

MVAL

Art & the Artist

September 2016

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Welcome Back
September Demonstration and Workshop:
Chuck McPherson

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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



Greetings Fellow Artists,

Our summer break has gone by and once again we are starting another year of encouraging one another as artists through our mutual endeavors at Mid Valley Arts League.

We're looking forward to the full schedule of paintouts, crits, monthly demonstrations, workshops, banquets, fund raising for scholarships and our annual members show at CCMA. We are glad that there are so many artists participating and as always it is wonderful that we have a great group of competent people taking on leadership responsibilities.

September's monthly meeting will be on the 21st at the Good Shepherd Methodist Church at 7:30 pm. Our demonstrator will be renowned watercolor artist Chuck McPherson, so this is one you don't want to miss. He is famous for using a 6 inch brush, among other things. He will be conducting a workshop for intermediate students on the 3 days following the meeting, September 22-24, 10am to 4pm. There is still room for more applicants. More details can be found in this newsletter.

Don't forget to bring a painting for the monthly contest at the meeting. See you there!

Best regards,
Pete Morris

 President

MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The September General Meeting will be September 21st - 7:30 PM
 Church of the Good Shepherd
 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

October Board Meeting will be held October 5th - 7:30 PM
 Live Oak Park, Temple City

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

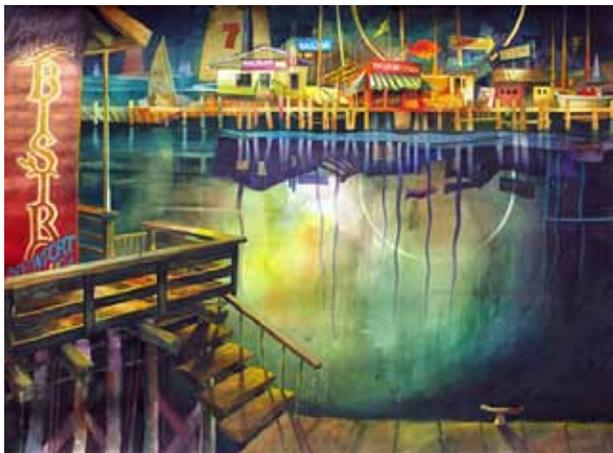
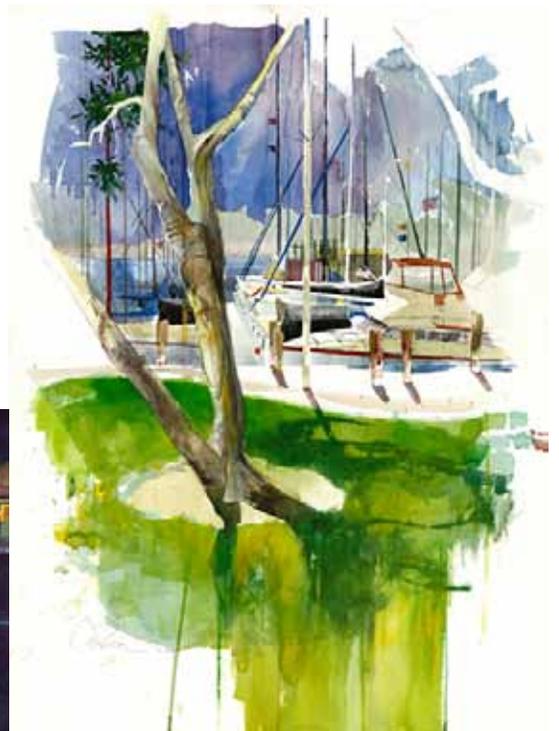
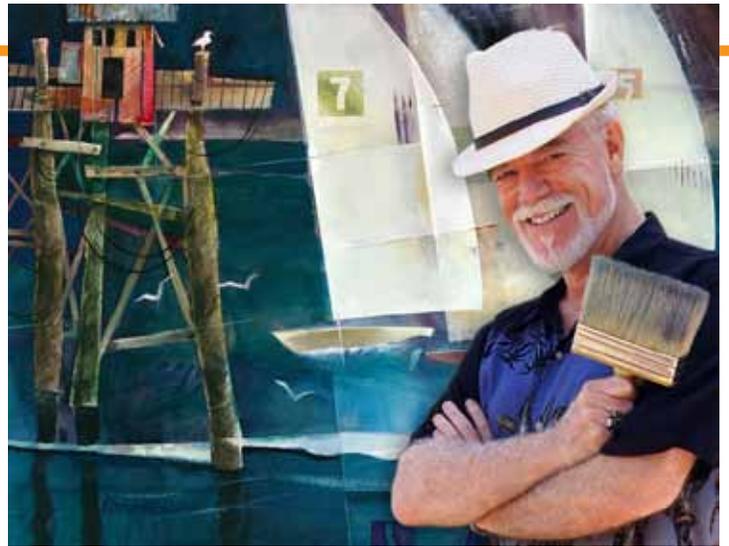
Chuck McPherson

Chuck has garnered hundreds of awards for his paintings, earning triple Signature status with the National Watercolor Society, the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and The San Diego Watercolor Society.

