

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 16th
at 7:00 pm
at the Scherer Center
12202 First Street, Yucaipa

For the YVAA meeting
schedule click here:
[2025-2026 Schedule](#)

April's Featured Artist is Lucien van Oosten

Join us this month for
a presentation by artist
Lucien van Oosten.



"The Rose" by
Lucien Van Oosten

Yucaipa Valley Art Association

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President's Palette



The 2026 Spring Art Show is coming up soon! I am excited about this year's spring art show because it is an event that allows us to come together to showcase the amazing talent of our members' art as well as community artists. I marvel at the creativity and imagination from our new and existing members. It is great seeing new art that incorporates innovative techniques, unique art mediums, and photographic styles that make them incredibly interesting and eye catching!

This month, we have artist, Lucien van Oosten, who will be presenting some of his amazing and creative art at our monthly show. He will be presenting his painting techniques using pointillism. We look forward to finding out more about his background, methods and artwork that can inspire artists to try out a new skill and use new techniques to create art.

This spring has been a busy time! We have had some great demonstrations from both artists and photographers. We have had spring art gallery exhibitions and small business shop art displays. We have had new members join our organizations and we continue to grow by advertising on social media and our website. YVAA has added several new board members this year to help support its activities. Our goal is to continue our efforts to make YVAA a better organization that our members enjoy being a part of! With that said, I encourage all our members to "Create Art" and to enter your amazing art in the YVAA art show this spring!



Zully Martinez,
YVAA President

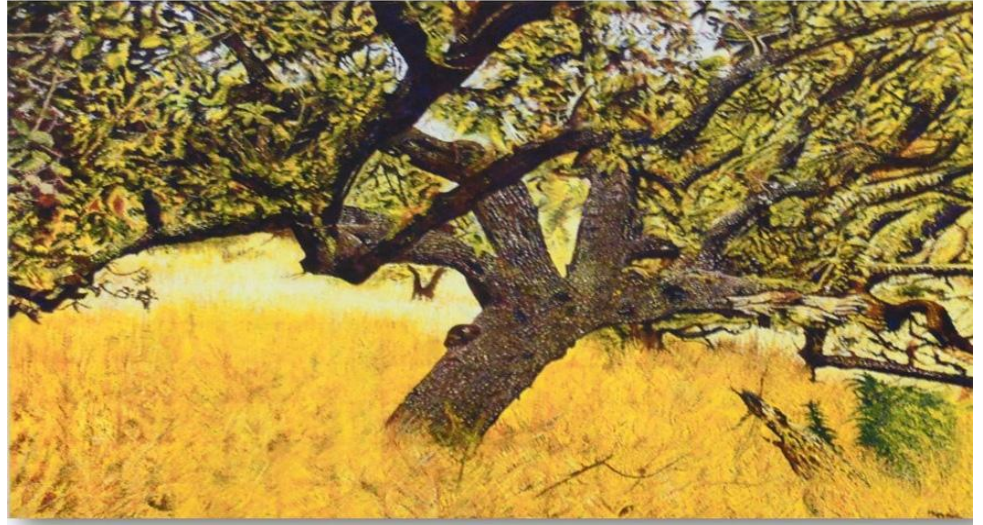
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Artist Lucien van Oosten



Featured Artist News



"The Oak" by artist Lucien van Oosten.

The featured artist at the Thursday, April 16th meeting will be Lucien van Oosten. Lucien will share his pointillism techniques in various mediums to create award-winning art.

Lucien van Oosten immigrated to America from the Netherlands in the 1950's. Once in the United States, his family took residency in the community of Pasadena, located in Southern California.

During his childhood, he went on hikes through the San Gabriel Mountains, augmented by visits to local zoos, aquariums, and nature centers, where his captivation with nature was established, and is seen by the depiction of nature variety throughout his artwork. Lucien's remarkable ability to capture the beauty and elegance of "The Rose," the strength of "The Oak" using various media in the pointillism technique as seen here. He is proficient in acrylic painting, pencil, colored pencil, pen/ink, and color artist markers. One of his favorite styles of drawing is pointillism. He started displaying his artwork in 2005 and has been selected to appear in numerous juried art shows, in Southern California and online

Lucien has held seminars and art lessons at the Cerritos Library, San Bernardino Depot Gallery, where he taught and demonstrate the pointillism technique made famous by the artist George Seurat. For 13 years he has been teaching, drawing and painting for the San Dimas City Parks and Recreation department. He belongs to several art associations in the southern California area. In 2013 he departed from animals and painted his first landscape, "The Oak", which won best of landscape art at the San Dimas Wildlife art show.

