

MVAL

Art & the Artist

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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Welcome back... MVAL 2013-2014

September Demonstration - Ratindra Dass

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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



At the Staple's Center in Los Angeles, there are several bronze statues commemorating star basketball players. As I move into the office of president, I have become very impressed at what a complex and wonderful organization we have. I am moved to have at least six bronze statues made for the plaza at Good Shepherd Church, to recognize the performance of several members. I am grateful for the professionalism and generosity of our many volunteers. My problem is, after looking more closely, I find about another six who need to be recognized. I am humbled to share in the leadership of a great organization. MVAL, this is about you!

So, come on board, buckle-up and let's get 2013-14 going. There is an exciting year ahead with our Demonstrator and Workshop presenters. The planning for the *Member's Exhibition* is underway and it appears destined to be a big success – get your paintings cooking. The venue will be at *CCAA Museum* in Ontario. Our Scholarship program has continued to blossom with awards to budding art students; this has occurred primarily due to the generosity of our membership. *Saturday in the Park* was a great success last year, and what a great way to bask in the sun and enjoy wonderful artists create magic; it is an ideal way to spend a full Saturday. Once a month you can also attend an art critique to help you work out the bugs. MVAL now has an Artist's Cooperative, which is a group of painters who are guiding their individual artwork. The list goes on and on.

Being in the presence of committed artists and generous volunteers, how could you not benefit? There is of course lots of work to be done, but many hands make light work and those who participate benefit the most. Step forward and grow. Tom Fong was always nudging, prodding and down right pushing his students to take a risk. This year is your chance to risk and grow. Welcome to 2013-14.

Armando Ruiz
President

MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The September General Meeting will be September 18th - 7:30 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The October Board Meeting will be held:
Wednesday, October 2nd
Live Oak Park, Temple City

SEPTEMBER MEETING

RATINDRA DASS

For those of us who will not be able to attend the **Ratindra Dass** workshop this week - we will still have a opportunity to learn from this excellent painter and teacher at our monthly demonstration!

Ratindra Dass is a Dolphin Fellow and a signature member of the *American Watercolor Society*. He is also signature member of *National Watercolor Society*, six other watercolor societies and holds Master status in the *Transparent Watercolor Society of America*. He is recipient of numerous awards including six in the *American Watercolor Society*. He attended the *American Academy of Art* in Chicago and studied with many nationally known artists.

In 2010 he was invited to exhibit in the 1st "Shanghai Zhujiajiao International Watercolor Biennial Exhibition" and the "Second International Watermedia Masters" in Nanjing, China and has been appointed as Honorary Member of the *Jiangsu Watercolor Research Institute*.

He is popular workshop instructor and frequent juror. He has conducted workshops and seminars throughout the US, Mexico, Singapore and China.



COLORFUL ELEPHANT

Did you organize your supplies during the summer? Did you run across anything you don't need that could be used by someone else?

We will have our white elephant table available... mark each item with a price and your name and provide a container for money.

INSTRUCTIONAL CD & VIDEO LIBRARY

Our instructional CD and Video Library will be open for business!

NEW MEMBERS

Gail Green
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Watercolor is Gail's medium. She loves it for its freshness and transparency. She has studied watercolor for about 10 years, regularly going to demos, workshops, classes and exhibits. Gail mostly likes art and painting, but she also enjoys singing in choir and hiking and walking. She is joining MVAL to meet other artists, be inspired by their work and hopefully learn from them!

Catherine Barret-Fischer
Gary Fischer
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"My paintings reflect my view of the world with is constantly evolving based on new experiences and the passage of time. I have studied watercolor painting with Aida Hughes, Chris Van Winkle and Tom Fong. I have attended many workshops, demos and art shows over the years." Catherine studied broadcast journalism and graphic design.

T. K. Chau
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T. K. is self taught in watercolor. He describes his style as "impressionistic / realistic". He has a Bachelor degree in architecture. He has finally been able to indulge in his love and desire to draw and paint after many years of being busy with his career.

ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

Jan Wright has a painting at the grand opening of the Chaffey Community Museum of Art show, "*Inner Expressions: From Private Collections*," which opens Sept. 15 with a reception from 2-4pm. Hours are Thurs.-Sun, 12-4. The exhibit closes Nov. 10. Jan's work will also be featured in the CCMA "*Spotlight Gallery*" from Oct. 31 to Dec. 22. The opening reception is November 17 from 2-4. For more information: www.ccaamuseum.org. or 909-463-3733.

JoAnn Formia received an award from the *San Diego Watercolor Society* for her painting, "*Pier at Avila Beach, Morro Bay*". She is demonstrating this month at the *Millard Sheets Gallery* at the LA County Fair.

Hanna Adler's show "*So many faces...and other things*" at the *Metro Art Gallery* in Pomona will open with a reception on September 13 from 6-9. The gallery, located at 119 W. 2nd St. is open M-F 10-5. The show closes **Oct. 4**.

Ike Ikeda and Jan Wright sold paintings at the annual *Manzanar Show* held in Thousand Oaks in August.

George Liang's painting "*Rodeo*" was accepted in *San Diego Watercolor Society 33rd International Exhibition* in October.



The **PASADENA ARTWALK** jury has selected **Jean Tannhauser** as a participant for the *2013 ArtWalk*, which will take place on Saturday, October 12th from 11 am to 5 pm. Location is El Molino Ave. between Green St. and Colorado Blvd.

Joan Engman, Phyllis Kato and Margaret Rothwell belong to an art group called the *Back Alley Painters*. They are currently having a show: "*For the Love of Watercolor*" Alhambra City Hall Gallery of Art 111 South First Street, Alhambra. The Show runs through September 26. 8am - 5pm, weekdays only.

Jim Burns has finished his book! "*Watercolor Concepts*" is printed and available. Direct sale is \$29.95 or add \$5.60 for postage if you need it mailed. The book is 142 pages with great color.

Jim is also starting to down-size his lifestyle and is selling over 100 original watercolors. The paintings will be available on Saturdays, Sept. 7, 14 and 28th. 9am - 3pm at his home studio, 1260 Hastings Ranch Drive.

ART OF THE MONTH

September ----- "Summer Light"
October ----- "Dark Shadows"
November ----- "Nature's Bounty"

Please bring a painting to our monthly meeting. Feel free to interpret the theme with all your creativity. Looking forward to seeing your wonderful paintings!

Kate McDaniel
Art of the Month Chairman

CALL FOR ARTISTS

2nd Story Gallery, 121 N. San Dimas Avenue, San Dimas is looking for artist to participate in their gallery. A new show is presented each month, so this is an on-going venue. Call Alta Skinner at 909-599-5374 for further information.

MVAL MEMBER SHOW 2014

Our new Third VP in charge of Exhibitions, Laurie Mangiagli, has been hard at work already. We already have dates for our Members Show in 2014. Put these dates on your calendar and plan ahead to have one or two paintings to enter in the show!

"Premium Blend"
61st Anniversary Members Exhibit 2014

location:
Chaffey Community Museum of Art
217 South Lemon Avenue, Ontario

Saturday, March 22 - entry deadline

Wednesday, April 2 - transporter pick up -
6:15-7 pm @ Live Oak Park in Temple City
(you will be able to bring your paintings to the board meeting and they will be taken to the venue for you)

Monday, April 7 - transporters to deliver paintings
1-3 pm @ Museum

Saturday, April 12 - member take in art (last chance - deliver to museum yourself) - 1-3 pm @ Museum

Monday, April 14 - Exhibit juried - 10 am-until finished

Thursday, April 17 - Exhibit opens
hours - 12-4 pm Thurs-Sun each week

Sunday, April 27 - reception and awards
noon-2 pm to socialize
2 pm-3 pm announce awards

Saturday, June 21 - Exhibit closes - last day hours...12-4 pm

Sunday, June 22 -pick up art - 12-3 pm @ Museum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE TO MVAL BOARD MEMBERS

If you were unable to attend the September Board meeting, please bring your procedure book to the MVAL general meeting on September 18. Julie Crouch will have packets to update the procedure books that haven't yet been updated. If you are a Board member and haven't yet received your procedure book, please find Julie Crouch at the September 18 meeting and pick up your procedure book.

