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# POMONA VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION

JULY 2019

## James Ellison Wins FIRST PLACE in Contemporary Art Gallery for Painting Titled 'Peace in Chaos'

James Ellison, is a longtime Gallery SOHO exhibitor, art association teacher and PVAA Board Member. His Painting received first Place honors at the Contemporary Art Gallery Online. His work was designated as a 2019 All Landscape Competition Winner in the paintings & drawings category.



*Jim Ellison's painting, titled PEACE IN CHAOS, was designated a 2019 All Landscape Competition Winner in the paintings & drawings category.*

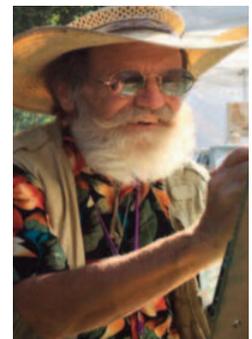
James Ellison is a Symbolic Realist working in both oil and pastel media. As a Symbolic Realist, he is always looking for meaning in nature. Symbolic Realism is the intentional psychological use of color, line, shape & page placement to communicate meaning. The meaning is on a subconscious level using basic human understanding and is not subject to cultural or historical limitations.

Even though all people understand the image he has created on a subconscious level, James also writes artistic statements to bring the meaning to a conscious level. These are based on his studies as an artist and ordained minister giving James a unique blend of aesthetics, Christian theology, psychology and creativity. He believes that we are all created in the image of God, thus we are by nature good but life has wounded, imprisoned or burdened our spirits.

God is present reaching out to us but we often miss it because our senses have become dulled. In nature James sees this so he has committed himself to the communication of this divine presence. James desire is that people in seeing his artwork experience his struggles and celebrations resonating with their own joys and sorrows stirring their spirits and inspiring them to seek out new possibilities.

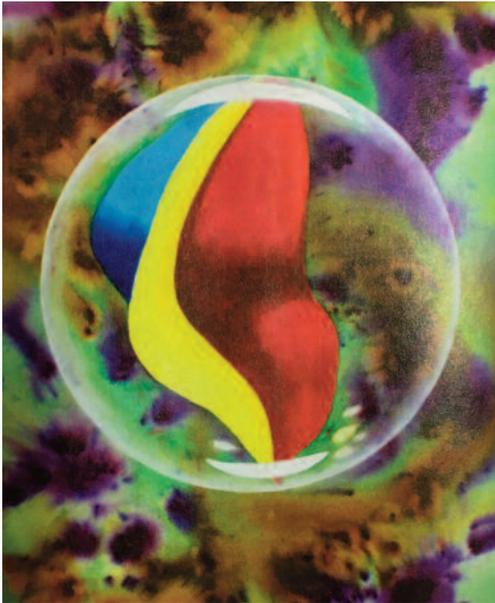
"To find my subject matter I hike the Angeles Mountains and foothills looking for scenes that speak to me. Once I find one I hike back with my Backpack French Easel for a full day. If I am working in pastel I will hike back 6-8 times more to finish it. If I am working in oil's I sketch and begin my painting as well as take photos to work from in my studio as it will often take me 2 to 3 months to finish it.

The photos are taken from different perspectives to record the volume and depth as well as at periodic times to catch the shifting light and shadows. It takes this long because my work is very detailed. Though realistic I subtly changed things either by moving my easel to left, right, up or down to catch different angles and by actually moving an object in the image to communicate a specific message about life."



# INLAND EMPIRE

## INLAND EMPIRE Magazine Features Benjamin Diaz and 'Cat's Eye' Art as Unique Subject



H. Benjamin Diaz considers himself an ultra-realist with a penchant for color who is comfortable creating art on wood, paper or canvas with mediums ranging from graphite to acrylic. His subject interests run the gamut from still life to human and animal portraits to landscape to anything challenging enough to spark his imagination. He started drawing graphite portraits as a preschooler and from third grade on, drew holiday themed chalk board depictions for all of his school's classrooms. While H.B. Diaz appreciates the aesthetic purity of all mediums, he also recognizes that each medium can produce extraordinarily beautiful results in some situations, but disappoint in others. For this reason an artist that

*"I'm constantly trying to find increasingly more challenging subjects. Sometimes I fail sometimes I succeed, Either way, I always learn something new,"*

works in only one medium may also have to, on occasion, limit his subjects to match that medium's characteristics. Much of Diaz's art work, in fact, consists of single medium creations, but he will not hesitate to mix mediums to obtain what he considers to be the optimal visual outcome.