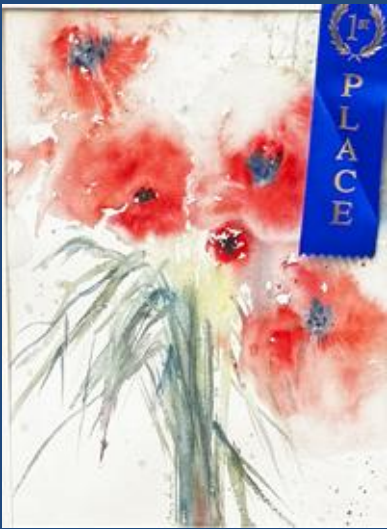
His art is on display in this gallery, and numerous other pieces can be seen and purchased online at ArtWanted.com and fineartamerica.com websites.

Join us on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 pm for a presentation by Lucien van Oosten, at the Scherer Center located at 12202 First Street, Yucaipa. There is no admission fee, bring a friend!

March's Best of Show Winner



Mona Kadah was awarded the best of show ribbon and received 1st place in the watercolor category for her ethereal painting of flowers.



The best of show winner was selected by featured artist Hiedi Stangeland because of how it flowed and the emotional connection she felt.

March's Show Winners

The monthly art show featured a variety of member art and photography entries on display. Our many talented members won ribbons for their artwork at the meeting.



Oils: Vici Haag, 1st place.



Acrylics: Karen Hoak 1st place.



Watercolors: Mona Kadah 1st, Tom Fontanes 2nd, and Roger Golgart 3rd place ribbons for two entries.



Mixed Media: Aubrey Sanchez 1st, Karen Hoak 2nd and Chris Stillians 2nd tie, and Tom Fontanes 3rd.



Photography: Zully Martinez 1st, Carol Ann Larson 2nd, Kathryn Ravenwood 3rd and Bethanne Keirnan 3rd, tie.



Enhanced Photography: Steve Chase 1st place.

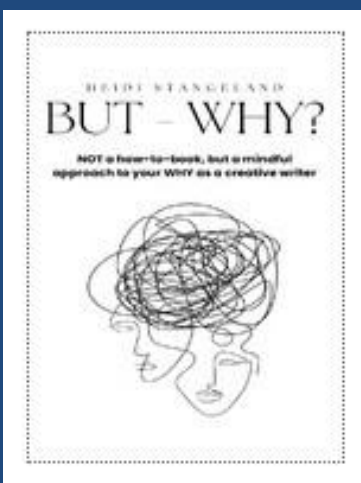
The featured Artist for March was Heidi Stangeland



Artist Heidi Stangeland



An artist in multimedia including photography, screenwriting, film making and story writing.



A book on creativity
and artistic journey
by Heidi Stangeland.

Last Month's Featured Artist



March's featured artist, Heidi Stangeland

Last month, Norwegian native, Heidi Stangeland shared her background and passion for creative storytelling and has been writing stories from a young age while also exploring storytelling through photography and film. She is an optioned and award-winning screenwriter and the founder of the Hané-Saga Filmmakers Conference. Heidi shared how she is creating stories for various platforms, including vertical short stories for streaming video.

Heidi is a Norwegian writer known for crafting suspenseful atmospheric stories rooted in Nordic noir and science fiction. Drawing deeply from her Scandinavian heritage, she weaves elements of mythology and folklore into her narratives, creating richly layered tales that transcend border and genres. Before fully embracing her path as a writer, Heidi apprenticed under commercial and fashion photographer in Kristiansand, Norway—an experience that sharpened her eye for detail and deepened her visual storytelling skills. In addition to her creative work, she is the founder of Hané Saga, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and amplifying the voices of storytellers from diverse backgrounds. Heidi currently lives in California with her children. To find out more about this artist, visit her website or social media profiles.

Website: <https://sagacopy.com/>

Instagram: @hanesaga / @tigemor

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/heidistangeland/>

Deadline to enter Spring Art Show is April 5th, 2026



Early drop off of entry forms will be on **Wednesday, 4/1/26** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in room B at the Scherer Community Center, Yucaipa.



The Spring Art Show will be inside the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center building located at 12062 California Street, Yucaipa, CA.

Temporary Volunteers for Show Needed

YVAA is looking for temporary event volunteers to help us setup and run the show on April 30, May 1 & 2.

Download the form: [SHOW VOLUNTEER FORM](#)
Fill out the form, print it and bring it to the next meeting on March 19th or April 16th. You can also send it to us as an email attachment.

