

Art & the Artist

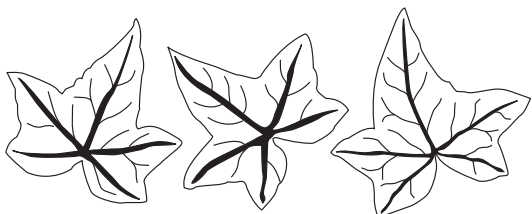
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ARTS LEAGUE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

As you know, it's nominating time again! We have openings for four positions. President (remember, It's a wonderful position and you get the workshops for free!), Treasurer, (all the artists will love you for your quick mind & abilities!), Workshops, (remember, you'll get all the workshops for free!). Refreshments, (first in line for the cookies!) Banquet,(only two times a year! And, you get to pick the place too!) If you would like to get your feet wet with any job on the board, please let us know what you would like to do, and I'm sure the chairman of that job would love to turn it over to you!

We also need people to sign-up for sitting the May Show. Your participation will make this a great success!

I'm looking foreword to this months demonstration by Dale Latinen. His workshop should prove to be exciting and informative. There are just a few spots left to fill and I hope those of you who haven't had the privilege of attending his class in the past will take advantage of this opportunity.

Our Anniversary Show is coming up in May, so get busy and paint your best efforts now! To limber up your painting skills, I can recommend our paint-out group on Thursdays!

The group has increased in size over the past few years, and we're getting very well known in the press, from our appearances throughout the valley. Feel free to join us any Thursday for a wonderful time, complete with a critique at noon from famed oil painter, Walter McNall, and watercolorist, Brenda Swenson. AND IT'S FREE!

Paint with Passion!

Lynne Fearman
President

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The April General Meeting with be held:
Wednesday, April 16, at 7:30 PM
Arcadia Presbyterian Church - 121 Alice St. Arcadia

MAY BOARD MEETING

The May Board Meeting with be held:
Wednesday, May 7, at 7:30 PM
Temple City Community Center

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Membership is open to artists
and art lovers of all levels.
If you're interested in membership
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midvalleyartsleague.org
or mval.org
Website Editor: Roy Genger

Art & the Artist

All articles and announcements
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may be sent to:

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(626) 334-1646 - phone and FAX
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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.

Cover Editor _____ Patty McMillan

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APRIL PROGRAM

DALE LAITINEN

Most MVAL members are familiar with Dale's work, we enjoyed his participation in 'Saturday in the Park with the Masters' last year, but it has been a while since Dale has demonstrated for our General Meeting. We will be meeting in the larger room this month - so plenty of room - bring all your artist's friends for this great demo.

"I tell my students I never make mistakes, just adjustments. I use what is happening on the paper and I adjust accordingly."

"In California and the West the environment itself is a species of sculpture, and earth work. The landscape reveals the patterns under the earth. It makes for a different aesthetic than you'd find in the East, where green grass covers the contours of the land."

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fests itself as light catching ranges of mountains and deep canyons. The hall mark of a Laitinen painting is a unique blend of representation and abstraction that reveals clarity of form and shape.

Born in Minnesota, but a resident of California most of his life. A graduate in fine arts from San Jose State University, Laitinen spent eight years as a long haul trucker on the highways of the American West before turning to painting full time. He is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and Watercolor West. Laitinen's articles and paintings have been published in The Artist's Magazine, Watercolor Magic, The Splash series and several other books.

He has exhibited widely, including the National Watercolor Society, Watercolor USA, Watercolor West, and several solo and group shows. Gallery representation includes: Pogan Gallery, Tahoe City, CA; Dunn Mehler Gallery, Half Moon Bay, CA; Fine Eye Gallery, Sutter Creek, CA; and Pinecrest Gallery, Pinecrest, CA.

If you are unfamiliar with Dale's work you are in for a treat! He is a bold painter of landscapes but has often added strong structural elements to bring a greater sense of drama and disjunction to his paintings.

There is still room in the workshop being taught by Dale the same week - see the form on page 9.

