



# Art & the Artist

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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope you all had a great summer and are ready for the beginning of a new season.

Mid-Valley Arts League and I are celebrating our 55th year (June 1953). It's my hope that the adage, "things get better with age" is true.

Many thanks to the out-going President, Lynne Fearman. With her help, a smooth transition is being made. I look forward to working with our committed board for the next 2 years. This year is already shaping up to be an eventful one.

MVAL is fortunate to have a wonderful venue at the Arcadia Presbyterian Church to hold our monthly general meetings. A great line-up of demonstration artists is already planned. Come and watch art happen right in front of your eyes. The general meetings are also a good way to greet old friends and meet new ones. It is also an opportunity to bring in your latest masterpiece to display and share with your peers. Share your strokes of genius. We all enjoy seeing what other artists are up to.

You are encouraged to take advantage of the MVAL sponsored workshops and special events. They are a great deal. Pick up tips that you can immediately apply to your own artwork.

Plan now to enter several of your recently completed paintings in this year's MVAL annual exhibition. It is one of the highest quality exhibitions in the San Gabriel Valley. MVAL is proud to have local and nationally recognized artists as members. Hang around with some of the best.

Keep up the great artwork.

**Mark Wood**  
*President*

## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The September General Meeting will be held:  
Wednesday, September 17, at 7:30 PM  
Arcadia Presbyterian Church - 121 Alice St. Arcadia

## OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The October Board Meeting will be held:  
Wednesday, October 1, at 7:30 PM  
Temple City Community Center

### MID-VALLEY ART LEAGUE 2008 - 2009 BOARD OFFICERS

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#### Membership in MVAL:

Membership is open to artists and art lovers of all levels. If you're interested in membership call: John Goodno 626-351-9189

#### WEBSITE:

midvalleyartsleague.org  
or mval.org  
Website Editor: Roy Genger

## Art & the Artist

All articles and announcements to be included in the Art & the Artist may be sent to:

253 Windsong Court  
Azusa, CA 91702

(626) 334-1646 - phone and FAX

E-mail: janunamaker@verizon.net  
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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\_\_\_\_\_ Sally & Don Kubly

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

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### JoAnn Formia



The first program of the 2008-2009 years will be by our own MVAL member JoAnn Formia whose award winning watercolors we have all come to recognize and admire.

Last May Henry Fukuhara called on JoAnn to do a demo at his workshop in Manzanar - a big honor. The demo was so well received that we asked JoAnn to do a repeat of it for you.

She will not be doing her usual watercolor painting but a completely different type of painting you will have to see it for yourself. She may in fact have a whole new career ahead of her.

Read about all her credits on page 9 under the workshop that she will be doing for MVAL.

**Saralyn Lowenstein**  
*Program Chairman*

Demos for months to come:  
October - Justine Parish  
November - Chris Van Winkle

## ARTIQUE

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Do you knit, sew, bake and of course paint? What ever clever thing you do that is wonderful enough it might sell..... how about joining in the fun and giving it a try?

November 19th General Meeting - demo will be by Chris Van Winkle

6:00 - 7:30 before and during our break, we will have an "Artique".

More information and reminders in future issues of Art and the Artist.

## COLORFUL ELEPHANT TABLE

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Did you do some cleaning and organizing this summer?

Bring your unwanted art books and supplies - we will resume our White Elephant Table at our September meeting.... as I wrote this - I realized with all that paint, pastels and whatever - I had to rename this as the *Colorful Elephant Table!*

## ART OF THE MONTH

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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 "Summer is Over" you may interpret the theme in any manner you wish!

Subjects for the next few months:

September.....'Summer is Over'  
October.....'Elections Approaching'  
November.....'Harvest Time'  
December.....'Renewal'

**Chet Specht**

*Art of the Month Chairman*

## SHOWS & EVENTS

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**Palos Verdes Art Center** is having their annual *Artist Studio Tour*

Sat & Sun - Oct 4 & 5- 10 AM – 5 pm

\$20 (pre-Sept 22 price) includes lunch

[www.pvartcenter.org](http://www.pvartcenter.org)

I am a member so I need to sell tickets on this side of town. If you and your friends are interested please buy your tickets from me. This is a tour of the PVAC member painter's studios in the PVAC area...including Don Crocker, a fabulous landscape painter. This two day event also includes demonstrations. Contact me to buy your tickets.

