

# Young at Art Studios SPRING NEWS FLASH

## Message from Elois

### Art Show Deadline extended to April 12th.

Hurry you still have time bring your favorite art you have created to your local studio.

Just a reminder - you do not have to be enrolled in classes to enter the art show. Don't miss out - call today for more information.

#### ***This is how it works.***

***April 19th all studios will be open from 1:00pm - 3:00pm for your family and friends to come vote on the art. You are the judges. On May 4th all entries will be displayed with their ribbons at The Moorpark Art Festival @ Moorpark Civic Center located at 799 Moorpark Ave., Moorpark, CA.***

### Simi Studio News:

We are proud to announce all new staff at our Simi location. Instructors include:

Elois Brett-Kress, owner

Originally from Sunny Valley, Oregon, Elois Brett-Kress grew up with a love for art, horses, animals, landscapes and flowers. In her senior year of high school she entered an art contest and won a scholarship to Oregon College of Art where she earned an Associate degree of Fine Art in graphic design.

Elois received her Bachelors degree in Fine Art from Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, Oregon, with a major in Illustration. After graduation from Pacific Northwest College of Art, Elois came to California to work as a freelance illustrator. Along with her thriving illustration business, showing in galleries and doing commissions, Elois began teaching and loved it. Out of that love came young at art, founded in 1992 with co-owner and illustrator, Diane Demeter.

In addition, Elois continued her undergraduate studies at Art Center College of Design of Pasadena, California in Illustration and graduated from the Ventura County Entrepreneur Academy in business.

Quote from Elois "I love teaching and believe that anyone can draw if they have the desire. My biggest challenge is to create ways for everyone to understand drawing and feel at ease doing it. Over the years I have seen many children and adults excel at something that is considered to be only for the 'talented'. Because that I believe everyone is creative in some way, I look for ways to develop those hidden talents, Creativity gives a great deal of confidence and self-pride that helps us to be successful in life. My goal is to help the next generation to not say the words 'I can't draw' or 'I am not talented'.

## Lead Teachers

### DIA WOLFE

Dia has enjoyed many facets of art throughout her life. But, it was not until 8 years ago when she started taking art classes from Young at Art that her talents finally blossomed. Soon she and a friend were heading the art program at Wood Ranch Elementary school in Simi Valley . The next 6 years were filled with weekly art classes for every child (over 1,100 students) and a yearly art show.

During this time Dia was also busy doing commission work for clients. These pieces included portraits and animals done in acrylic or pastels.

Dia's forte is her colorful animals, she is not afraid to use color. Her art work has been displayed in many local Ventura County juried art shows. Some of her art winning First Place , Honorable Mention, and two pieces winning Best in Show.

Her true love is the joy of teaching children art, watching their talents grow and their confidence soar. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to become a member of the Young at Art children loving team!

### MANDY MOLINA

We have a new face joining the Young at Art Family. Her name is Mandy Molina and she is working on her Fine Arts Degree from The Academy of Art University. Her desire is to be a high school Art teacher.

She is an incredible artist with a kind and gentle nature. We are excited to have Mandy aboard.