He served as Third VP on the 2011 NWS Board and two years as the Member Shows Director on the SDWS Board, plus a concurrent three year stint as Newsletter Chair on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild. His latest position was 1st Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Foothills Art Association.

This intuitive artist's medium of choice is watercolor and he paints full-time, following his passion and building a reputation. His artwork has been called '...a unique blend of draftsman's skills and the playfulness of a mind young-at-heart.'

Chuck entertains large and intimate audiences with a quick wit and a 6" brush, flamboyantly embellishing his painting with props borrowed from the crowd like lipstick and coffee, giving his transparent watercolors a unique "voice". The artist brings an open, fun and entertaining attitude to his paintings, demonstrations, workshops and classes. He also serves as a juror for art shows...



ART OF THE MONTH

Theme for the September General Meeting:

September....."Hot Summer Topics!"

Bring your paintings a bit early so that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy them.

The next issue will contain the themes For the remainder of the year.

JoAnn Formia
Art of the Month Chairman

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.

Contact: Mark Wood - 626.825.0464.

Studio 2310 Open Studio, Mondays & Wednesdays

Mark Wood, cofounder of Studio 2310, invites you to join him Mondays or Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm to paint in your medium of choice.

Creativity is contagious. Learn, share and be inspired by other artists creating art in different mediums and styles. Participate in friendly constructive critiques. Painting in a series will be encouraged.

Studio 2310 is now accepting registration from 10 committed artists on a first come first served basis. Submit your registration NOW!

Artists commit to weekly sessions on a month to month basis.

\$40 for a four Monday or Wednesday month,

\$50 for a five Monday or Wednesday month.

Studio 2310 is located at 2310 Central Ave., Unit 13, in Duarte.

Email Mark for more information: markjwood@earthlink.net
Or call: 626.825.0464

COLORFUL ELEPHANT

Did you clean out your supplies and bookshelves this summer? Bring any supplies, books or other art related materials that you no longer need and sell them on our White Elephant table. Mark items with price and provide a container for money,

ARTIST NEWS



Tom Fong thanks all friends and students who so generously donated their time, money and work to make the *Tom Fong Tribute at Walker House* in June successful. A special note of thanks to Ike and Michi Ikeda who initiated and organized the event. Tom sincerely appreciates everyone's efforts.

Michi and Ike Ikeda are doing watercolor demonstration at *2016 LA County Fair* at the Atrium adjacent to Flower Pavillion. IF you are at the fair come and visit us. You can open the attachment and see our schedule. Hope you can stop be to say "Hello" when you are at the fair.

Mark Wood has a show at the *Chaffey Community Museum of Art* in the *Spotlight Gallery*. Aug. 18 - Oct. 2, 2016. Artist Reception, Sunday, September 11, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. 217 South Lemon Street, Ontario, CA
www.chaffeymuseum.org

Paintings by the following MVAL members were juried into the *48th Watercolor West International Juried Exhibition* October 15, 2016 through December 18, 2016, by Juror Robbie Laird: **Hanna Adler, Francesca Brayton, Julie Crouch, Tom Fong, Devorah Friedman, Fealing Lin, Mary Ann Osko, Albert Setton.**

Judi Gale has won several ribbons for her ceramics at the LA County Fair. Five Blue ribbons, one red ribbon, one Judges Merit Award and a Best of Show in Ceramics!



ABOUT THE COVER

The cover art this month was painted by Laurie Mangiagli.

NEW MEMBERS

Pam McGuern La Verne, CA

Pam has always been interested in drawing and painting from an early age. She started in oils, and did some college work in art, oil painting and figure drawing and commercial art. Then work and raising children put her artistic pursuits on hold for many years, although she continued to express her creativity where needed - school props, backdrops, crafts, etc. More recently she has taken watercolor classes.

Pam's interests include art, gardening, hiking, travel and yoga.

Joining MVAL she hopes to network with other artists and be more aware of workshops, events and shows in the area.



Kimberly Michael San Gabriel, CA

Kim has a BFA in Drawing from Northern IL, 1985. She is also a Certified Zentangle Instructor. Kim also has 20 years of experience in Graphic Design, is a prolific knitter and does calligraphy.

Her mediums include watercolor, Zentangle, pastels, acrylic and oils and she also does some sewing and woodworking.

She says "Life is beautiful and I love to make beautiful things." Kim teaches Zentangle (meditative doodling) at SG park district. Her other major endeavor is keeping her kids (15, 16) alive!