H. Benjamin Diaz • Website: [HBDiazArtwall.com](http://HBDiazArtwall.com)

### PVAA MONTHLY SHOW THEME JULY



#### THEME: Landmarks

July 7 - August 2

Take-In: Saturday, July 6, 11am - 2pm

Pick Up: August 3, 2019

*The Monthly Open Art Show conditions for entry, exhibiting & sales can be found on the association website at [www.pvaa.net](http://www.pvaa.net)*

### FaceBook Page For Members to Sell or Buy Art Stuff!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PVAABuySell/>

**PVAA**  
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**GALLERY SOHO**

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Gallery SOHO is located in Montclair Place, 2nd level next to Nordstrom.  
Hours: 11am to 7 pm daily

PH: 909-624-4900



# Classes & Workshops

## JULY 2019

See our website for updates, details and registration links: [www.PVAA.net](http://www.PVAA.net)

### CareGivers Support Group - Kathleen McCall

Monthly: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

The caregivers support group hosted by PVAA is to provide a place, both physically and emotionally, where caregivers, spouses, family members and friends can feel safe to share their thoughts and concerns and experiences with others in the community.

Cost: Free

### Watercolor Painting from Photographs - Don Markofski Intermediate Class/ Level 2 (final classes in series)

Tuesdays, July 2 & 9, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Contact & cost: Don at 909/593-8540 or email Watercolor-Pro@MarkofskiCreative.com

### Clay Workshop: Create hand-built projects - Ron Lane

Friday, July 26 (series resumes on Fridays)

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Using a creative approach to hand-built pottery, students will learn to create coil pots, pinch pots, sculpture and a variety of projects.

Cost: \$25 each workshop and includes glaze, two firings

Clay Cost: \$10 for 3lbs of clay (Payment: cash, check or credit card payment collected 15 minutes prior to class.)

Questions: Contact Ron Lane 760 954-3148

### Art Camp – Southland Christian School

Fridays & Saturdays, July 26 & 27, August 1 & 2

9:00 am – 1:00 pm (August 2, 11 am – 4:00 pm)

### Fine Art Acrylic Painting: Ray Tucker

Sunday, July 28, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Learn to create beautiful acrylic paintings with award-winning artist, Ray Tucker. All materials will be provided.

Cost: \$25

TWO-day advanced pre-registration a must: call Ray at 310/874-1210 or email RayTuckerArtist@gmail.com

### Pro show producer slide show classes and photoshop classes will resume in August.

Classes are always \$25 with private classes available for an additional charge.

Carol Hoy • [cdhoy@aol.com](mailto:cdhoy@aol.com)



## Your Generous Help is Needed For Young Artists Show Donations

Each year, PVAA holds its Young Artists Show, which covers a range of disciplines. We do not charge these young artists, but still must cover our overhead costs, including monthly rental for our exhibit space. We're looking for individual members to sponsor one of these talented artists. \$30 sponsors one artist, for as many paintings as they wish to enter.

Your contribution will go into our YAS fund to help us pay our costs for this exhibit. To contribute, please contact Kathleen at [thepvaaartplace@gmail.com](mailto:thepvaaartplace@gmail.com).

# WHAT'S GOING ON!

Share your accomplishments  
with fellow members.

E-mail Don at: [dmarkofski@hotmail.com](mailto:dmarkofski@hotmail.com)

# Exhibiting Your Artwork and Teaching Classes Has Never Been Easier!

## The PVAA Art Place Offers You Many Benefits:

- **OPPORTUNITY** for art venture that you've 'always wanted' but never knew how to get it started...**WE CAN HELP!**
- **FLEXIBLE EXHIBIT PLANS** to meet artist's specific needs.
- **ENDLESS OPTIONS** available including exhibits, workshops, art meet ups, classes, lectures, demonstrations and more.
- **SPACIOUS** classroom and exhibiting facility.
- **BUSY MALL TRAFFIC** serves as valuable venue.



