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Art & the Artist

October 2013

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



October Demonstration - Carole Buss

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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



The 2013-14 MVAL train is on the track. It takes so many persons doing their part to get the wheels rolling.

The recent Ratindra Dass Workshop was a resounding success with 19 members attending. Mr. Das is a retired architect and his wisdom, love for art and teaching were very evident; he was organized and disciplined and he even called himself a 'slave driver' to his students. Yes, we were tired at the end of each day, but we all came out motivated to push Color and to be more Entertaining painters. He gave us many memorable jewels to keep in our hearts as we paint, among which are the three stages of painting: Concentration, Contemplation and Reflection. When asked what is the most important quality to have as a painter? He thoughtfully considered his answer and then said, 'develop the ability to see'. This special advice was supported by his encouragement to 'sketch, sketch and sketch'. It helps us to see with an artists' eye. Another jewel, never paint from a photograph, there is too much information. We were all present at a very touching moment, when Ratindra received a UPS box, which contained a 'proof copy' of his new book that was originally conceived 10 years ago - it was a birthing moment and we were all witnesses.

A big thank you to JoAnn Formia who worked very hard to make the weekend a big success. We had miscellaneous setbacks, but again many persons contributed to keeping the wheels rolling.

We have had a small technical problem with our wonderful camera, but Roy Genger is working to find a permanent solution. I knew I had better step aside when they started discussing the relationship between the VGA and the HDMI connectors and that the Marantz VA receiver was not on line. Thank you Roy for your help.

Carole Buss will be our demonstrator at our October meeting. Keep a good thought for our camera and for Roy.

Lastly and thankfully, we are getting new and talented members; we continue to roll along.

Armando Ruiz
President

MEETING DATES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

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

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The November Board Meeting will be held:
Wednesday, November 6th
Live Oak Park, Temple City

OCTOBER MEETING

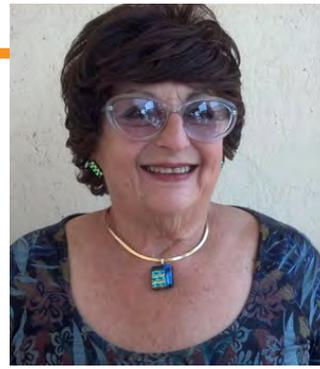
CAROLE BUSS

Carole Buss, a Stanford University Graduate, discovered the joy of watercolor after teaching in the public schools after raising her family. What began as a diversion has become an artistic passion to romanticize natural forms. Carole was born in Los Angeles, has lived in San Francisco and now resides in the Verdugo Foothills. The scope of her work is deeply influenced by her extensive travel experiences.

Carol's work hangs internationally, and has been displayed in galleries throughout the Southland. In addition, Carole is adept at painting abstracts with pizzazz, collage, and romantic floral landscapes.

Education - Bachelor of Arts, Stanford University, Masters Degree at Cal State Hayward
Continuing specialized art courses and workshops
Timothy Clark - Masters' Workshop
Robert Weaver, Glendale College - Drawing
Robert Uecker, NWS - Watercolor
Gerald Brommer, NWS - Collage

Carole has over 50 awards, 2nd Place or above in juried regional exhibitions.



Nancy Shiershke
Program Chairman



COLORFUL ELEPHANT

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!

ABOUT THE COVER

The beautiful fall trees were painted by **Jim Burns**.

NEW MEMBERS

Evelyn Pederson
2140 Lorain Rd.
San Marino, CA 91108
evelynpederson@yahoo.com

Evelyn enjoys working in watercolor and pastels. Her hobbies include art, gardening and knitting.

Correction;
Please note that Catherine's contact information printed last month was incorrect - here is the correct information:

Catherine Barrett-Fischer
Barry Fischer
746 Scripps Drive
Claremont, CA 91711
909- 624-5749
CBFCentury@aol.com

WORKSHOPS

Brenda Swenson Workshop
October 18-20, 2013, 3-Day Workshop
Illustrated Journal with Watercolor \$275.00
Montrose, CA, Contact Brenda: SwensonsArt@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART & THE ARTIST COVERS

Wonder why your artwork never appears on the cover of this newsletter? It's because you have never sent in anything! Artwork may be submitted via email (please send photos as jpeg files) 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.

