

## April 2023 President's Message

## Greetings, Fellow Artists!

Spring officially started yesterday. For those of us in the San Gabriel Valley area, it was a wet beginning!

For the past month and a half, my time has been taken up with the shared responsibility of taking care of my aging mother. She lives in northern California, so I have been flying back and forth filling in between my sister's visits. Because of that, my painting and art making in general have been placed on the back burner. However, when I do get home after a stint in NoCal, nothing brings me greater joy than sitting in the studio and fooling around with my paints. It is a great stress reliever. I know I'm not alone in this as many of you may have aging parents as well. How do you relieve stress? I'd love to hear what tried-and-true practices work for you.

I missed the Great Hahamongna Paint/Sculpt-Out this past Saturday, sponsored by the California Art Club. Did any of you have a chance to go? I hear it was a great event. I'm hoping it will happen again so I can participate. I'd love to plan one for PSA in the coming months. Let me know your thoughts on that, too.

I hope you don't tire of my pleas for volunteering! The Exhibitions Committee is always looking for volunteers. There are also opportunities with the PSA Centennial Planning and Programs Committees. We are not expecting our members to devote all their spare time to PSA, only a few hours once or twice a year to help keep things running smoothly. Most of the volunteer duties come with an explanation of the time commitment and detail of what is needed.

Member News is a great way to promote your art and events you are in. It is easy to submit your information through the PSA website. Some of our

members are very good about keeping us informed. Member News is published every Monday.

Finally, the next New Member Screening is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Blinn House. More information is on the PSA website. Please encourage your artist friends to submit for membership.

All the best, see you in April, Kathleen to some, Kathy to others