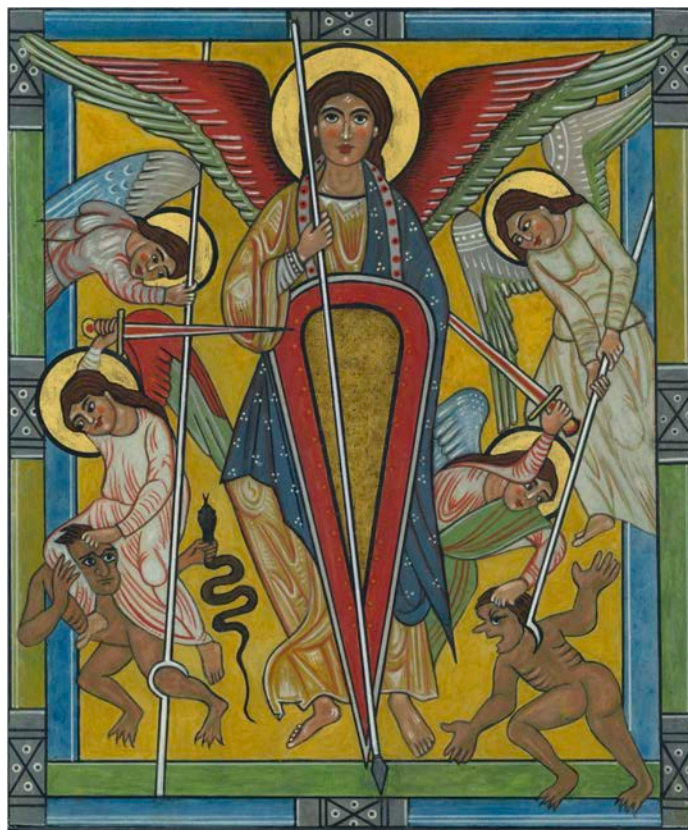




THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH & VISUAL ARTS

***Extraordinary Artists During
Ordinary Days***
Newsletter August 2022



Saint Michael, Archangel by

This Issue's Featured Artist: Jack Pachuta

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Welcome to the ECVA Newsletter which will appear in your email five times a year during each of these seasons: Advent (November 28); Epiphany (January 6); Easter (April 17); and Pentecost (June 5). A fifth newsletter, *Extraordinary Artists during Ordinary Time* will be sent out some time after Pentecost and before the coming Advent as we will still be busy doing extraordinary things during Ordinary days. Please feel free to contact me at any time with your comments or questions.

—Jeanne Weaver, Editor
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From Our President- Joy Jennings

Where Are We Meant To Be?

Throughout the month of August I have been privileged to lead an ECVA Conversation on Contemplative Painting. Our Work together, our conversations, our sharing our art and our faith have been such an inspiration to me. Each week, we have begun our sessions with the beautiful prayer of St. Teresa of Avila. I would like to share it with you, and then, ask you how can we, as a community of artists, take these words to define the role of ECVA in the life of the Episcopal Church?

May today there be peace within,
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you.
Let this presence settle into your bones,
and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love.
It is there for each and everyone of us.

When I look at this prayer in a communal sense of us as an organization, yes, I definitely find peace within the mission and goals of ECVA, and definitely that we are <where we are meant to be>; but maybe just on the verge of where we are meant to be. We have a wonderful history of art exhibitions in our archives and even today many active artists actively participate in our exhibitions and ECVA Conversations and online activities.

The ECVA Board of Directors is working hard to provide videos, more publicity in our parishes, more workshops and conversation forums. We feel we are moving in the right direction to rebuild our ECVA community. But, we want to hear from you. As a community of artists, what do you want as a member of ECVA.

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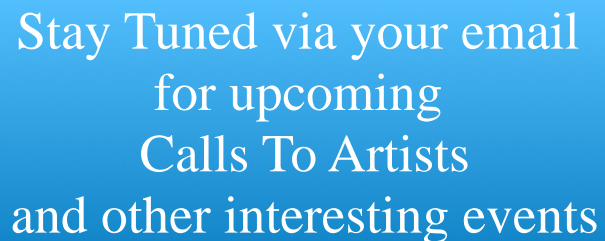
We hope to be able to connect artists with parishes through our Artist Registry, where a parish could research the works of an artist for maybe a commissioned work, a speaker engagement, or an art show. So, we have now added a new level of membership for on \$15, whoosh would be for the Artist Registry listing only. To exhibit, you would need to move up to the next level of membership which is \$30. This level also gives you access tour online ECVA Conversations.