Dorothy Davis Program Chairman

4th Annual "SATURDAY IN THE PARK WITH THE MASTERS" May 31, 2008

Save the date for this event when you will be able to observe the skills of some of this area's finest painters and instructors. Move from venue to venue and learn from each artist. This year "Saturday in the Park with the Masters" will be held again on the Pitzer College campus. Look for more details and the registration form in our May newsletter. Due to the class schedule at the college in Clairmont where we are having this event, it is the same day as the Awards Reception for our Show, which is in Pomona.... This is to your advantage... come to Saturday in the Park in the morning - attend the reception in the afternoon and take home your painting all in one trip! Save gas and have a full day of art!!!!



ART OF THE MONTH

This is our regular monthly sharing of artwork done by MVAL members.

If your bringing a painting, try to get to the meeting a little early so that it can be hung in time for everyone to enjoy.

The theme this month is "URBAN ART" you may interpret the theme in any manner you wish!
THEMES FOR THE MONTHS TO COME:

April -----"Urban Art"

May -----"In The Garden"

June -----"Seascapes"

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Art of the Month Chairman

INSPIRATION

The following members have volunteered to give the inspirational message at the general meetings: April ----- Jan Wright May ----- Julie Crouch June ----- Alan Marriott

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The time is here to begin bringing in your donated items for the Scholarship Raffle!!!!

The Mid-Valley Arts League is an organization that not only provides opportunities to its members to become more accomplished artists, but it also supports young students who are interested in making a career in some field of art. It is because of your generous support that tis event takes place annually. We accomplish this by asking for donations from our members for our raffle that is held in June. Each year we request items such as original art, no larger than 1/2 sheet, matted and shrink wrapped, please. No glass - it's too hard to store and to carry. We also encourage miscellaneous donation of new art books or art supplies and other small art objects. For those of you that are still too shy about contributing a lovely painting, would you consider it for this year? Raffle tickets will be sold at our January meeting for \$1 each; 6 for \$5.00; or 12 for \$11.00. Please let Retha Wells know if you plan to contribute something, or have any questions.

If you would like to make a donation by mail, please sent your check made out to MVAL with a notation that it be earmarked for the Scholarship Fund. Send to: Alan Marriott, at 633 E. Palm Drive, Glendora, CA 91741. Thank you.

Retha Wells *Scholarship Chairman*

ARTIST'S NEWS - Workshops / Classes

LIQUITEX DEMONSTRATION

PVAA is proud to announce that Dyane Duffy art teacher at Citrus College and representative for Liquitex will be doing a product demonstration at the Progress Space Gallery.

The demonstration will cover: Color mixing, mediums, texture gels, pigment properties and the creative possibilities with acrylics, and more. All those that attend will get free samples of Liquitex product.

Sunday April 20, 2008 from 1:00 to 3:00 • Progress Space Gallery, 300 S. Thomas St., Pomona.

(A small donation of whatever amount you can spare would be appreciated, but is not required to attend, the money will be used to help with the continued improvements of Progress Space Gallery.) Space is limited so call and reserve a place, by calling Lucien at (626) 841-0824, or by e-mailing him at: [HYPERLINK "mailto:vogaruda@earthlink.net"vogaruda@earthlink.net](mailto:vogaruda@earthlink.net).

INSPIRED BY MUSIC - Instructor Ernie Marjoram

10 week Art Class • Wednesdays, 1:30 - 4:30, Starting April 2nd, 2008 • \$300

Improve your picture making skills as you reinterpret your favorite album covers in the medium of your choice. Each session will include class demonstrations and individual instruction. Bring your own album covers or work from examples provided by the instructor.

Location: Citibank Community Room, 2350 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose

Make checks payable to: Mark Wood Mail to Mark Wood, 167 Las Lomas Road, Duarte, CA 91010

editors note: we realize that this class has already started this week..... call Ernie or Mark for possible late

4 enrollment - if there is space.

ARTIST'S NEWS - Shows

NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY ALL MEMBER SHOW 2008

Reception: April 19, 2008 from 2-5 P.M.

Show opens: April 16, 2008, Show closes : May 3, 2008

Gallery Hours: Wednesday Through Friday, 11- 4 P.M. Saturday 12-4 P.M.

Location: ViVa Gallery, 13261 Moorpark Street, Sherman Oaks, Ca 91423

The following MVAL members have been juried into this Show.

