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Art & the Artist

November 2011

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



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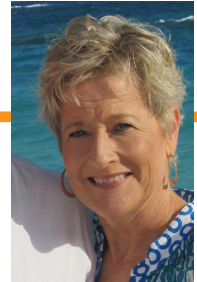
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Deadline is the first Wednesday of the
month. If you have an event that takes
place in the first half of the month - be
sure to get it in the month before.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Unique and uplifting, last month's presentation by John Paul Thornton was a reminder of the power of art. As John Paul related it, little did he know the impact he would have when he was first drawn to paint portraits of missing children from photographs on flyers and milk cartons that pleaded "Have You Seen Me?" The connections he made with the families of these lost children as well as with strangers was heart wrenching and uplifting at the same time. And thanks to John Paul's generous donations to our raffle, the Mid-Valley Scholarship Fund has grown by over \$100.

To all of you who brought your paintings to Art of the Month in October, thank you! John Paul Thornton was very impressed with the high quality of your work. Congratulations to JoAnn Formia whose painting took top honors! November's topic is "Fruits of My Summer Painting" which can be interpreted literally or not. Please bring a painting to share.

Did you know that out of the 100 paintings accepted in Watercolor West's 43rd Annual Juried Exhibition, TWELVE were painted by Mid-Valley members? Congratulations to Hanna Adler, Francesca Brayton, Nancy Dorn, Tom Fong, Linda Fullmer, Mary Gilman, Michi Ikeda, George Liang, Chris Van Winkle, Fealing Lin, Jim Salchak and Brenda Swenson! If you haven't had a chance to see this terrific show, it's open until December 18 at the City of Brea Art Galley.

Hope to see you at the MVAL Holiday Banquet on December 7. It's lots of fun and the food is great! In the meantime, have a lovely Thanksgiving.

Julie Crouch
President

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting will be November 16th - 7:30 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Banquet
The Oaks of Pasadena
6:00 PM

NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATION

Bjlane

"Why did I paint that? It was beautiful. I took in the moment. I was still. In that instant my heart saw history...the past intertwined with the present...beauty intermixed with complexity.

"My hope is that through my art others will take a moment to stop and observe, welcome and embrace the fascinating world around them."

California-based artist, Bjlane found her passion in drawing and painting at a young age. Mostly self-taught, through the years she has hosted gallery showings, taught art classes to the young and old, and captured her life and those around her with a brush. Now, more than three decades later, she continues to dedicate herself to her life's passion by sculpting and painting with her unique, fresh and lively impressionistic style.

THE ARTWORK:

Bjlane is a "community" artist. In her work, she captures her environment--the intricacy of living a metropolitan lifestyle with its ever-changing history, intermixed with modern technology and structure. In her plein air paintings there are suggestions of our modern world, as she incorporates power poles, light signals, freeway traffic and common-place elements. In her portraits, she captures the essence of her subjects with a contemporary approach. In all her art--whether it be landscape, portraits, sculpture, figurative or abstract--there is a sense of underlying structure as she utilizes traditional design techniques, color composition and balance in each piece.

THE MEDIUM:

Over the years, Bjlane's use of material has been varied. In addition to traditional painting and sculpting media (water-color, acrylic, airbrush, pastel, oil and clay), she has recently been fascinated and rejuvenated with the application, color, texture, freedom and uniqueness of oilbars and the textural effects of mixed medium and encaustics. Her most recent work has a unique brilliance with "impasto" (texture build-up) style application and "full chroma" (pure color).

Michi Ikeda
Program Chairman

BRUSHES IN NOVEMBER

The Brush Lady will be at the November meeting before the meeting starts. If you are in dire of need a lot of brushes at bargain prices, bring "mucho dinero". Come early!

COLORFUL ELEPHANT

White Elephant Table will be happening at our November meeting. Bring art-related objects with your name and price on it. Provide a container for money.



ART OF THE MONTH

For November "Fruits of my summer painting"

This can be a literal or an actual fruit painting still life, landscape or an abstract, it's all up to the creative minds out there.