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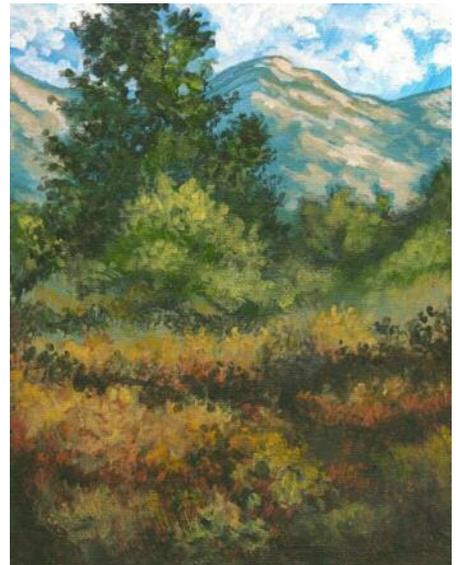
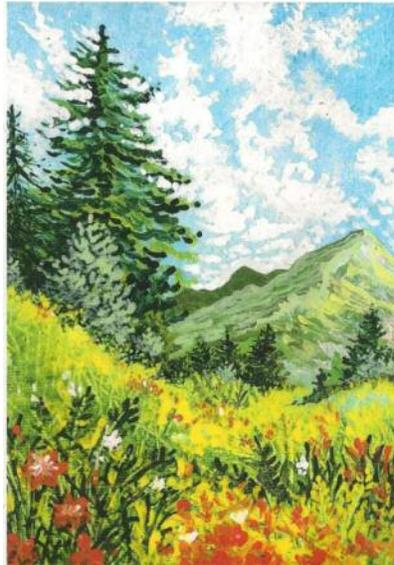
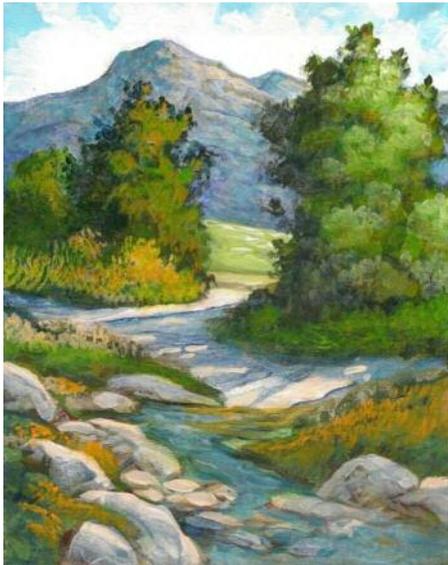
THE **PVAA** Art Place  
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Open Daily, 11 am to 7 pm

# **\$25 Fine Art Acrylic Painting Class**



**Sunday, July 28th**

**\$25 - 1:30:00 p.m. – 4:30p.m.**

**ALL ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**RAY TUCKER** - Award winning acrylic landscape painter, and Mt. San Antonio College Instructor will offer a fun one day, three hour workshop at the “**ThePVAArtPlace**” next to the **Gallery SOHO** in the **Montclair Place** (second floor next to Nordstrom’s).

**All supplies will be provided!** Take home your own individual landscape painting that you’ll be proud of. Learn the acrylic basics in this fun filled class. No experience necessary. The class will be limited to 15 students. Please register ASAP. To register please email me at:

**[RayTuckerArtist@gmail.com](mailto:RayTuckerArtist@gmail.com)** or call **(310) 874-1210 (cell)**.

**ThePVAArtPlace** - Montclair Place off the 10 Fwy, 2<sup>nd</sup> flr. next to Nordstrom’s



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# **CLAY WORKSHOPS**

with Ron Lane

**Fridays  
11am-2pm**

**\$25 Each Workshop  
\$10 for 3 lbs of Clay  
(Includes glaze & firing)**

**Register: In Person on  
the First Day of  
Class.**

**Questions:  
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