Justine Parish – 626-441-5321

**National Watercolor Society NWS 88th Annual Exhibition**, August 30 – November 1, 2008,

Opening Reception, September 13th, 3:00-6:00

3425 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501, (951) 684-7111

**NWS Demonstration Series:**

Carla O' Connor, Sunday, Sept. 14th 10:00-3:00, Cheng-Khee Chee, Saturday Sept. 20th, 10:00-3:00,

Dale Laitinen Saturday, Oct 4th, 10:00-3:00.

The session are \$25.00 each or all 3 for \$60.00. Download flyer from the NWS website. [www.nationalwatercolorociety.org](http://www.nationalwatercolorociety.org)

**40th Annual Watercolor West Juried Exhibition**

City of Brea Art Gallery

October 12 to December 19, 2008

Opening Reception October 11th 5-7 PM

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

**Pomona Valley Art Association**

Show dates: October 11-25, 2008

Take in - October 3rd & 4th - Prog Gallery, Pomona - up to 3 works per artist.

(909) 469-1599 for info.





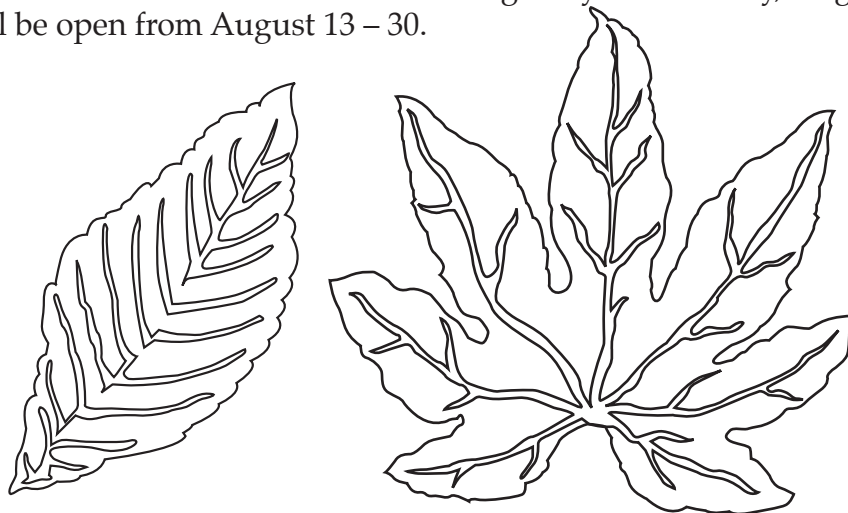
### FEALING LIN

- “*Splash 10 - The Best Watercolor*” by North Light Books is now in print. Fealing’s works, “*Afternoon Walk*” and “*Her Smile*” are included in the book. North Light Books also uses “*Her Smile*” as the promotional material in their month magazine for July 2008.
- Fealing’s painting of three Italian women, “*Have You Heard*” won 2nd Place with “*International Artist Magazine, Challenge No. 46*”. August/September 2008 issue, which is now in all major book stores.
- Fealing’s demo painting for Mid-Valley Arts League in 2007, “*Buongiorno, Guiseppi*” has been selected for the *San Diego Watercolor Society 28th International Exhibition* to be held October 1-31, 2008R
- Her painting “*Here We Are*” has been selected for “*Brand 37 National Exhibition, Works on Paper*” to be held September 27 - October 31, 2008
- The painting of a 5 year old girl, “*Iris*” - a little adventurer at Yosemite National Park, has been juried in *Watercolor West* to be held October 11 - December 19, 2008 at the Brea Civic & Cultural

**JIM SALCHEK** is having a one-man show at the Schroeder Studio and Gallery located in Orange, CA September 29 through October 26. Opening reception is on Saturday October 4 from 3:00 to 6:30.

**BRENDA SWENSON** has a show in September highlighting her painting trips this last year to Italy, Prague and East Germany. The show is called a “TRAVEL”ing Show, September 16th-Oct.18, 2008. Reception Sept. 20th 5:00-7:00. Segil Fine Art Gallery, 110 West Lime Avenue, Monrovia, CA. For additional information (626) 358-5563 or [www.segilfineart.com](http://www.segilfineart.com)

**ERNIE MARJORAM** announces that my painting *Karin* will be in the upcoming 2008 *California Open Juried Exhibition* to be held at TAG Gallery, 2903 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA. Internationally renowned realist figurative painter D.J. Hall served as juror for this regional art competition. A reception for the artists will be held at the gallery on Saturday, August 16 from 5-8pm. The exhibition will be open from August 13 – 30.