The goal for the art of the month contributions this year is to get members to branch into different and maybe challenging ideas.

For months to come:

Dec....."Holiday Memories"

Jan."Dancing Light"

Feb."Seascapes"

Mar."Urban Ville"

Apr....."Cloud Study"

May....."Landscape"

June..... .."Adventures in Art"

This leads me into our club's responsibility to Camilos Restaurant. We need paintings to change the exhibit. They have space for 11 paintings.

Requirements:

Measurements, minimum of 18"X25" and maximum of 28"X36"; 1 small 18"X25"

Chet Specht
Art of the Month Chairman

WORKSHOPS

Brenda Swenson will be taking a group to *Southern France* June 23-July 7, 2012.

Workshop hosted by Montfaucon Tours, Limoux, France

www.montfaucontours.com

For details contact Brenda at

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

SHOW OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Entries for San Marino League's Art Matters

Encore! art exhibition and sale, May 5 and 6, 2012 at The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens.

For information and entry form, go to their website:

www.sanmarinoleague.org

or contact Judy White at jdwhite@socal.rr.com

or 626-304-9700

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALLERY paintings are needed for the MVAL Gallery at Live Oak Park, Temple City. If you are interested in showing your work contact Marion Melchiorre 626-757-6182.

MVAL ARCHIVES - paperwork, photos, past Art & the Artists, and other property. We have 50 year's worth of materials. These things have been scattered among members for storage and there is no clear record of who has what! If you are storing anything for MVAL, PLEASE contact Julie Crouch and let her know what it is that you have!

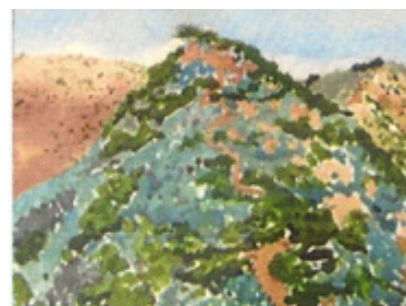
MVAL 2012 ANNIVERSARY SHOW - is scheduled for April 9 -14th.

ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

JoAnn Formia, Ruth German, Hannah Adler and Jan Wright have paintings now being exhibited at the Chaffey Community Art Assn. Museum of Art gallery at the Filippi Winery in Rancho Cucamonga through November 20.

MVAL artists accepted into the 2011 *Watercolor West* show which is open at the City of Brea Gallery through Dec. 18th include **Hanna Adler, Michi Ikeda, Linda Fullmer, Mary Gilman, Tom Fong, Francesca Brayton, George Laing, Chris Van Winkle, Fealing Lin, Jim Salchek, Brenda Swenson and Nancy Dorn.**

Jim Salchak's painting of Henry Fukuhara won an award at the Watercolor West Annual Exhibition and was also in this year's TWSA Annual Exhibition in Wisconsin.



Marion Melchiorre
(with Mike Eramdjian)
Is showing at the
Arcadia Women's Club

Artists' Reception:

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011 - 2 PM to 5 PM

324 South First Avenue

Arcadia, CA 91006

(East of Santa Anita Ave, South of Huntington)

Following a successful solo art show in July at The San Gabriel Fine Arts Gallery, **Jim Burns** has been accepted into a neat little art gallery in Laguna Beach. It is called "Artist Eye" and shows the works of about 16 artists.

Located at: 1294-A South Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, 92651

www.artisteyelagunagallery.com/

or contact Judy White at jdwhite@socal.rr.com

or 626-304-9700

About the Cover

My father was an illustrator for the Herald Examiner, in Los Angeles, for 21 years. My mother and I would ride in with him in the morning and have a day of exploring the bargain basements of the major stores in the city.

We'd take our lunch at Clifton's Cafeteria on Broadway. The kid's meal came with a flag in it, that you turned in for a prize at the end of your meal! Then we'd take in a movie or walk to the neat toy & magic store nearby. Then it was back to my Dad's office at the end of the day.