We are very grateful for all of our supporting Artists and sponsoring artists. I hope this fall we can have an online conversation where you can express your goals and visions for ECVA. Your extra support has been such a help to us through these past couple of years.

We are also excited to now have several guilds and organizations participating in the work of ECVA and are looking forward to having more organizations affiliate with us.

So, as this prayer says, "There are infinite possibilities born of faith", we just need all of you to help make this happen. Please contact me or any board member to let us know what you like to see as new programs, new visions, new ideas for ECVA

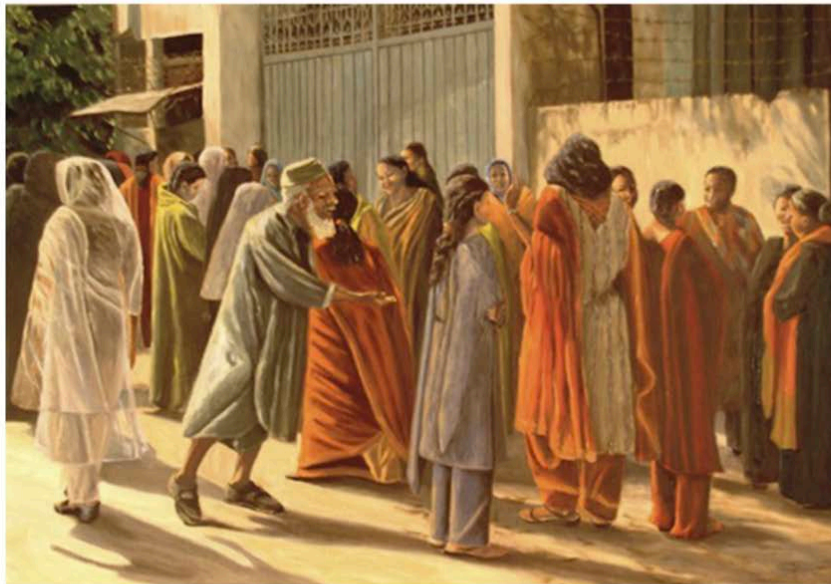
Joy Jennings, President and Exhibitions Director of ECVA



Stay Tuned via your email
for upcoming
Calls To Artists
and other interesting events

Changes are being made to the Artist Registry

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Jeanne Harris Weaver, "Angel on Duty" in the ECVA Special Exhibition "Suffering"



During the summer, your board has been busy making improvements to ECVA.

- When you visit the Artists Registry next, you will see a welcoming slideshow with several artists, curators, and their works from recent ECVA exhibitions.

- There is a new member level, the '**Registry Member**,' which provides an artist with a Registry listing, \$15 annually

- The new '**Exhibiting Member**' level is the former 'Annual Membership' and provides an artist with a Registry listing and the opportunity to submit works to ECVA exhibitions, \$30 annually

Visit the ECVA Artist Registry at this link:

<http://www.theartistsregistry.camp7.org/>

Featured Artist

In each issue of ECVA Newsletter, we feature an artist from our membership. This issue's featured artist is

Jack Pachuta



Although I do paint with egg tempera, all these were painted with acrylic gouache diluted with flow medium. It's my own development and the result is equivalent to egg tempera. Sometimes I grind powder pigments into acrylic medium to get colors that are not available in tube paints. Also, they are gold leaf on wood composition board. You may find more of Jack's work at:

<https://fineartamerica.com/art/jack+pachuta>

Jack Pachuta Bio

Jack is an accomplished wood carver, folk artist, photographer and iconographer. He has painted 115 contemporary icons. His icons decorate sacred spaces in the Americas, Canada, the Curia Generaliza del Marianisti in Rome and the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse in Calcutta. He has exhibited in Roman Catholic, Byzantine Rite Catholic, Orthodox, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Anglican and Brethren in Christ churches. He has used his icons to make tens of thousands of prayer cards used in prison ministry, to overcome the Catholic sexual abuse crisis and to support falsely accused priests. Jack is currently refurbishing a statue of the Virgin Mary for the chapel of the Bucks County Women's Center.