## ARTIST'S NEWS - Classes

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**Brenda Swenson** is teaching

*Sketching with Watercolor*, September 26th 27th & 28th, 2008, VIVA Gallery, Sherman Oaks, CA,  
Info: Brenda@swensonsart.net or (626) 441-6562.

**Ernie Marjoram** announces his next art class

*Making Art for Exhibition* will begin on September 17th. I hope you are able to join us as we have a special opportunity to exhibit art from the class at the La Canada public library during the month of December.

Select your own theme and medium to create exhibition quality artwork.

10 Weeks beginning September 17th, 2008

Wednesdays, 1:30pm - 4:30pm., \$300

Class will be held at the Citibank Community Room in Montrose,

Ernie Marjoram

(323) 939 7690

**Special Workshop by October MVAL demonstrator**

**Justine Limpus Parish** -

Starts September 20

ACAN – Art Center College of Design Public Programs  
Raymond Ave, Pasadena, South Campus

*ARMOR TO CORSETS: DRAWING HISTORIC COSTUMES*

3 Saturdays: Sept 20, 27 & Oct 4 – 9 AM – 4 PM

ACN-218 1 unit/\$360

Painters welcome. Live costumed models, music and cultural context of the period, short and long poses for painters. Multi-level class, beginners welcome.

3 consecutive Saturdays: a different theme every Saturday.

Military Day- Armor and Military uniforms

Baroque Day – Louis IV and Marie Antoinette

Corset Day – Victorian Costume and corset expert



**TO REGISTER: GO TO [www.artcenter.edu/atnight](http://www.artcenter.edu/atnight)**

## ABOUT THE COVER

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My sunflowers so straight and tall, by September begin to fall. I plant them every year. The birds and bees love them and I do too!

**Bonnie Pierson**

## MESSAGE FROM DOTTIE

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“I want to thank all of the members of the board for giving me the Lifetime Membership and for contributing to the wonderful album. I couldn’t possibly live up to all the nice things you said about me.

I specially treasure the paintings and sketches you all contributed – they are priceless and I will treasure them.

Thanks again.”

**Dotty Davis**

# MVAL Treasurer's Annual Report July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

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## Financial Highlights

Annual Income: \$24835 (Budget: \$21910)  
Annual Expenses: \$28797\* (Budget: \$23080)  
Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$10575  
Ending Checking Account Balance: \$4641  
Beginning Money Market Account Balance: \$3528  
Ending MM Account Balance: \$1538; (We transferred \$2000 for scholarships)  
CD value at end of year: \$15046 (Earned \$1046 since inception)  
Total all accounts: \$21225

An internal audit was successfully conducted

We awarded \$7000\*\* in scholarships and grants (\$2900 in budget)

We were able to include the new meeting venue in our budget and will offset this cost in the future by increasing membership dues.

A budget for FY 2009 was prepared and accepted by the board.

\*Does not include \$1500 in FY 2007 scholarships cashed in 2008.

\*\* Scholarships - \$5500; Pasadena Museum of California Art - \$1000; Zornes Memorial - \$500



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## 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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WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT ISSUE OF THIS NEWSLETTER  
**BRING TO NEXT MVAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **THURSDAY'S IN PLEIN AIR - paint out**

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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

### **September 4th, ARCADIA PARK, ARCADIA**

Huntington Dr, and Santa Anita. Paint trees, mountains, playground or cityscape. Places to buy lunch,

**September 11th, Finish paintings at ARCADIA PARK or go back to Eagle Rock and finish paintings for the show.**

### **\*SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH, EAGLE ROCK RENAISSANCE OF PLEIN AIR, ART SHOW**

### **September 18th, ARCADIA TRAIN STATION, Arcadia**

Train Station is located on Baldwin Ave (just north of Huntington) meet at north west corner of the Arcadia Shopping Mall in the parking lot.

