



# Associated Artists of the Inland Empire



Newsletter  
May 2023

## May Demonstrator: Pechez Sepehri Fan Brush Technique

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LIVE DEMO



Pechez was born in San Diego Ca., but raised in the Pacific Northwest with family in Oregon and Idaho. Both the wildlife and country lifestyle had an impact on her artwork. She received an art scholarship to B.S.U. in Idaho. Painting mostly in oil, Pechez also has works in acrylics and watercolor. Some of her art includes wildlife, such as the American Buffalo Bull, permanently on display at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center at Three Island State Park, Idaho. Her paintings have been exhibited in International Exhibitions, and for sale at the B-n-R Galleries in Oregon and Idaho. She and her husband retired and moved to the Inland Empire 8 years ago when she joined AAIE and currently is the Vice President. AAIE has given Pechez great opportunities to display her works in multiple galleries and exhibits. You can also find her works online at, [Pechez-sepehri.pixels.com](http://Pechez-sepehri.pixels.com). She has just recently started a Utube Channel showing a 'Quick,How-To-Paint' an acrylic in under an hour fan-brush technique. (art by Pechez). See Pechez in person at our AAIE demonstration on May 10th at the CCMA Chaffey Community Museum of Art.

**UPCOMING in JUNE: An outing at the Botanical Gardens June 14th. Bring your sketch books!**  
1500 N. College Ave., Claremont, CA.



# Joe Oakes April Demo Re-cap

Many thanks  
To Joe for an  
insightful and  
enjoyable  
acrylic  
demonstration.



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underpaint canvas

Combine unexpected eye-popping colors!

Put your work out there!

Warm colors come forward

Enter shows!  
Use limited color palette

COOL colors recede

minimal blend where colors overlap



Captive Audience

Art of the month winner



Joe selects winning art



Arthur Vale





# *Associated Artists of the Inland Empire*

## AAIE Membership show

### "ARTFUL EXPRESSIONS"

## Juried Art Show with Display at CCMA

Opens: May 15, 2023

Closes: June 2, 2023 *date Change*

Take In: June 17-18 Noon -3:00 PM

Take down: Sept, 24 Noon to 2:00 PM

CCMA Display: June 22-Sept 23

Artist Reception: July 9 2:00-4:00 PM

### Theme:

This is an "Open Theme" Juried Show.



"Rectilinear" by Mark Rush, President of AAIE

**Enter:** <https://associatedartistsinlandempire.org>

To qualify for entry you must be a current AAIE member and willing to display your art work.

AAIE Membership: \$35.00.

AAIE Members: 1-3 Entries \$10 -\$15, \$20

*Enter your favorite art piece regardless of its age or if it was in a previous AAIE show.*

### Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$15\*

20% of entries chosen as *Excellence in Art Award* \*

*\* Art works that have not been chosen for awards in previous AAIE shows.*

*Total of 40 Art works chosen for display \*\**

*\*\*Only one entry per participant if we have more than 40 participants.*

### Display:

40 juried art works must be framed with wire and will be displayed for public viewing at the Chaffey Community Museum of Art (CCMA) in Ontario., CCMA will handle sales with 35% of the purchase price to CCMA.

**For more information Contact Nancy Speaker at [nspeaker1@gmail.com](mailto:nspeaker1@gmail.com)**





ESTATE  
ART Sale  
Proceeds go to: American Cancer Society & Chaffey Community Museum of Art

Original Works of Art by  
**ALAN  
SWARTZ**  
Saturday, April 15th  
Noon - 5 PM  
1586 Fernbrook, Upland, CA



In Memorium – Alan Swartz



The family of Alan Swartz sadly announces Alan's passing on March 16, 2023. Alan was a respected and loved artist, and CCMA was proud to have him as a member, exhibitor and contributor. The family provided a sale on Saturday, April 15th, 2023 for the community from noon to 5pm at 1586 Fernbrook Way, Upland. All sale proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society and the CCMA.

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# AAIE Virtual winners & 'Take-In' at Upland Library

Nancy Speaker  
Paul Speaker  
Steve Loya  
Hollie Couron  
Mark Rush  
Jim Gilliam  
Keith Klingonsmith  
Pechez Sepehri  
Chris Bozar

Thanks  
For  
Helping!

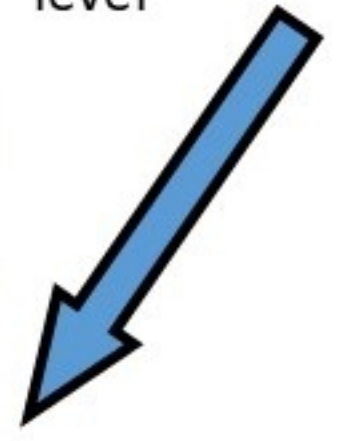


Many thanks to the Upland Library and our helpers in making this AAIE Virtual Show display a success. The winning art will be on display (some can be purchased) at the library until Saturday, April 22. Come on by to see these beautiful works of art, and bring a friend.

Winning certificates were awarded at the April AAIE general meeting at the CCMA Museum of Art on Wednesday, April 12th.



Entrance is on second floor, which is on the ground level





Artist Reception: Sunday, April 16 – 2 pm to 4 pm  
at the Museum, 217 S. Lemon Ave., Ontario



*Magnolia 2 – Sigrid Qian*

## Cat and Other Mysteries

### Curated by Yuntong “Momo” Wu

Cats are mysterious beings around us and are often seen as our accustomed companions. Overly cute depictions of cats in pop culture diminishes our deliberation of this species. The ancient Egyptians worshiped cats as symbols of light and regarded them as gods. When we step away from the cuteness of cats in pop culture and take a conscious look at them, an ancient wildness appears—*stay alert and stay feral*. Being with cats awakens our curiosity and creativity about the unknown. That is probably why many of us like to keep cats as companions; we want to have a bond to ancient instincts and mysterious wildness no matter how well we have been trained by modern society. In addition to mysterious and commonly-seen animals like cats, this exhibition shows depictions of many other hardly known creatures that only exist in fairy tales and in artists’ imagination. Each creature shows the connection between the artists themselves and nature, a creator, and the expression of human nature through psychology and mysticism. Artists include Nyx Alexandra, Ming Chen, Gina Lawson Egan, Quincey Grace, Tess Mc Vaugh, Shayne Michell, Brandon Monkwood, Sigrid Qian and Lisa Segal.

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Be sure to attend the artist reception for *Cat and Other Mysteries*, curated by Yuntong “Momo” Wu. This Sunday, April 16 from 2 pm to 4 pm at the museum, 217 S. Lemon Ave., Ontario. The artists will be present and available for conversations.



Meet the Artist: April 29 – 1 pm to 3 pm



## UNSEEN Gorman Bentley

Being born different in a time and place and to parents for whom difference was not acceptable led Gorman to dream of a life where he could be seen and could belong. On the occasion of his 70th birthday, Gorman is honored to share a few of the many visions that helped a younger Gorman cope as he awaited this better time and place. He hopes his life's journey shared in his work will offer comfort and encourage others to believe in the power of dreams to bring about a better day.

Artist Reception May 21, 2 pm to 4 pm | On View through June 3, 2023 |  
At the Museum, 217 S. Lemon Ave., Ontario

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**Meet abstract artist Gorman Bentley on Saturday, April 29 from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Spotlight Gallery at CCMA**