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor, Art & the Artist

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Nancy Studer**. Nancy often painted with the Thursday In Plein Air group and was an excellent watercolorist.



The service for Nancy will be held at:
11:30 a.m. Friday, October 4th
Queen of Heaven Cemetery
2161 Fullerton Rd.
Rowland Heights CA

Go East on the 60 Fwy. Exit at Fullerton Rd.
Turn right on Fullerton Rd. The entrance is a little hard to see as it is in a curve of the road.

ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

Tom Fong and Jim Salchak are having a two man show at the *Schroeder Studio & Gallery* from November 4 through December 2, 2013. The artist's reception is on Sunday, November 10 from 2 to 6 PM. During the reception, there will be a "paint off" where both artists work on their individual pieces and then switch and work on each others.

Lynne Fearman was awarded the "Merchandise Award" at the *California Art League's, "Journeys"* show at Gallery Gitana in San Fernando, and an *Honorable Mention* at the *CAL, "Kaleidoscope"* Show at the Blinn House, in Pasadena. **Lynne Fearman** has been accepted into the *California Art Club's*, associate member's show, "*Of the Club, By the Club, For the Club*", at the Altadena Country Club. Reception for the artists will be: Sunday, October 13, 2013; 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Jan Wright has a painting at the grand opening of the Chaffey Community Museum of Art show, "*Inner Expressions: From Private Collections,*" Hours are Thurs. - Sun. noon - 4pm. 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.

Brenda Swenson's paintings have been selected for inclusion in the *San Diego Watercolor Society 33rd International Exhibition, Watercolor West's 45th International Exhibition* and *The International Society of Experimental Artists in Florida*.

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.

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.

INSPIRATION

October ---- Catherine Barrett-Fischer
November - Mary Coolman
December -- Michi Ikeda

ART OF THE MONTH

October ----- "Dark Shadows"
November ----- "Nature's Bounty"
December ----- "Celebrate!"

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

Segil Fine Art Gallery - Small Works Holiday Open Show, prospectus will be available through the gallery's website in October: www.Segilfineart.com or you can pick up entry forms at the gallery, 110 W. Lime Ave., in Monrovia. Works of 12"x12" or smaller, all mediums accepted. Deadline November 11th.

Brand Library Art Galleries Call for Artists 2014 Exhibition Year

The Brand Library Art Galleries is pleased to accept submissions from artists or artist groups for exhibitions to be scheduled in 2014. This is an exciting opportunity for artists to present shows in the reopening year of the Brand Library and Art Center.

Guidelines and Submission Form may be obtained on line at:

<http://www.brandlibrary.org/BrandGalleryCallForArtists2014.asp>

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.

SHOWS TO SEE

Sam Francis Exhibit at Pasadena Museum of California Art- currently showing until December 5th.

13th annual exhibit of the Silver Lake Art Collective

in the recently opened *Keystone Gallery*.

October 12 - 20, 2013 - noon - 6pm daily

The wonderful jazz duo of Steve Burtless on keyboard and Robert Pope on bass will be performing at the opening reception on Saturday, October 12, 6pm - 10pm.

Final reception Sunday, October 19, 6pm - 10pm

2558 N. San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA 90065

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.

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

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.

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.

NOV. 7th - TOURNAMENT OF ROSES HOUSE

391 S. Orange Grove Blvd. Exit 134 fwy at Orange Grove and turn south. Historical building and rose gardens. You'll also find lots of interesting houses in the general area to paint too. Bring lunch

NOV. 14th - RANCHO LOS ENCINO

16756 Moorpark St., Encino Opens at 10am. No fee Restored 1840's ranch buildings and a small pond. Street parking only. Shaded picnic area. Restrooms and water on site. 101 Ventura Freeway to Balboa exit. Go south to Moorpark St.. (new fire station on the left) Turn left onto Moorpark. Rancho on right.