Daryl Bryant, Tom Fong, JoAnn Formia, Fealing Lin, Christel Mackinnon, Mary Ann Osko, Brenda Swenson, Chris Van Winkle, Karen Winters.

Francesca Brayton was juried into the Watercolor Art Society-Houston (WAS-H) by Stephen Quiller with Italiano Sheep . The show runs March 1- April 3rd

Also got accepted into the NWS Members Show, Gerald Hannah juror. It runs April 16th thru May 3rd. The watercolor painting accepted is Corona Del Mar.

Francsca also got accepted into the Hawaii Watercolor Society National Show. Our son just moved there so thought that would make a fun visit! Tony Van Hasselt is the juror and the show

In February, **Jan Wright** was juried into 31st International Exhibition of the Watercolor Art Society Houston (WAS-H) by Stephen Quiller, demonstrated for East Valley Art Assn. and received an honorable mention at the Hillcrest Festival of the Arts in La Habra Heights, CA.

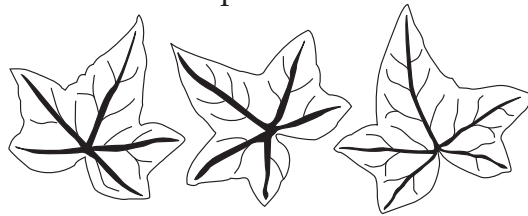
In March, she had a solo show at the Pomona Public Library, won 3rd place in mixed media at the Chaffey Community Art Assn. and had two paintings juried into Redlands Art Assn. Multi Media Mini Show. On April 16 she'll be demonstrating for the Burbank Art Assn.

Brenda Swenson's paintings have been accepted into the Northwest Watercolor Society 68th Annual Exhibition in Seattle, WA, the National Watercolor Society All-Members Show, the Valley Watercolor Society Show at VIVA where she was honored with the Ruth Probst Kain Award. She has also been invited to participate in the San Dimas Festival of Arts, April 25-27, for hours and information www.sandimasarts.com .

Lynne Fearman is participating in an Exhibition of Original Paintings

"Here, There, and Everywhere" at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 3067 E. Chevy Chase Dr.

Opening Reception: Friday, April 11, 2008 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Exhibit continues through May 4 Sponsored by the Segil Fine Art Gallery.



CALL FOR ENTRIES

SAN GABRIEL FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING SHOW

Jury Competition

When: Show Dates: April 26 & 27, 2008

Registration - take in dates: April 27 at 3:30 pm in Grapevine Park

Pick up date: April 27 at 4pm

Where: Grapevine Park, 324 So. Mission Drive, San Gabriel

Who can Participate: all artists, members or non-members, adults and youths.

Entry Fee: members: \$10 per entry, non-members: \$15 per entry, youths: \$1 per entry

Winning entries will be displayed at the San Gabriel Fine Arts Association Gallery for a month at 425 W. Las Tunas in San Gabriel.

To obtain a copy of the Spring Show Rules, please call 626-282-1448 or check website: www.sgfaa.com

CALL FOR ENTRIES continued

THE CALIFORNIA ART CLUB

invites all artists to submit artwork for the upcoming
15TH CALIFORNIA ART CLUB EXHIBITION at the historic Women's City Club of Pasadena.

Deadline: Monday, April 28, 2008 (postmark deadline)

Exhibition Dates: June 8 - November 26, 2008

Title: Natural Beauty

Location: Women's City Club of Pasadena, 160 N. Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

Description: The California Art Club is a dynamic member-based non-profit art organization focusing on traditional fine arts in the fields of representational painting, drawing and sculpture. Exhibitions and programs are organized in partnership with museums and other organizations to foster an understanding of traditional art heritage and California history, as well as to furnish educational opportunities in the fine arts.

Eligibility: Artists must be California Art Club Painting or Sculpting Patron Members in order to participate in the exhibition. To join please visit
<http://www.californiaartclub.org/home/join.shtml>

Artwork: Open to high quality drawings, paintings or sculpture created in a representational style and traditional technique. Artwork may be in oil, watercolor, pastel or acrylic; sculpture may be in bronze, marble, wood or stone. Subject matter must be an expression of the theme "Natural Beauty".

