

My past participation has directly led to three terrific opportunities here in the area:

1. Last May a woman representing Gamble Garden in Palo Alto came to my open studio specifically because she'd seen my entry in the SVOS catalog, to invite me to apply for their "Art in the Garden" event in July. I did, and was accepted and had a great day.
2. Then last month I got a call from the Saratoga Contemporary Artists, who had seen my SVOS booth at April Maiten's site in Los Gatos, asking me to come give a presentation and demo of colored pencil techniques at their monthly meeting.
3. And I got an email from a representative of the Saratoga Rotary Art Show suggesting I should apply, based on having visited my website which was linked from SVOS. I did, and was very surprised to be selected for it. So that's where I'll be during the first SVOS weekend--thank goodness it doesn't overlap geographically, so I didn't have to choose between it and SVOS.

So if anybody asks you whether SVOS "works" to get exposure for local artists and advance their careers, you can tell them I said "YES!"

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