Home we would go, riding through the tunnels as I begged, "Honk your horn Daddy!"

- **Lynne Fearman**

THURSDAYS 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

NOVEMBER 10th, MONROVIA PARK, MONROVIA

1200 N. Canyon Blvd. Take 210 to Myrtle, North on Myrtle
- right on Foothill, left on Canyon. Go north bear right into
park. There is a small entrance fee per car. Go all the way to
the top or use lower parking area. Bring lunch.

NOVEMBER 17th, ARCADIA ARBORETUM, ARCADIA

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. Can bring or buy
lunch.

NOVEMBER 24th, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DECEMBER 1st, ROSE BOWL, PASADENA

Meet near the Aquatic/Tennis Court area at the south end
parking lot. Good view of the Rose Bowl and the San Gabriel
mountains. Nice picnic area for critique and picnic lunch.

DECEMBER 8th, E. WARD RANCH, SIERRA MADRE

273 E. Highland Ave. Exit 210 Fwy at Baldwin Ave and head
north. E. Highland Ave is 2 blocks above Sierra Madre Blvd,
right on E. Highland Ave. Lots of variety in subject matter.
Don't forget to check out the store for great marmalades,
jams... Bring lunch.

DECEMBER 15th, HOME OF BRENDA & MIKE SWENSON, CHRISTMAS PARTY

514 El Centro St., South Pasadena. Take Fair Oaks or Orange
Grove to Mission St., west on Mission St., left on Palm, right
on El Centro St.

Paint around old town South Pasadena, the Meridian Iron
works, Rialto or at Brenda & Mike's home. Wherever you
decide to paint be sure to be back at the house by 12:00 to
share in holiday cheer, lunch, group painting, raffle... Pot
luck dishes are welcomed but not required.

DECEMBER 22nd, HAPPY HOLIDAYS! NO PAINT-OUT

DECEMBER 29th, HAPPY HOLIDAYS! NO PAINT-OUT

Get ready for lots of painting in the New Year!

NEW MEMBERS

Carole Buss
1324 Beaudry Blvd.
Glendale, CA 91208
818-249-9223
cbartiste111@gmail.com

"I paint what I love with watercolor, collage and thin acrylic. I
have taken art history classes and design at Stanford University
and with Bob Uecker, Jenny Kikuchi and Gerald Brommer (who
awarded me a 1st place at Burbank Art Association before I ever
had a class from him).

I am joining MVAL to connect the other artists and have more
opportunities to display my work."

Toni Guarjardo, P.h.D.
514 N. Ave. 66 #4
Los Angeles, CA 90042
626-757-3131
tonigg700@yahoo.com
Watercolor

"My art is a projection of who I am and how I see the world
around me. I became interested in watercolor and took classes
from Carole Buss at Descanso Gardens. I want to learn more and
be around other that share interest in art."

Toni is a clinical psychologist and has an interest in art therapy.

EXHIBITS TO SEE!

California Heritage, 20th Juried Exhibition

Associate Artist Members of the California Art Club
at the Historic Blinn House on view through
December 1, 2010.

Women's City Club of Pasadena

160 N. Oakland Avenue

Pasadena, CA 91101

Gallery hours: Mon. Wed, Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thurs. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Some MVAL members are in this exhibit.

Here are some general announcements of upcoming shows.