Submissions: Send up to four 35mm slides, labeled with artist's name, title of artwork, medium and dimensions, as well as a SASE to return materials to Ernie Marjoram, CAC Painting and Sculpting Patrons Committee Chair, 185 South Orange Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Donations: Enclose a \$40 check for up to two slides payable to the California Art Club; \$20 for each additional slide

Commission: Artist 60%; California Art Club 40%

For questions or further information, call the California Art Club at 626/583-9009.
www.californiaartclub.org

MEMBER PARTICIPATION FOR 55th ANNUAL AWARDS

Two new awards have been established by the Board for the 2008 **55th Anniversary Show**. Members are encouraged to participate in these awards, you may do one or both of the following:

MILFORD ZORNES MEMORIAL AWARD:

To participate, write a check to MVAL for any amount, large or small, and mail to Daryl Bryant, 3209 La Encina Way, Pasadena, CA 91107. Write "Zornes Award" on the memo line at the bottom left.

The award will be for \$100 for the painting which best exemplifies the Zornes precepts. Any contributions over the \$100 amount will be carried forward to continue funding the award in future years.

"NAMING RIGHTS" AWARD:

Identify someone or group, living or deceased, who you would like to honor.

Write a check for \$25 to MVAL and write the name(s) of the honoree(s) on the memo line at the bottom left. Recipients will receive a \$25 check and a "Special Award" ribbon.

Mail the check to Alan Marriott, 633 E. Palm Drive, Glendora, 91741.

In the event that more than one donor wishes to honor an individual/group, the show co-chair will contact the donor whose check is received after the first one has been recorded in the awards log to determine if 1) they wish to identify a different person or 2) they wish to withdraw the award.

The awards will be placed on the paintings as an extension of the current award list and the name card on the wall will identify the honoree and the donor unless the donor specifies that they wish to remain anonymous.

Ideas for honorees: a family member, an art teacher, a mentor, an artist you admire.....

MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE 55th ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS' SHOW

LOCATION: Prog Space Gallery, 300 "A" South Thomas Street, Pomona, CA 91766

ELIGIBILITY: All Mid-Valley members whose dues were paid prior to January 31, 2008, are invited to submit work. No work completed prior to 2005 will be accepted (artist's honor). No teacher-assisted class work, computer art, photography, crafts or copies of artwork will be accepted.

FEES: Up to three pieces may be submitted. Registration fee is \$15 per single entry, \$25 for two, and \$35 for three. Checks should be made to Mid-Valley Arts League. A commission of 25% on all sales will be retained by MVAL.

EXHIBITION TAKE-IN AND PICK-UP:

Take-in -
 Tuesday, May 6, 3-7 p.m; Wednesday,
 May 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. only
 Judging, Thursday, May 8
 Second Saturday Reception
 (area galleries open to the public,
 May 10, 5-10 p.m.)
 MVAL Reception and Awards -
 Saturday, May 31, 3:30 p.m.
 Pick up -
 Saturday, May 31, after awards and before 5 p.m.
 Must be picked up!



PREPARATION: Paintings must be suitably framed, ready to hang with wires and eyes. No sawtooth hangers. No wet paintings. Size not to exceed 48" in any dimension including frame. Paintings must be titled, and identified with price (or NFS).

CATEGORIES: Landscape, Seascape, Still Life/Floral, Animals, Portraits/ Figure, Structural/Mechanical, Abstract/Non-Objective and Genre. Fewer than seven entries in any category will be included in another category.

AWARDS: (Paintings will be judged by category, not by medium.) Awards presented will be either by check or for merchandise certificates to equal the cash award. Best of Show, \$300, MVAL President's Award, \$150, San Gabriel Fine Arts Association, \$125. Awards by Category: 1st Place, \$100, 2nd Place, \$50, 3rd Place, \$25.

LIABILITY: Participating artists must have a liability waiver card on file with the show chairman. Reception, Awards and Pick-up, Saturday, May 31 (times above)

GALLERY HOURS:

Thursday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., May 15 - 18, May 22 - 25, May 29 - 31. (Gallery must be staffed by MVAL members during these hours.)

Additional information: *Jan Wright, 909/625-4128, JoAnn Formia, 626/797-8562 or Shirley Manning, 626/797-1659*

THURSDAY'S IN PLEIN AIR - paint out

Meet at 9:A.M., Break for lunch around 12:15 and share in a friendly critique.