She is in Julie Crouch's San Gabriel class. Julie suggested she join MVAL to meet other artists.



Kathy Yoshihara San Gabriel, CA

Kathy has a BA in painting, sculpture and graphic arts from the University of CA, Los Angeles. Her recent focus is sculptural ceramics, which she has been practicing for the last 10 years. She has participated in group shows with the American Ceramic Society of Southern California and the California Japanese Ceramic Arts Guild. She won best of show in 2015 & 2016.

"My work is based on my heritage and family relationships, I am exploring how the two are enter-twined."

Her other interests are Obon Dancing, Traveling (to refresh, get new inspiration and ideas), reading and visiting museums.

In MVAL she hopes to meet like minded people, network, attend workshops, learn new techniques and take part in critiques.



Heidi Kritikson La Verne, CA

Heidi graduated from U.S.C. with a degree in Health Sciences. She also holds a Certificate in Photography from Tri Community Adult Center.

Her art classes and workshops include Ray Tucker, Chris Van Winkle, Fealing Lin, Julie Crouch, Christopher Schink, Tom Fong, Keiko Tanche, Richard Martinez and others. She would like to continue to grow and develop her art. She also enjoys photography, travel, gardening and cooking.

Heidi is joining MVAL for exposure to others with similar interests but more experience!

IN MEMORIAM



Sam and Heidi Moore

One of our MVAL members. Sam Moore passed away on Friday, June 10th. Sam had been a MVAL member since 2006.

"I celebrate Sam by recalling, that when I was 21 years old, I got my first drafting job in an architect's office in Pasadena. Sam Moore worked there as a senior draftsman, after his graduation from USC; his father wanted him to become a doctor, but Sam did not like the sight of blood. I quickly realized there were 1,000's of things I did not know about architecture, and well, I was afraid of getting fired. So, I needed to ask lots of questions. Sam kindly handed me a large roll of drawings from a completed project and said, "study these drawings and then ask me any questions you have".

Well, I took the big roll of drawings home and studied them, and each day at lunchtime for several weeks, Sam would answer my long lists of questions. He patiently and most thoroughly answered my questions; frequently, he provided a sketch to explain more clearly. Sam was an excellent teacher and my mentor; whether, he knew it or not. Never once, did he say to me, "stop asking, so many questions, give me a break". Sam became a fine architect and an artist, and he was very much a gentleman. Sam will be missed, but he is profoundly celebrated for his kindness and sincerity. So, it is with deep gratitude that I say, thank you Sam."

- Armando Ruiz

2016 - 2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

We are in need of a Historian and a Co-chair and helpers for Saturday in the Park. We also need directors.

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Inspiration	Shirley Manning
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Raffle	Bonnie Pierson
Refreshments	Mary Coolman
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Co--Chair 1	POSITION OPEN
Scholarship	Sandy Murphy Mary Osko Mary Gilman Tina Frausto
Website	Roy Genger
Workshops	Ike Ikeda

DIRECTORS

Directors to 6/2017	Barbara Browan Laurie Mangiagli Fred Browand
Directors to 6/2018	Nancy Dorn Deanne Ruiz
Directors to 6/2019	POSITION OPEN

HANFT ART SALE

Pat and George Hanft's children will be having a painting sale on Saturday, September 24.

Hanft Art Sale

Saturday, September 24 , from 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Home of Susan Hanft Huls

25 West Rodell Place, Arcadia

* Paintings, full and half sheet, signed by George or Patricia Hanft

* Paintings, full and half sheet, unsigned by George or Patricia Hanft

* Paintings by Milford Zornes (\$5,000), Robert E. Wood (\$4,000 each), Frank Webb (\$1,750), Dale Laitinen (\$1,000) and Chris Van Winkle (\$2,500). (See attached photos)
Pre-sales accepted.

* Numerous books on art and watercolor.

* Water color paper

Light refreshments will be served.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Mid Valley Scholarship Fund.



COVER ART FOR 2016-17

I am in DESPERATE NEED of cover art! I can do pretty well with a regular camera shot of your work. Try to shoot it without glass to avoid glare and as straight on as possible. Don't worry about it being just a bit off "square", I can do some cropping and retouching to fix that up. The cover doesn't have to be a large finished painting. Something that came out well in your sketchbook or a small plein air painting is welcome!
PLEASE try to include a short statement about the painting... at least the location!

email me your photos: janunmaker@verizon.net

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor - Art & the Artist

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.

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.

If you are on Facebook, joint the "Thursdays in Plein Air" Facebook Page. The Facebook page will keep you updated on any changes and you can also connect with the other painters!

SEPT 15th - 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 22nd - LOWER ARROYO PARK, PASADENA

Just south of the 134 and 210 freeway in west Pasadena. Take Orange Grove Blvd. to California Blvd. Turn west drive to the 'T' in the road to Arroyo Blvd. Entrance is located on the west side of the street between Norwood and California Blvd.

