

MVAL

Art & the Artist

January 2011

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



**January Demo:
Brenda Swenson**

**CALL FOR ENTRIES:
MVAL 2011 Member's Show**

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Deadline is the first Wednesday of
the month. If you have an event that
takes place in the first half of the
month - be sure to get it in the month
before.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Were you at the December General Meeting? If not, you missed a great time. So this is my chance to publicly thank Michi Ikeda who put it all together. Thanks also to Lee Edwards, Tom Fong, Richard Gutschow, Walter McNall and Mark Wood who put on a great painting demo and a big thanks to our musicians Joyce Nunamaker, Fred McCall and Steven Radice who played Christmas music most of the evening. Our members who came watched the painters and visited with old and new friends. It was a warm and memorable event and hopefully you will all come next time.

It was a year ago that Mark Wood formed a Visioning Committee to create new ideas in categories such as exhibitions, marketing, technology and more. The Visioning Committee met frequently and came up with plans and many innovative ideas. Now it is time to put all this into action. We will be working on this the rest of the year and soon you will hear how we are doing.

Saralyn Lowenstein
President

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The January General Meeting will be January 19th - at 7:30pm
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

The February Board Meeting will be held:
Wednesday, February 2nd, at 7:30 PM
at Live Oak Park, Temple City

MVAL GROUP SHOW

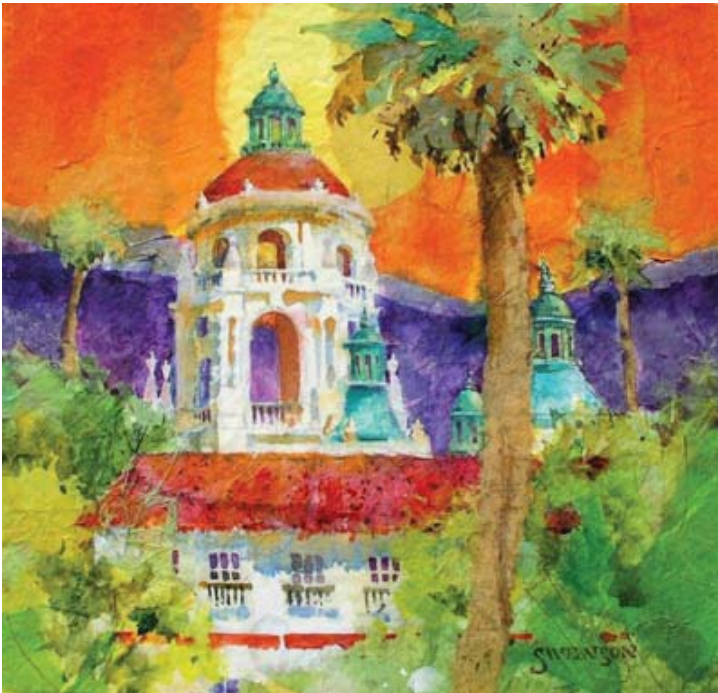
Our Anniversary Show is scheduled for April.
More details in later issues.

BRENDA SWENSON

Brenda Swenson will demonstrate a watercolor stained paper collage. She will also talk about how she uses the sketchbook as a tool to sharpen her skills and as a foundation for her paintings.

Brenda Swenson is the artist author of two books, *Keeping a Watercolor Sketchbook* (Award of Excellence Finalist) and *Steps to Success in Watercolor*. Her paintings and sketches have been featured in *Splash 11*, *Splash 12*, *Artistic Touch 4*, *Watercolor Magazine*, *Watercolor Highlights*, *Wheels of Time* and numerous other publications. Brenda has been awarded signature membership in Watercolor West and NorthWest Watercolor Society and she has won numerous awards for her paintings. An active participant in the arts community she has served on the board of directors for the National Watercolor Society and Watercolor West. She is in demand to demonstrate and teach her painting and sketching techniques to groups nationwide and abroad.

Michi Ikeda
Program Chairman



ART OF THE MONTH

Subjects for months to come:

January....."Starting Out For the New Year"

Feb....."Start with Structure"

Mar....."From the Drawing Board"

Apr....."The Importance of Color"

Mar....."Blooming Color"

Jun....."Less is More"

These titles are basic principals that we all try to incorporate in our

work. That should make it easier for you to knock something out or look for

past work that would fit the challenge.