*Solo shows and individual involvement in shows are under
ARTIST NEWS.*

*More information on these shows can usually be found on-line,
or often flyers are at the general meetings.*

Watercolor West's 43rd Annual Juried Exhibition,

October 15 through December 18, 2011, City of Brea Art
Gallery, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea

National Watercolor Society's 91st Annual Exhibition,

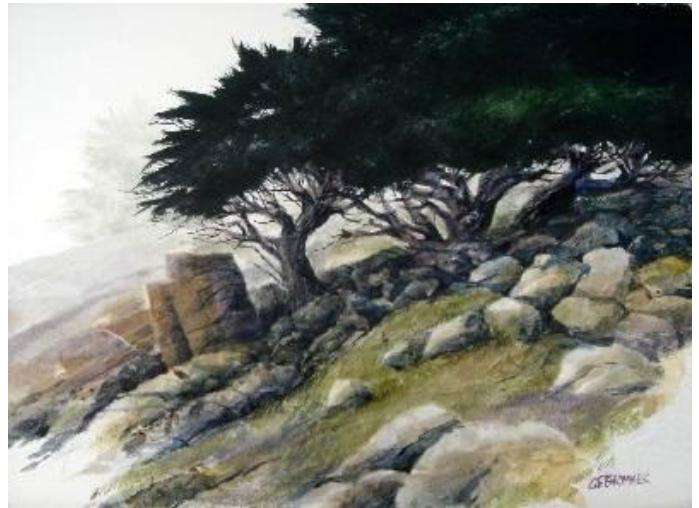
October 22 through December 3, 2011, 915 South Pacific
Avenue, San Pedro

The House that Sam Built: Sam Maloof and Art in the Pomona Valley, 1945-1985,

September 24 through January 30, 2012, Huntington Li-
brary's Boone Gallery, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino

GERALD BROMMER WORKSHOP

Gerald Brommer is deeply involved in art as a watercolor and acrylic painter, collagist, teacher, author and juror. He has won awards in most national watercolor shows and has had over 180 solo shows in galleries from Alaska to Florida. His work is in over 4500 private and corporate collections in 44 states and 8 countries overseas. He is a Life Member and Past President of the National Watercolor Society. His complete biography is listed in Who's Who in American Art, and Who's Who in America. He is a signature member of the California Art Club.



GERALD F. BROMMER WATERCOLOR OR ACRYLIC MEDIA WORKSHOP DESIGNING WITH WATERMEDIA AND COLLAGE

This three day workshop is geared for intermediate to advanced students.

Dates:

Thursday, March 29 – 31, 2012, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:

either in Arcadia or Temple City TBA in January 2012.

WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 22 PEOPLE

Registration is based on receipt of deposit and registration form.
The workshop will be filled in order of receipt of registration and deposit.

FEE: MVAL members \$255 Non-members: \$285
A deposit of \$85 must be submitted with registration.
Final payment is due by March 21, 2012
NO REFUNDS AFTER March 21, 2012

QUESTIONS:

email to Peggy Moore, workshop chairperson at pegtime@gmail.com.
Or call (213) 617-2598.
Mail registration form and check to Peggy Moore, 121 So. Hope St. #337, L.A., CA 90012

REGISTRATION FORM GERALD BROMMER Workshop

March 29 - 31, 2012

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 MVAL (Mid-Valley Arts League)
and mail to Peggy Moore, 121 So. Hope St. #337, L.A., CA 90012

NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

MVAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

All members are welcome to join the board for our annual Christmas Banquet.

DATE:----- Wednesday, December 7, 2011

LOCATION:----- The Oaks of Pasadena
2954 E. Del Mar Blvd.
(between Madre St. and San Gabriel at El Nido)
Pasadena 91107 - Park on El Nido

TIME:----- 6:00 PM Social hour with courtesy bar
7:00 PM Buffet dinner
8:00 PM Gift exchange, wrapped and board meeting

COST:----- \$30.00 per person

BUFFET MENU:----- Green salad, entree choices (meat, fish, vegetarian), potatoes and vegetables, mixed desserts, rolls & butter, coffee & tea.

GIFT EXCHANGE: - Art related item (\$10.00 value)

Please make check for banquet payable to: Mid Valley Arts League.