Send to: yvaamail92@gmail.com

2026 Spring Art Show



Yucaipa Valley Art Association

2026 ANNUAL

SPRING

Open
To The Public

Invites you to
COLOR YOUR

World
WITH ART

**Art
SHOW**

Entry Deadline
April 5, 2026

Download Entry Forms at:
<https://www.yucaipavalleyartassoc.org/>

Show Dates

May 1st and 2nd, 2026

Friday May 1st: 6pm to 10pm
Saturday May 2nd: 12pm to 6pm

Accepted Categories

Oils
Watercolors
Acrylics
Mixed Media
Photography
Digital Art



At The
Yucaipa Performing Arts Center
12062 California Street
Yucaipa Ca 92399

yvaamail92@gmail.com

The 2026 YVAA Spring Art Show is coming up soon! Once again, YVAA will be part of the City of Yucaipa's 2026 Music and Arts Festival. The YVAA Art Show will showcase the creativity and talent of our community in many art mediums and photography categories. Participants can win ribbons, cash prizes, and may even be featured in the local newspaper or our social media pages.

The Music and Arts festival is a large two-day event with more than 10,000 visitors expected to attend. This year the Music and Arts Festival will include YVAA's art and photography show, a flower show, a gem and mineral show, food and merchandise vendors, a beer garden, kid's zone, outdoor stage and live music performances. There is sure to be something for everyone. So get inspired to create art and take amazing photography to enter in this year's show! Download the entry form by clicking the link: [Spring Show Entry Form](#)

Checkout the previous City of Yucaipa Festival video on YouTube.

Click on link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nlr6eK94-qY>

YVAA's Art Greeting Cards Collection



White Columbine by Steve Chase.

Members can check out the 2026 Spring Greeting Card Collection that will be available this April and May. You can see all the greeting card designs in the link [2026 Greeting Cards](#)

The collection will feature one to two entries from each artist and the greeting cards will be published this spring. Greeting cards will be available at the upcoming Spring Art Show on May 1st and 2nd.

Donate and Help Us Fundraise!



We are looking for members to sign-up this spring to donate opportunity drawing items or baked goods to sell at the spring art show. Your donations help us raise funds to keep our organization going throughout the year. Consider donating a creative gift basket, gift card, coupon, or art related items for the upcoming spring art show. Items donated for the drawing will be awarded to winners towards the end of the spring art show program on Saturday, May 2nd.

Want to donate a baked item using your favorite cookie recipe? Consider baking something delicious to donate for our spring art show fundraiser. We are looking for members to sign-up this April to donate baked goods, such as cookies, cupcakes, brownies, pies, breads, and small cakes to sell at the show. To find out what is required for the bake sale items, click this link for the [BAKESALE INFO](#). YVAA will sell all the member donated baked goods at the bake sale on Saturday, May 2nd.

Let us know that you are interested in signing up to donate a gift basket, gift card, item(s) or your favorite baked good at the next meeting on Thursday, April 16th. You can also email the completed form to us. Click here to download: [DONATION FORM](#). Download the form, fill it out, save and send form via email to: yvaamail92@gmail.com. Members can buy drawing tickets and baked sale items at the show on Saturday, May 3rd.

All baked goods and drawing donations are to be delivered on Thursday, April 30th between the hours of 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the YPAC at 12062 California Street, Yucaipa, CA.

We appreciate member donations to help make our event a success!

YPAC Gallery Art Exhibition



Artist Aubrey Sanchez at the YPAC gallery with her painting titled "Time to Breathe."

YVAA member and mixed media artist, Aubrey Sanchez, will be exhibiting her artwork alongside her daughter, Morgan McCloskey, at the YPAC Art Gallery from April 28th to August 12th, 2026.

All members are invited to come to the opening reception on Wed., April 29th, from 6pm to 7pm.

This mother and daughter duo will also be at the Yucaipa Music and Art Festival on May 2nd for an artist meet and greet from 12-3pm and 5-6 pm at the gallery.