Please keep bringing in your art to make a successful monthly event.

Yours In the Art World,

Chet Specht

Art of the Month Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP

The Annual Scholarship Fund Drive will start up in January. This important philanthropic arm of our club has been made possible by your generous contributions each year. We are asking for donations of; paintings (matted only please; quarter sheet up to full sheet recommended; please add a plastic cover), new or nearly new art books, handmade jewelry, and other nice new or slightly used art supplies. We will sell tickets starting in January as usual and pick winners at our June meeting. We are looking forward to what this year brings in!

Gail Holl and Kay Rouse
Scholarship Co-Chairmen

WORKSHOPS

Brenda Swenson's upcoming workshops:

January 22 & 23, 2011, Color Theory for Watercolorist,

2-Day Workshop, \$175.00

VIVA Art Center, Sherman Oaks, CA

February 4, 5 & 6, 2011, Watercolor Sketching

Techniques, Schroeder Studio Gallery, Orange, CA,

Info: judy@schroederstudio.com (714) 633-0653

February 18, 19, & 20, 2011, Sketching with Watercolor,

3-Day Workshop, Citi Bank Building.

2350 Honolulu Ave., Montrose, CA

Info: Brenda@swensonsart.net (626) 441-6562

September 3-13, 2011, Tuscany En Plein Air

10 glorious days sketching and painting in Tuscany. We will be staying in beautifully restored Tuscan farmhouse. Day trips will be to Cinque Terra, San Gimignano, the walled city of Lucca...

For more information or a brochure contact

Brenda Swenson at

Brenda@SwensonsArt.net or (626) 441-6562.

THURSDAY'S IN PLEIN AIR paint out

Questions or to confirm call Walter McNall (626) 446-1066
cell (626)664-0397

Bring lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy lunch.

Meet around 9:A.M., usually break for lunch, some stay and paint.

In case of rain we will cancel the paint out.

e-mail: mcnallthatsall@sbcglobal.net

January 6th & 13th, Peck Road Park, Arcadia (2 weeks)

From Live Oak and Peck Road in Arcadia, go South on Peck Rd to Clark Street, continue almost one block, look for small sign on your right, just a dirt like drive way into park (easy to miss). Water in the lake with good reflections and view of the mountains. Restrooms and picnic tables, bring lunch.

January 20th & 27th Arboretum, Arcadia (2 weeks)

301 N. Baldwin Ave. traveling east or west on the 210 Fwy take the Baldwin Ave exit and go south. Arboretum is on west side of the street. There is a small entrance fee to gardens. Paint anywhere. Meet at 12:15 at the Peacock Café it is the only place where food is allowed. Bring or buy lunch.

February 3rd, L.A. Zoo, Los Angeles

Gates open at 10:00. Meet at ticket area at 9:40. Entrance fee: adults \$14.00 & seniors \$11:00.

From Westbound 134: Use far right lane approaching I-5 (Golden State) Freeway. Follow signs indicating 134 (Ventura) Freeway. Exit at Zoo Drive continue past soccer fields, across the bridge to the parking lot. Travel light and bring your sketching gear. Bring or buy lunch.

February 10th, Home of Molly Munger & Steve English, Pasadena

450 S. San Rafael Ave. House is located on the west side of the arroyo and has an exquisite view over looking the lower arroyo, Court of Appeal and Colorado St. Bridge. Travel west on 134 Fwy. Merge onto Linda Vista Ave. via exit 12 to San Rafael Ave. Turn left at N San Rafael Ave. Turn right at W Colorado Blvd. Turn left at S San Rafael Ave. Bring a lunch.

February 17th, Eaton Canyon, Arcadia

750 Altadena Drive. Take 210 FWY to Altadena exit. Go north on Altadena Dr. Cross New York Dr. look for sign and entrance on your right. Go down hill and park. Bring a lunch.

February 24th, Victorian Home, Whittier

5854 Painter Ave. Take the 605 to Beverly Blvd East off ramp. Stay on Beverly Blvd 2.5 miles, Painter Ave. turn left. Bring a lunch.