SEPT 29th - GRIFFITH PARK OBSERVATORY

Take the 5 freeway south to Los Feliz Blvd. Right turn to Hillhurst Ave. Follow signs to the top. Bring lunch.

OCT 6th - WILDERNESS PARK. ARCADIA

Take the 210 Freeway exit at Santa Anita Ave. Head north towards the mountains, at Elkins Ave. make a right, at Highland Oaks make a left, bare right to entrance on your right. Bring lunch.

OCT 13th -PASADENA CITY HALL

100 North Garfield Take the 210 Freeway to Marengo Ave. off ramp. Go south to Ramona St. make a left and park in structure for \$7.00 or metered parking. Meet inside for lunch. Bring lunch.

OCT 20th - NEWCOMB'S RANCH

Angeles Forest Take the Angeles Crest off-ramp from the 210 west Freeway also known as the 2 fwy. Head north on Angeles Crest for approximately 26 miles. Just after the Chilao Campground sign you will see the sign for a restaurant on the right. Slow down and pull left into the parking lot. We will eat there for lunch and have our critique inside.

OCT 27th - ALEGRIA STREET NORTH OF GRANDVIEW AVE. in SIERRA MADRE

Between Baldwin Ave. and Mountain Trail. Halloween is a big deal for this street. TAKE THE 210 Fwy to Baldwin Ave. in Arcadia head north towards the mountains on Baldwin. Just past Grand View is Alegria. Make a right and head for the middle of the block. Lots of pumpkins and scary stuff!

NOV 3th - LA CASITA DEL ARROYO, PASADENA

177 S. Arroyo Blvd. Exit 134 fwy at Orange Grove turn south. Turn right on Arbor St, turn right on S. Arroyo Blvd. DO NOT PARK IN THE PARKING LOT. Restrooms are available in Lower Arroyo Park near the Casting Pond. Bring lunch.

NOV 10th EXPOSITION PARK , LOS ANGELES

Take the Pasadena Fwy. to the Harbor Fwy. south. Exit onto West Exposition Blvd. Make a U-turn at Watt Way. 900 Exposition Blvd, Los Angeles 90007. Meet in the Rose Garden under the African fig trees. Parking available in surrounding lots. \$10. Bring lunch.

NOV 17th - MONROVIA LIBRARY

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.

NOV 24th - RANCHO CUCAMONGA CENTRAL PARK

11200 Baseline Rd. Take 210 freeway east to exit 60, onto Milliken Ave. Turn right onto Milliken Ave. Turn right onto Central Park. Spectacular views of Mount Baldy, with wide open spaces. Bring lunch.

DEC 1st - 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.

DEC 8th - TRAVEL TOWN GRIFFITH PARK.

Los Angeles

5200 Zoo Dr. Take the 134 freeway west to the Forest Lawn Drive exit. Turn left on Zoo Drive. At the end of the road, turn right onto Griffith Park Dr. Destination is on your left.

DEC 15th - PECK ROAD PARK, ARCADIA

5401 Peck Rd. Arcadia. Take 210 freeway east to Myrtle Ave. in Monrovia. Turn south, heading away from the mountains. In 2.6 miles look for entrance to the park on your right. Just past McBean Dr. on your left.

DEC 22nd - CHRISTMAS PARTY

To be announced.

Chuck McPherson Workshop

September 22-24, 2016

In his eighth year as a watercolorist, Chuck's efforts have garnered hundreds of awards for his artwork. He holds triple Signature status with The San Diego Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society and the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies.



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He paints full-time and builds his reputation through a quick wit and his infamous 6" brush, flamboyantly creating paintings using props borrowed from large & intimate crowds... like lipstick & coffee. A few years ago Chuck co-founded *BallastPointGallery.com* offering his fellow artists unique workshops and paint-alongs, and serves often as a discerning exhibition juror.



Watercolors (clockwise from left):
Plaza de Panama (Balboa Park)
Ocean Lily
Torrey Trestle
 website: chuckmcphersonart.com

Chuck McPherson Workshop

This three-day workshop is geared towards intermediate students.



Dates: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, September 22-24, 2016

Hours: 10am to 4pm

Location: Church of the Good Shepherd Community Room, 400 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007

Fee: \$275 MVAL Members / \$300 Non-members

A deposit of \$100 must be submitted with registration.

Registration is based on receipt of registration and deposit.

Final payment is due by September 1, 2016

NO REFUNDS AFTER September 8, 2016

REGISTRATION

(Check payable to: Mid-Valley Arts League)



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Chuck McPherson Workshop, September 22-24, 2016

Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____

Check one: MVAL Member Non Member

Mail to: Minoru "Ike" Ikeda, 2038 Paseo Susana, San Dimas, CA 91773

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