flower Show. See you in April!

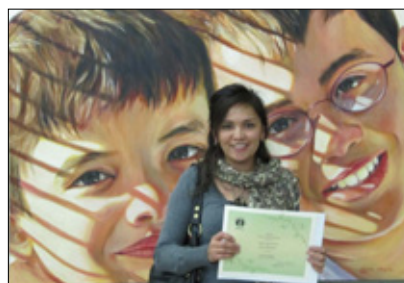


**Mary Jane Klune**  
*President*

## VHAA NEWS AND INFO

**CHERRIE O'HAGEN** won two awards at the Pasadena Society of Artists' *Artist's Choice Exhibition (ACE)* last January for her painting titled *Georgia O'keefe on My Mind*, (below) a painting of her

two children in the style of Georgia O'Keefe's huge close-up flower paintings (hence the title!). It was a *People's Choice Award* and won an *Award for Excellence* for oil portrait (the juror was Ernie Marjoram).



### CURRENT MEMBER

**GRETEL MERKEL**  
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*Watercolor, oil, pastel*

## Joe Cibare watercolor workshop rescheduled for June 19

Due to the memorial service for longtime member, past president and friend, Lorraine Ruby, the Joe Cibare workshop has been rescheduled:

**WHEN:** Sat., June 19, 2010 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Citibank Community Room

2350 Honolulu Avenue • Montrose, CA

(Downstairs in rear of building; enter from the alley.

Free parking in the lot west of the building.)

**FEE:** \$45.00 (VHAA Members) • \$55.00 (Guests)

Make checks payable to Verdugo Hills Art Assoc. and mail to:

Mary Hoehn, 3673 Hampstead Road, Glendale, CA 91206.

**QUESTIONS?** Mary Hoehn • 818/790-3134

Joe Cibare's painting style and art demonstrate his love of nature and wilderness. His "abstract realism" paintings integrate strong design and balance with a sense of illusion and have appeared in *Watercolor Magazine* and in the International Artists book *The Watercolor Sky and Cloud Techniques of 23 International Artists*, available at Amazon.com. His work is also part of both corporate and private collections. He teaches at the California Art Institute in Westlake Village, CA.

## Spring Art Show

**TAKE IN:** Saturday, April 24, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**PICKUP:** Saturday, April 24, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Citibank Community Room

2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose

**JUROR:** Mark Woods is a professional art photographer with a background in watercolor and oil paintings. This is a wonderful opportunity for the photographers in VHAA to have their work judged by an experienced photographer. **Please note:** this is a different artist than the Mark Wood who ran the Art Factory.

Members may enter up to three (3) works of art. There is a \$7 entry fee for each piece. The spring exhibit provides winners in the categories: Open, Honors, and Premier. Please check the handbook for club rules on content and size. Use the entry form with this issue of the newsletter.

**INSTALLATION:** Accepted works need to be delivered to the La Canada Public Library between 9:00 and 11:00 on Saturday May 1st. The address is 4545 Oakwood Avenue, La Canada off of Foothill Blvd.

**PICK UP FOR THE SPRING SHOW:** Saturday June 5, between 9:00 and 11:00 am at the library.

## Small Image Show winners

• **Best of Show:** DEVORAH FRIEDMAN,

*Old Man Seated*, Watercolor

**Representational**

• First Place: MAURINE HIXSON,

*Winter Landscape*, Watercolor

• Second Place: JANE HIGLEY,

*Mountain Lake*, Watercolor

• Third Place: ROLAND CLARK,

*Sierra Vista*, Watercolor

• Honorable Mention:

LANA BLADES, *One Eye Girl*, Watercolor

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Devorah Friedman's watercolor, "Old Man Seated," won Best of Show in the VHAA Small Image Show.

## Lorraine Ruby passes away

We lost one of our own: **LORRAINE RUBY**, wife of 51 years to our Treasurer Bob Ruby, passed away in her sleep February 24, 2010.

Joyce Peterson wrote a tribute to our dear friend:

"A former VHAA President, our friend and enthusiastic artist will be missed by all of us. We know she suffered, but we find it so hard to let her go.

To us oldsters she was too young. To her family she was a bulwark. She was typical of the best kind of person who epitomizes the ideal of "artist" that is representative of what we all strive to be: always striving to better her craft — which was darn good; eager for new experiences and new ideas; interested in artistic pursuits; always aware of realistic goals, the nitty-gritty; keeping the details of an art club viable and in good working order; willing to do the boring checking and rechecking to aid the newsletter; keeping the goals alive and in working order; and taking a mundane job for the good of the club and doing the job very, very, well.

We will miss you, dear friend and fellow artist.

■ Another loss for one of our members, **DEVORAH FRIEDMAN:**

This is to inform you and members of the organization that my husband passed away on March 9. He was very ill the last four years from diabetes and then a year ago diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but pneumonia finally ended his life at his assisted living facility.

I was thrilled, indeed, to win *Best of Show* for one of my paintings. My hubby would have been very proud as he was of all my work.

*Sincerely,*  
Devorah

## Four win *Artist of the Month* awards in March; Lee Sanderson takes first place



(Left to right) First Place: Lee Sanderson, *Reflections*, acrylic/oil. Second Place (tie): Roland Clark, *Sleepy Hollow Ranch*, watercolor; Sheri Garwood, *Harbour Group*, watercolor. Third Place: Linda Tindell, *Afternoon at Eaton Canyon*, watercolor. There are only two more months to bring in your art before *Artist of the Year* is chosen from all the First-Place winners.

### Special raffle opportunity at April meeting

By GLORIA BEYER

Would you like your portrait painted for the price of a raffle ticket? At our April meeting our demonstrator, well-known, award-winning portrait painter, Joseph Todorovitch, has agreed to paint one of our club members or one of our guests!!!!

All you have to do to be the portrait model of the evening is to arrive early enough to buy some orange raffle tickets before the meeting so that Mr. Todorovitch can pick the winning ticket and begin painting you. Imagine taking home your portrait painted in oil by a famous artist!. The remainder of the tickets will be used for our regular drawing at the end of our meeting).

In addition, February demonstrator Chuck Kovacic donated a print of one of his paintings to be raffled off at the April meeting.

If you enjoy our raffle and want to increase your chances of winning, please bring in any unwanted household objects, art supplies or books. The more items we have the more chances we all have of winning nice prizes.

### May meeting

The *Artist of the Month* at the meeting on May 7 will be Quintin Bemiller, who will give a slide lecture on *Southern California Artists, Then and Now*.

### Small-Image Show winners *continued from page 3*

**SANDRA ROONEY**, *Kelp Bed*, Watercolor  
**NANCY LACROIX-TOYNE**,  
*Pears on Rustic Table*, Oil

#### Non-Representational

- First Place: **CADDIS ROBINETTE**,  
*Arizona*, Watercolor
- Second Place: **NANCY FREEMAN**,  
*Sea Life*, Watercolor

Paintings have been in the Small Image Show at the Pasadena Central Library during the month of March. The paintings will be returned at the April 2nd meeting where they may be picked up by their owners.

If you will not be able to pick up your paintings, please call Joyce Peterson at (626) 793-4581 and make arrangements.

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