ART & THE ARTIST

ART & THE ARTIST COVERS

I only have artwork to cover a couple of months. I will be needing more! Artwork may be submitted via email or as photos which I can scan. Any paintings are welcome, this can be something you did as part of a class or paint-out or something you have just done on your own. Sketchbook work is also welcome.

ART & THE ARTIST DEADLINE for OCTOBER

Usually the deadline for entries is the board meeting for the month (first Wednesday). The newsletter is then created and mailed/emailed on the following weekend. In October I will be out of town for a family reunion at the time of the board meeting, so I will need to get the newsletter done **EARLY**.

I will need entries for the October 2013 issue submitted by Sunday, September 29.

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor, Art & the Artist

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

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.

Contact: Carol Fuller.

THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

To confirm or ask questions call Call Lynne Fearman (626) 355-7562 cell: (626) 487-6566
Bring lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy lunch.

Meet at the designated location at 9:00am and paint till 12:00. At noon we gather for lunch and sharing of sketches and paintings. After lunch is the critique/share. The critiques are informative and instructional. In the event of rain the paint-out will be canceled.

We have done our best to give accurate directions. Since we are based in San Gabriel, our directions stem from there. It is each person's responsibility to carry a map, GPS, or double check directions.

SEPT. 5th - CHURCHES AND OLD GAS STATION, DUARTE

Huntington Dr. and Shamrock, go 1 block north on Shamrock. Church is on west side of street, next block large Catholic church on east side. An old gas station is located on the west side. You can also paint at County Park on right side, 1 block. Bring lunch.

SEPT. 12th - 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.

SEPT. 19th - WESTMINSTER GARDENS (pending)

1420 Santo Domingo Ave Duarte, CA 91010
(626) 408-0269
210 freeway to Buena Vista St. off ramp in Duarte. Drive north to Huntington Drive. Pond and flowers lovely gardens. Make a right on Huntington to Santo Domingo Ave. Make a right at Santa Domingo Ave. At the end of the block, look for sign on the left, enter, and park anywhere. Meet at dining hall for lunch (bring your own lunch).

SEPT. 26th - PECK ROAD PARK, ARCADIA

From Live Oak and Peck Road in Arcadia, go South on Peck Rd. first right after McBean Dr. on the left. Continue almost one block and 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 mountain view. Rest rooms and picnic tables, bring lunch.

OCT. 3rd - IDLEWILD HOUSE, MONROVIA

255 N. Mayflower Ave. Historical 1887 Queen Anne Victorian, home of Linda Long.
Traveling on 210 fwy to Myrtle exit and go north on Myrtle to Foothill Blvd. At Foothill, turn left (west). Travel to Mayflower Ave. turn right (north). House is 1 1/2 blocks up the street on left side. Bring lunch.

OCT. 10th - PASADENA PLAYHOUSE, PASADENA

39 S. El Molino Ave, Pasadena. ½ Block south of Colorado Blvd. Bring lunch.

OCT. 17th - OLVERA STREET, LOS ANGELES

Leave at 9:00 am on the Gold Line from the Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena (Located at Halstead St. and Foothill). We'll take the Gold Line to Union Station. It is a short walk across the street to Olvera St. Eat there or bring a lunch.

OCT. 24th - MONROVIA LIBRARY PARK

321 S. Myrtle Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016. Take the 210 fwy to the Myrtle Ave. off ramp in Monrovia. Head north to Palm Ave. park on north side of the library. Bring lunch

OCT. 31st - OLD CHINA TOWN CENTRAL PLAZA

943 N Broadway, Los Angeles, CA
(213) 617-3298
Take the Gold Line to China Town Station. Just up the street is a wonderful restaurant where we can eat family style for about \$7 each for ten of us. Plan on joining us for lunch there. Parking for \$3 off Broadway, next to plaza.



SHOWS of Interest

John Paul Thornton Exhibition
"Journey of Souls" A Solo Exhibition of Paintings
September 6-26, 2013
Creative Arts Center Gallery
1100 West Clark Avenue
Burbank, CA
818-238-5397

ABOUT THE COVER

The beautiful cover art this month was painted by
Jane Levy.

JUNE MEETING



Julie Crouch passes the MVAL crab bell to Armando Ruiz.



The board for 2013-2014 presented.



Artist of the Month - Valya Hristova.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