Send check and completed form to:

Karen Carter
2016 Hall Canyon Drive
La Canada, CA 91011
(Tel. 818-248-6551)



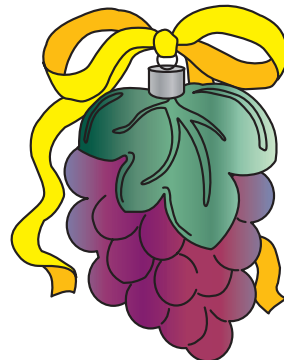
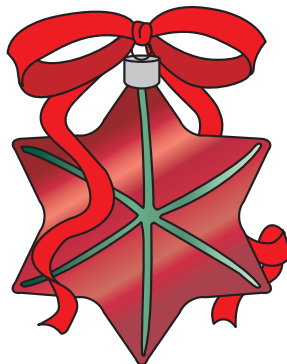
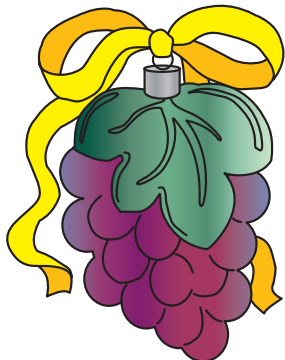
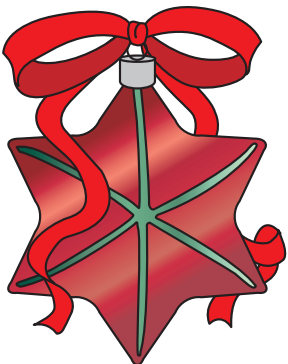
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 1st

MVAL Reservation for Christmas Banquet

Name _____ Guest Name _____

_____ Tickets @ \$30.00 each.

Amount enclosed _____ Check number _____



Information for Art & the Artist

Information for the Art & the Artist is due by the **first Wednesday** of the month. The newsletter is generally mailed or e-mailed by the following Monday.

Be mindful that the newsletter is not out before the second week of the month. If you have an event that takes place in the first half of the month, information should be in the issue the month before.

If you have info for Artist News.... let me know! Often I have had people say that they weren't listed among the artists participating in a show. The names I list are the names I receive!

If you are a MVAL member, you may list workshops that you are teaching. Workshops by non-members cannot be listed.

If possible, it is easier for me if I receive text documents in PDF format, simple text, or in the body of an email. Pictures in JPEG.

My contact info is on the first page of every newsletter, right next to the President's Message.

ART & THE ARTIST COVERS

I am in need of cover art for the newsletter! If you would like to send me artwork, please send a jpeg to janunamaker@verizon.net

If you are unable to send email, you may send me a photo or small original (returnable) and I can do a scan. Finished paintings, classroom work or sketchbook art are all acceptable (make sure you do have rights to the work).

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor, Art & the Artist

Art & the Artist via E-mail

Are you aware that the cost to mail a hard copy of Art and the Artist is \$2.00 per person per issue? That's \$20.00 per year per person for all 10 issues. On the other hand, the cost to e-mail a copy of Art and the Artist is ZERO (and all of the images in the e-mail version are in glorious color!).

We know that not all of our members have access to e-mail, but for those of you who do, please opt to receive Art and the Artist by e-mail by completing the form below and mailing it to:

Julie Crouch, Directory Co-Chair
or by e-mailing Julie Crouch at:
jmccrouch@earthlink.net.
Thank you!

I wish to receive Art and the Artist by e-mail

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail to Julie Crouch, 378 Berkshire Avenue, La Canada, CA 91011

MVAL CRIT GROUP

The MVAL CRIT GROUP is open to anyone who wants an opportunity for growth and feedback as an artist. Everyone is to bring at least one painting, complete or nearly complete, to share and discuss in a friendly constructive environment. Invite your artist friends.

Crit Night is on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month, every month except December.

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

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.

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

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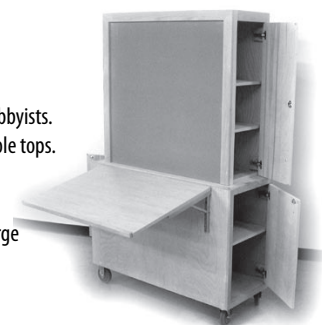
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