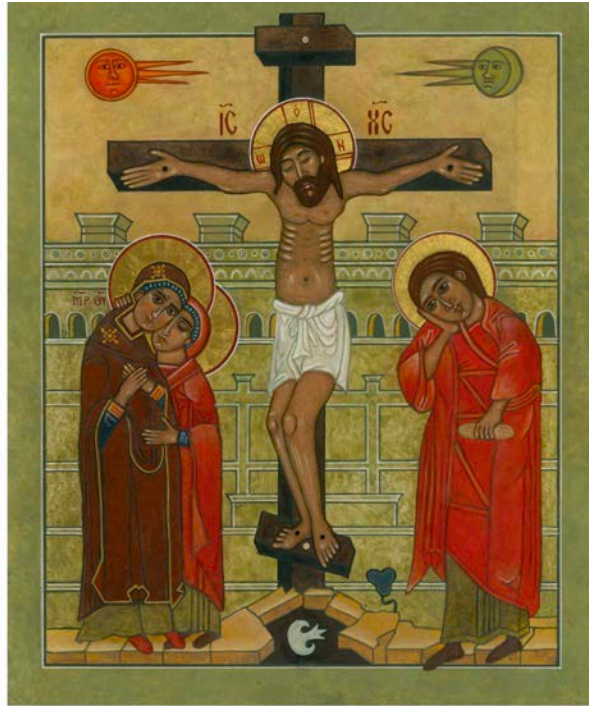
ARTIST'S STATEMENT

Father Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation of August 25, 2022 said that in order to do God's Will, all you need to do is to find what is genuinely yours and then offer it to the world and make it a better place.

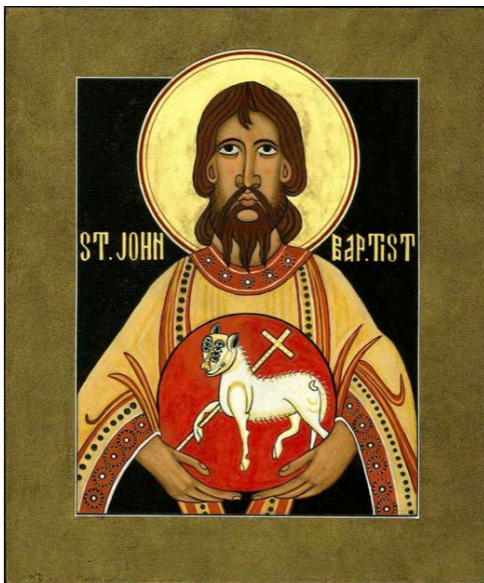
Since 1990, I have been painting icons. I pray before painting and ask God to show me what to do with my icons. It's amazing to me to see what has happened and how people and places have come to my attention and resulted in unimaginable outcomes. My advice is to pray, let go of results and just go with the flow.



Boris and Glebe



Crucifixion



St John the Baptist



The Good Shepherd



This past year, the ECVA Board of Directors introduced a series of online meet-ups for ECVA members, and we have had such rich experiences as a result! These groups meet using the Zoom platform. To learn more about ECVA's online forums, suggest a topic or volunteer to host an ECVA Conversation, contact ECVA Vice President Mel Ahlborn by email at mahlborn@ecva.org.

Two **ECVA Conversations** groups recently completed:

- **Conversations for Photographers** was a 6-week series, led by the Rev. Sally Brower p.H.D., that discussed many aspects of photography including equipment, lighting, post-production editing, and more.
- **Contemplative Painting** was a 4-week online painting workshop led by ECVA President **Joy Jennings**.



Joy Jennings hosting her online
“Contemplative. Painting” Workshop

Introducing the Newest ECVA Guild

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Art Ministry

The Saint Peter's Artists Collective, SPARC, was established in 2019 with a vision to explore and participate in the arts as we continue our journey of faith. To fulfill these goals, SPARC created ART*SPARC, for parishioners who love to look at, collect or work with the arts. Our weekly classes focused on the visual arts by discovering, creating, and meditating on paintings, prints and photography from well-known artists. September 2022 will focus on Sculpture inspired by the lectionary readings from Jeremiah 18:1-11 about the potter and his clay. Here is a photo of the Gallery at St. Peter's, under construction. St Peter's Episcopal Church, Conway, Arkansas.



saintpetersconway.org

Future ECVA Conversations groups for Fall/Winter 2022 include:

Creating a Series of Paintings

A 2-part ECVA Conversation with Jeanne Harris Weaver.

The Art of Advent

A 4-part ECVA Conversation, host/hostess
to be announced.

Renew Your ECVA Artist Membership Today

The Artists Registry @ ECVA

To renew your membership online, [log in to The Artists Registry](#) with your email and password.

Don't know your password? [Reset your password here.](#)

Download the Submissions Guidelines

[Click here to view the Submissions Guidelines at the ECVA website.](#)

In closing, a prayer

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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