SHOWS TO ENJOY

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Dec 12, 2010 - Feb 20, 2011

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Fri. - Sun. - noon to 5pm

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Classic Covers from Westways Magazine

Nov. 14, 2010 - Feb 21, 2011

Pasadena Museum of California Art

490 E. Union Street

Wen. - Sun. noon - 5pm

\$7 adults, \$5 seniors (Auto Club members receive \$2 off)

John Bonhenberger Paintings Exhibition

Reception: Sunday, February 13, 2011 from 2-5pm

The Glass Room Gallery of the San Gabriel Fine Arts Association

320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776 • 626-282-1448

COLORFUL ELEPHANT TABLE!!

There will be one large table available for used, or nearly new art related things for sale. Please price each object, mark it with your name and provide a can or box for money.

ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover art was drawn by **Steven Radice**. At the December General Meeting Steven sat and drew this sketch of Joyce Nunamaker and Fred McCall. He then joined in the music playing his guitar.



ARTIST'S NEWS

H. Mary Higuchi received the *Linda Doll Seminar Group Cash Award* in the *30th Annual International Exhibition, San Diego Watercolor Society* show. Her painting is on the cover of the recently released book of Donald Teruo Hata and Nadine Ishitani, *Japanese Americans and World War II: Mass Removal, Imprisonment, and Redress*, Fourth Edition (Harlan Davidson, Inc., 2010).

Vicki Thomas joins YWA Gallery

Since moving to Mariposa Vicki D. Thomas has become very involved in her local art scene. We miss Vicki very much, but are delighted that she is doing well in her new beautiful surroundings. You can read more about her gallery involvement and view some of her work at:

<http://sierramountainview.com/2010/12/vicki-thomas-joins-ywa-gallery/>



Watercolors by Tom Fong Crain Art Gallery

Crowell Public Library, 1890 Huntington Drive
San Marino, CA 91108 • (626) 300-0777

Reception: Sun. January 9, 2011, 1:00 – 4:00pm

Demonstration: Wed., January 26, 2011, 6:00- 8:00pm

Exhibition: December 29, 2010 – February 3, 2011

Gallery Hours Mon.-Thurs., 10:00am – 9:00pm

Friday – Sat., 10:00am. – 5:00pm • Sun. 1:00 - 5:00pm

www.tomfongwatercolors.com

ART & THE ARTIST COVERS NEEDED

If you are interested in providing a colored artwork cover for The Art and the Artist - please contact me or just email me an image at janunamaker@verizon.net.

A digital photo or scanned image is preferred, but I can also scan from a print, sketchbook or original. If the image is to be scanned it can not be larger than 8 1/2" x 11". Originals will be returned.

A decent shot (preferably no glare from glass and fairly straight on) taken with your digital camera will do.... I will take them and square them off a bit, so some minor cropping will occur. Work done in a class or workshop is also acceptable.

I would also like a bit of description of your work: what media, where it was painted, what attracted you to the subject.

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor Art and the Artist

MVAL - ON-GOING SHOW **to be held at Camilo's Restaurant, Eagle Rock**

MVAL has an opportunity to have an on-going show at **Camilo's** Restaurant in Eagle Rock.

The first show is targeted for around February 1st and each show will hang for 2 months.

The restaurant has space for 11 pieces of art. There are 9 spaces that can hang art measuring a maximum of 28" x 36" with a minimum of 18" x 24". There is one space suitable for a vertical painting measuring 16" x 20" and a smaller space that can handle an 18" x 25" piece.

If you are interested in hanging artwork at Camilo's you are encouraged to bring art to the monthly meeting (following the size requirements. Art should be framed with plexiglass when appropriate. Unframed, stretched canvases may also be hung.

Each painting must have the name and price of the painting and an email address. This information will be displayed with the painting. Restaurant patrons who may wish to

purchase a painting will communicate directly with the artist.

Nether Camilo's nor MVAL will take a percentage or be involved in anyway with the sale of the art.

Art that is sold must stay on display until the show's completion. It will be the artist's responsibility to communicate with the buyer concerning getting their painting.

If there are more paintings submitted than there is space for, a committee of board members will select the paintings to go into the first show.

This is a new endeavor and there are still a few details that are being worked on, but it is a wonderful opportunity for MVAL members to get their artwork seen, perhaps sold and for people to become familiar with our organization.

Camilo's is located at: 2128 Colorado Blvd., Eagle Rock, CA 90041 • 323-478-2644.

MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE - CALL FOR ENTIRES **58th Annual Members Show - April 2011**

Frostig Center and School, 971 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena
Show dates: Sunday, April 17, 2011 through Saturday, April 23, 2011

Juror: Quinton Bemiller

SHOW OPENS: Sunday, April 17, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

RECEPTION and AWARDS: Sunday, April 17, 2011, 2:00 PM Reception - 3:00 PM Awards

RULES:

PRE- REGISTRATION by MAIL

Postmark Deadline, Monday, April 6, 2011. Artwork received at take-in must be the same as on the registration forms.

FEES: \$17.00 for one entry, \$30.00 for two entries, LIMIT TWO ENTRIES PER ARTIST.

Make checks payable to MVAL and MAIL (fees, completed registration forms)

to: JoAnn Formia, 2062 E. Washington Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91104

TAKE IN: Friday, April 15, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, April 16, 9:00 to 10:00 AM

PICK UP: Saturday, April 23, 2011,

4:00 PM After scheduled pick-up there will be a \$25 transport/storage fee will be assessed.

ELIGIBILITY and PREPARATION: Original work, not over 2 yrs old, wire hangers only, plexi only, size not to exceed 48" in any direction including frame. Paintings must be titled and identified with price or NFS.

SHOW DATES/ TIMES: Sunday, 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM (Reception 2:00 PM)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 10AM to 4 PM

Thursday, Friday - 1 PM to 8 PM

Saturday, April 23 -10 AM to 4 PM (CLOSING)

NOTE: All entering the show are expected to be available to sit the gallery.

MVAL ANNIVERSARY SHOW REGISTRATION FORMS

MAIL THIS PORTION

Mail registration form and check to: JoAnn Formia, 2062 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104
My signature releases MVAL, officers and members of any liability for damages of any sort, including theft, of my art work displayed at this exhibit.

Print Name: _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Return with entry form and check.

Entry #1 OPEN SHOW ** HONOR CT

Name _____

Phone _____

Title _____

Price _____ Size _____

*Category _____

Return with entry form and check.

Entry #2 OPEN SHOW ** HONOR CT

Name _____

Phone _____

Title _____

Price _____ Size _____

*Category _____

Fill out these duplicate forms and Attach to back of your paintings.

Entry #1 OPEN SHOW ** HONOR CT

Name _____

Phone _____

Title _____

Price _____ Size _____

*Category _____

Entry #2 OPEN SHOW ** HONOR CT

Name _____

Phone _____

Title _____

Price _____ Size _____

*Category _____

*Categories: Abstract, Animal, Floral/Still Life, Genre, Landscape, Portraits/Figure, Seascape, Structural/Mechanical, Non-Objective.

** HONOR CT: Best of Show Winners, Class Instructors, Workshop Instructors and Demonstrators

GEORGE HANFT AWARD

For our MVAL ANNIVERSARY SHOW this year - we will have a special award in the memory of George Hanft. Those wishing to contribute to this award may do so at the general meeting or by making a check out to MVAL.

Joan Mc Kasson
CREATIVE EXPLORATIONS IN WATERCOLOR
Landscape, Floral and Collage Workshop
March 17 – 19, 2011

Joan Mc Kasson, a nationally recognized watercolor painter and juror will present a three day intensive workshop covering innovative approaches to watercolor. Join us in exploring an improvisational approach to painting that capitalizes on the natural free-flowing characteristics of the medium.

Demonstrations will show ways to take advantage of the happy accidents that occur in this method. Techniques presented include the wet into wet approach, glazing, negative shape making, use of gouache and collage in combination with watercolor. Using your own photos or sketches, you will learn to create expressive watercolor paintings that are alive with color, patterns and textures. If you are looking for a new direction to energize your paintings, this workshop is for you. Open to all levels of experience, this workshop will complement any painter's skill level.

About the Artist:

Joan Mc Kasson is a well known artist and teacher. Her enthusiastic and inspirational style provide the backdrop of her watercolor and water media workshops. Her paintings find their base in the reaction to free-flowing pigments and the abstract patterns created in this approach.