### **September 25th, SOUTH PASADENA, OLD-TOWN DISTRICT**

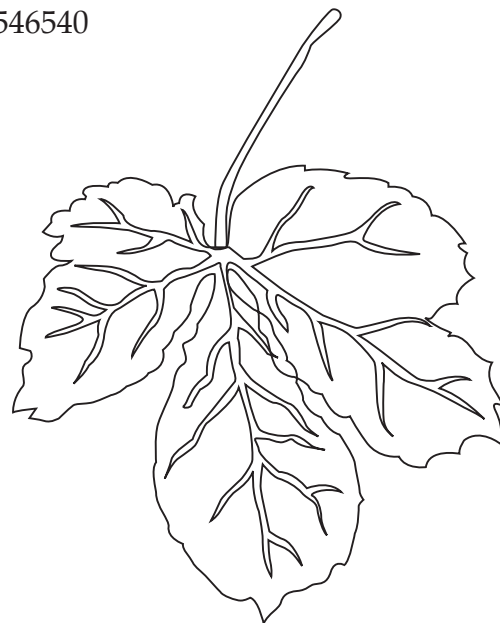
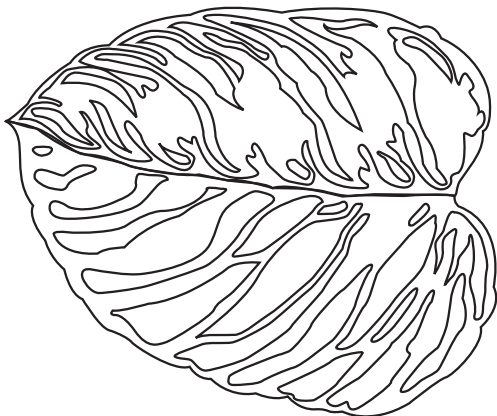
Take Fair Oaks Ave. to Mission, go west to Meridian. Meet near the Gold Line Mission Station corner of Mission and Meridian Ave. Interesting sights to paint around this area-Meridian Iron Works Building, historic watering station, Buster's Coffee, old homes or shops. Nice places to eat.

The group has been invited to participate in the event listed below. In preparation for the event we will be painting in Eagle Rock August 14th, August 21st, & August 28th. Other locations you can paint at before September 14th include the Arroyo, Eaton Canyon, La Canada Flintridge and the Hahamonga Watershed (Devilgate Dam)

### **The Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful (C.E.R.B.) and Friends of the Rock present EAGLE ROCK RENAISSANCE OF PLEIN AIR.**

Artworks will be displayed on Sunday, September 13 & 14, 2008 as a fundraiser to benefit Friends of the Rock.

Questions? Call C.E.R.B. director John Stillion 323-2546540





# **JOANN FORMIA WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP**

## **NOVEMBER 14 - 15, 2008**

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Mid-Valley Arts League is sponsoring a JoAnn Formia workshop this fall. During the workshop JoAnn will emphasize using a sketch as the basis for painting. She will teach the importance of working from a second or third generation sketch for the design and value of a completed work. In this way, the painter eliminates a lot of detail –creating a painting based on larger shapes to which details can be added at the end. JoAnn will also cover negative painting and the use of dark values which make a painting readable. A favorite quote she recently discovered is, “Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.” In her enthusiastic teaching style, she will take us through the steps for choosing “which ones to keep.”

JoAnn has been influenced by many great painters, Oscar Van Young, Bob Uecker, Milford Zornes, Henry Fukuhara. In the upcoming December issue of Watercolor Artist magazine (on newsstands in October), JoAnn is presented in its special yearly feature of “Ones to Watch”. She has won numerous awards for her work and was accepted in the 2002, 2006 and 2007 Watercolor West Juried Exhibitions, earning Signature Membership; 2005 and 2008 National Watercolor Society’s Members Show; and the 2006 San Diego Watercolor Society International Show. In 2007 her work was selected for the National Watercolor Society Exhibition, where she received the Henry Fukuhara Award and was chosen for its Travel Show.

JoAnn is also a member of many local art organizations: Women Painters West, Pasadena Society of Artists, San Gabriel Fine Arts Association, Mid-Valley Arts League, Watercolor West, National Watercolor Society and Pomona Valley Arts Association.

**THE WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 22 people.**

**Fee: MVAL members: \$120, Non members: \$150**

**A deposit of \$75 must be submitted with registration.**

**Final payment is due by October 28, 2008.**

**NO REFUND AFTER THIS DATE.**

**QUESTIONS: Call Susan Gutschow, Workshop Chairman at 626) 799-1595.**

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**REGISTRATION FOR JOANN FORMIA WORKSHOP Fri. & Sat., November 14 -15, 2008.**

Enclosed is a check for \$75 and a SASE. MVAL member \_\_\_\_\_  
Non member \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Mid-Valley Arts League.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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No refund after October 28, 2008, FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION.  
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