Community News

Mother & Daughter Art Show
at the **YPAC** Gallery

Featuring
Aubrey Sanchez & Morgan McCloskey

Yucaipa Performing Arts Center
12062 California Street, Uptown Yucaipa
Show Dates: April 28 - August 12, 2026
Opening Reception: Wednesday, April 29th, 6-7pm
Artist Meet & Greet: May 2nd, 12-3pm & 5-6pm
during the Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival

Open for viewing during box office hours:
M-F, 4-7:45pm & during special events

*Free Admission
*Family Friendly

Aubrey Sanchez has called Yucaipa her home since 2004, although she grew up in both Yucaipa and Redlands. She is a self-taught artist who has been exhibiting locally since 2012. Much of her work includes mixed media paintings that are vibrant in color, texture, and meaning. While keeping ink & watercolor as a favorite combination, she is constantly experimenting with various mediums like liquid oils and acrylic sand to create a wide array of subject matter. Several of her pieces over the years have incorporated words, like poetry, lyrics, and quotes—some credited to others, but at times, words of her own. While working full-time, she's also been an active member of Yucaipa Valley Art Association and Redlands Art Association. With the unwavering support of her husband, she has continued to share her artwork with the community, many times exhibiting alongside her own daughter, Morgan.

Her daughter, Morgan McCloskey is a young up-and-coming artist who grew up in Yucaipa. Since childhood, she has had a fascination with video games, especially classics like Zelda and Mario, the ocean and its creatures, cats (especially her own), and a passion for creating art.

Morgan later graduated from Yucaipa High School with honors in 2023 and was the recipient of Yucaipa Valley Art Association's annual scholarship. She applied to her dream school, Laguna College of Art & Design, where she was not only accepted, but also the sole recipient of a full ride scholarship for her chosen major. She now resides in Laguna Beach, nearing the end of her sophomore year and working toward her bachelor's degree in Game Art.

Come checkout their "Mother and Daughter Art Show" at the YPAC gallery this April!

Upcoming Exhibitions by Debra Wick



YVAA Artist of the Year, Debra Wick, has been busy creating art and showcasing her artwork at various locations in the Inland Empire.



At the Redlands Art Association, Debra will be the featured artist from April 18th to May 15th, 2026. There will be a gallery reception on April 25th from 1-4 pm at 215 E. State Street, Redlands.

Wildlands Arts & Nature Festival



Once again, YVAA will have a booth at the Wildlands Conservancy's Arts and Nature Festival on May 16th, 2026. This event is a great local event and artist networking opportunity which helps us get the word out about YVAA. The festival is a way to celebrate creativity and culture with nature in the beautiful and verdant setting of Oak Glen. The event will feature a local art market, student art, a photography exhibition, wildflower hikes, a bird walk, live performances and much, much more.

The Arts and Nature Festival at the Oak Glen Preserve will be on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. "Don't miss a day filled with hands-on art activities, live performances, nature adventures, and the chance to support local artists and conservation efforts!"

YVAA will have two booths side by side and we will exhibit member art, sell greeting cards and handout YVAA flyers at this event. Members that are interested in exhibiting 1-2 pieces of art at the YVAA booth or are available to volunteer for 1-2 hours can submit by the deadline of May 4th, 2026. There is no fee to enter. Download the entry form here [ART & VOLUNTEER FORM](#).

If you're interested in having your own booth to display more of your art and to sell merchandise, you can apply directly by completing the registration form and email your sample artwork to elba.m@wildlandsconservancy.org. Be sure to review and understand The Wildlands Conservancy's policies before registering.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact The Wildlands Conservancy's Oak Glen Preserve office at 909-790-3698. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to experience art and nature in harmony. We look forward to seeing you there!

NOTE: The deadline for registration with TWC is May 1, 2026.

Click on the TWC link to register: [Registration Form](#)

TWC Policies Information: [TWC Festival Policies](#)

Member News



YVAA welcomes new members:

- Grant Wisegarver
- Patrick Hamman

We are glad they have joined our art organization.

BECOME A MEMBER or RENEW!

Download by clicking here:

[Membership Application](#)

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Become a Volunteer



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YVAA Board Volunteers Needed

We wish to thank all the current board members for their ongoing help as we organize our spring activities!

While we are thrilled to have filled some vacant board member positions, we have others that are still need to be filled. Below is a list of some of the open positions. Volunteer help is always needed and appreciated. If you have time and the skills, consider volunteering for a post and working with our team. Send an email to Zully Martinez at yvaamail92@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering as a board member.

Summary Job Descriptions

Newsletter: Responsibilities include gathering monthly announcements and information for newsletter publication. Requires newsletter journalistic style writing and editing. Knowledge of MS Word or Google newsletter template use. Conversion to Adobe PDF file and upload to Google drive. Ability to download and resize photos. The completed newsletter is emailed to all members and non-members who are interested in receiving it. Management of email database lists for members and non-members.

Social Media Manager: Post event announcements, photos and content from newsletter, art shows, featured artist and members on Facebook and Instagram. Be the communications person on social media platforms.