She teaches throughout the U.S. and internationally. Mc Kasson is a signature member of Watercolor West, San Diego Watercolor Society, Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and an elected member of the San Diego Artists Guild. An award-winning artist, she has exhibited in national and international exhibitions. Her paintings are included in the publications: *Finding Your Visual Voice*, *The Best of Watercolor 2*, *Best of Flower Painting 2*, *The Artistic Touch 1, 2, 3 & 4*; *Basic Flower Painting* and *The New Spirit of Watercolor*. Visit Joan's website for more information, www.joanmckasson.com.



Joan Mc Kasson
CREATIVE EXPLORATIONS IN WATERCOLOR
Landscape, Floral and Collage Workshop

This three day workshop is open to all levels of experience. It will complement any painter's skill level.
Thursday, March 17 – 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia.

WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 22 PEOPLE.

Registration is based on receipt of check and registration form. The workshop will be filled in order of registrations received. A Materials List will be emailed within four weeks of the workshop along with directions to Live Oak Park.

FEE: MVAL members \$240 Non-members: \$270

A deposit of \$75 must be submitted with registration.
Payment in full is due by March 12th, 2011.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER MARCH 14th.

QUESTIONS: Email to Susan Gutschow, workshop chairman at [HYPERLINK "mailto:susangatsp@aol.com" susangatsp@aol.com](mailto:susangatsp@aol.com). Or call (626) 799-1595. Mail registration form and check to Susan Gutschow, 1618 Laurel Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

REGISTRATION FORM
JOAN McKASSON WORKSHOP
March 17 - 19, 2011

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.
If you do not use email, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) as well.

Check one: MVAL Member _____ Non Member _____

Please make your check payable to Mid-Valley Arts League and mail to
Susan Gutschow, 1618 Laurel Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030-4711.

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MVAL board members

This corner of A&A is going to be a monthly opportunity for you to become acquainted with your MVAL Board of Directors. There are 27 of us on the board that keeps your yearly events running smoothly. We will tell you what our jobs are and a bit about ourselves and hopefully when we are in need of a replacement you will want to take the opportunity of joining us. So this is your chance to know who to ask questions you may have about the running of the organization.



Saralyn Lowenstein.....

I joined MVAL in 1999. I was Workshop Chairman for 8 years, I guess you can tell that I really loved that job. I went on to 1st Vice President where it was my job to line up the demonstrators for our general meetings, also a really fun job. Then they needed a new President. I went kicking and screaming into that job but, can you imagine, I'm having a great time. The rest of the board does all the work. I mostly listen, write a monthly message and am trying to learn how to run the monthly board meetings.



Michi Ikeda.....

I hold the position of Vice President in charge of program for MVAL monthly meetings. My hobbies are watching any football games on TV, knit things, cook, paint, do crossword puzzles, etc. I am happily married to a wonderful man and have 2 children and four grandchildren. Our oldest son, Jeff was born with cerebral palsy. I would say Jeff had the most profound affect on my life. He taught me that without the saving grace of God I won't exist and I'll be helpless in this world. Jeff passed away when he was 12 years old. He left me tons of fond memories and confidence in life that I can do it if I walk along with my Savior. I thank the Lord for giving me the talent to paint and giving me the opportunity to serve MVAL.

MVAL CRIT GROUP

Next meeting for the MVAL CRIT GROUP will be on Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30.

The MVAL CRIT GROUP is open to anyone who wants an opportunity for growth and feedback as an artist. Held on the second Wednesday of each month, September – June. Everyone is to bring at least one painting, compete or nearly complete, to share and discuss in a friendly constructive environment. Invite your artist friends.

Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Location: Studio 2310 in Duarte, 2310 Central Ave, Unit 13.

Directions: 210 FWY, Mt. Olive/Duarte exit, right on Huntington Dr, right on Crestfield Dr, right on Central Ave. 626.825.0464.

Crit Night is on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month for the 2010-2011 MVAL year: no December crit night, Jan.12, 2011, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, April 13, May 11.

Contacts: Kay Fox, kay@kayfoxart.com and Carol Fuller.

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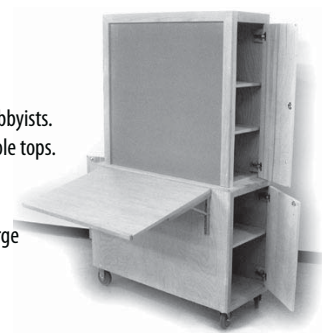
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Thursday Morning Plein Air Group - Holiday Party at Brenda's