NOV. - 21th LA RIVER

134 To the 5 freeway. 5 South, exit Los Feliz, east on Los Feliz over bridge, first right Glenfeliz, right on Sunnynook, turn right on Legion Ave to park (Legion runs along river). No restrooms, but gas station marts on Los Feliz just beyond Glenfeliz.

NOV. 28th - DESCANSO GARDENS, LA CANADA

Take 210 Fwy to Angeles Crest exit in La Canada, turn left at end of ramp to Foothill Blvd, turn right to Verdugo Blvd, turn left to Descanso Drive, proceed to garden entrance on your right. There is an entrance fee. We will meet at the patio for lunch.

DEC. 5TH - COBB ESTATE, ALTADENA

Located at the top of Lake Ave. Drive all the way to the end of Lake, when it curves you will see a black rod iron gate on your right. No structures to paint but lots of trees, mountains and rough trails. Park on the street. Bring lunch. No restrooms.

DEC. 12TH - TRAVEL TOWN, GRIFFITH PARK

5200 Zoo Dr. Los Angeles. Go west on the 210 FWY. Continue on the 134 FWY to Forest Lawn Dr. exit, continue on to the Travel Town sign (new sign might say Griffith Park). Park opens at 10:00 am. Lots of old trains to see and paint. Near L.A. Zoo. Bring lunch or check out snack bar.

DEC. 19TH - BRENDA SWENSON'S HOUSE

514 El Centro Street, South Pasadena
Bring food for the pot luck lunch and paint in the quaint neighborhood with beautiful Victorian houses. Brenda has quite the antique truck collection too, and we will paint on our group project.

DEC. 26TH - MONROVIA CANYON PARK, MONROVIA

1200 N. Canyon Blvd. Take 210 to Myrtle, north to Foothill, turn right on Canyon Dr. 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.

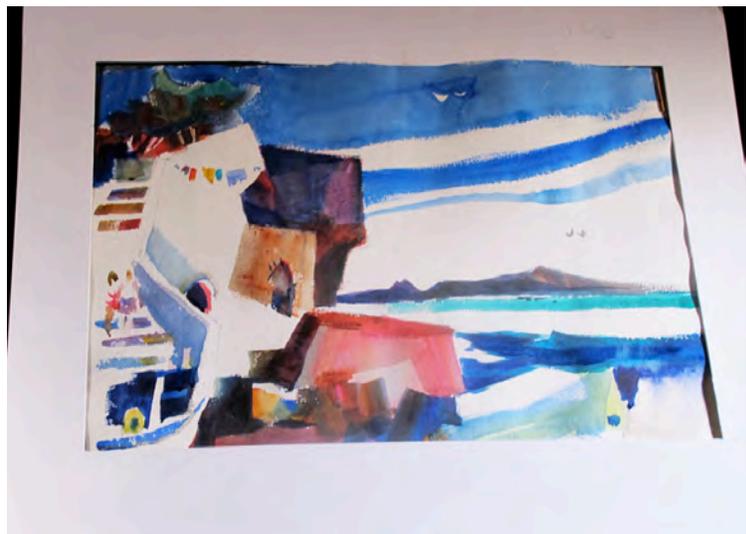
JAN. 2ND - OLD MILL, SAN MARINO

1120 Old Mill Road, San Marion. From Huntington turn north on S. Oak Knoll Ave, at Old Mill turn right. Opens at 10 am. Oil painters must bring a tarp. Bring lunch.

JAN. 9TH - SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA, IRWINDALE

Irwindale 210 fwy. to Irwindale off ramp, then south to Gladstone, turn right (west) into park area. Coming from the south go East on Arrow Hwy. Look for sign on your left. Once inside, park in first parking lot. Entry fee. Bring lunch.

SEPTEMBER MEETING



Demonstration by Ratindra Dass



Artist of the Month - T. K. Chau