

A New Way of Thinking by Vera Arutyunyan



A New Way of Thinking, 24" x 24"

UU Santa Monica is proud to give a warm welcome to our April artist Vera Arutyunyan, whose show, *A New Way of Thinking*, will grace our art wall with her highly personal Abstract Expressionist paintings.

Artist Opening Reception: Sunday, March 29th, 2015, 12 Noon to 1:30pm, Forbes Hall. The show will run from Sunday March 29th through Sunday, April 26th and is open to the public on Sundays from 9am – 1pm and on weekdays by appointment.

Vera Arutyunyan's paintings showcase her brilliant use of texture and color through her signature style—painting with her fingers in order to “feel the colors directly.” She guides the viewer along a journey of spirituality and self-fulfillment by presenting her concepts without communicating her

emotions—these are left up to the viewer. It is this interaction between artist and art seeker that truly makes Arutyunyan's art special to behold.

Vera Arutyunyan immigrated to the United States from Armenia with \$27 and a dream to become successful. Her early career led her to express her challenges and emotions as a new immigrant, "...to be understood, obtain identity and significance, to become securely existent." The results are deeply personal and moving abstract images.

Recently, Arutyunyan began painting to express her feelings of acceptance and her wide range of spiritual and personal beliefs. As an artist, she has taken a journey through her own heart and mind; at UU Santa Monica's Art Wall, we invite you to see yourself in her paintings. Come meet and greet with her after the second service on March 29th, she will be available to discuss her physical and spiritual journeys—her transitions, learning experiences and sense of belonging to the communities that are a part of her world.

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