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

Walter & Martha McNall (626) 446-1066, cell (626) 664-0397

FEEL FREE TO CALL AND CONFIRM LOCATION

APRIL 10th & 17th, EAGLE ROCK PARK, EAGLE ROCK

210 to 134, exit Colorado Blvd./Figueroa –Go under freeway to Colorado turn left, go to Patrician Way, turn left, back under the freeway to Eagle Park Dr. Someone will be there to greet you. Bring a lunch.

--- John Stillion has asked us to participate in an art adventure to help save Eagle Rock Property for a Cultural Center and help with the Center for the Arts. The plan is to paint there two Thurs. and be involved in a show and sale on April 26 & 27th. John will give details April 10th.

APRIL 17th, EAGLE ROCK PARK, EAGLE ROCK-AGAIN

APRIL 24th MONROE HOUSE, MONROVIA

329 Melrose Ave. 210 Fwy to Myrtle exit, North on Myrtle to W.Foothill, left on Foothill to Melrose, Right to 329, cross street is Hillcrest. Bring lunch.

MAY 1st, WILDERNESS PARK, ARCADIA

2240 Highland Oaks Dr. - Go north on Santa Anita in Arcadia past Foothill and Grandview to Elkins Ave. Turn right to Highland Oaks Dr. Proceed to Wilderness park sign, top of the road turn right into the drive, and down the hill. If you are coming from the east you can take 1st Ave. off Foothill north to Elkins, turn left on Elkins a short distance, you will see a sign to Wilderness Park. Bring lunch.

ABOUT THE COVER

This watercolor sketch was done in the first workshop I took with Dale Laitinen in 2000 - which was a trip to the south of France.... This village was very colorful and I have used photos taken there as an inspiration for the wall colors in my house! ---- Joyce Nunamaker

WIN A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION!

INTERNATIONAL ARTIST MAGAZINE has given us the opportunity to participate in a free subscription program. One subscription will be given for each month we have a newsletter. Fill out the entry form and bring it to the next general meeting, drop it in the box on the front table when you pick up your name badge.. We will draw one name to receive a subscription.

The box will be emptied each month - so bring in a new form each month.

One winner per name, MVAL members only.

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BRING TO NEXT MVAL GENERAL MEETING

DALE LAITINEN WORKSHOP

APRIL 17, 18, 19, 2008

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Mid-Valley Arts League is proud to be sponsoring Dale Laitinen in a Watermedia Workshop, April 17, 18 & 19, 2008. Dale is a favorite with Mid-Valley members so we expect this class to fill quickly so you should act without delay if you want to attend. Only 22 registrations will be accepted. The workshop will be held at the Community Room at Temple City Hall. Complete information will be sent after registrations are received.

FEE: Mid-Valley Members \$300.00
 Non-Members \$350.00

A deposit of \$100.00 must be sent with registration

Final payment due April 1, 2008 – NO REFUND AFTER THIS DATE!

Registrations will not be accepted by hand!

Please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope with registration (SASE)

Please address all correspondence to:

Saralyn Lowenstein, Mid-Valley Arts League
836 Crestfield Drive, Duarte, CA

QUESTIONS? Phone: (626)358-0395

REGISTRATION FOR DALE LAITINEN'S WATERMEDIA WORKSHOP

Yes, I'm coming!! Deposit of \$100.00 is enclosed with SASE! _____ MVAL Member
(Make check payable to Mid-Valley Arts League) _____ Non-Member

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

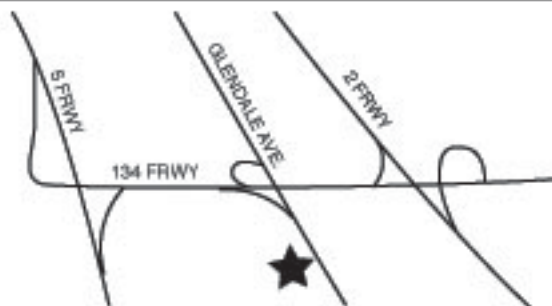
Final deadline for registration and full payment is April 1, 2008 - NO EXCEPTIONS

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