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Art & the Artist

October 2014

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Demonstration by Mark Wood

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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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.

Mid-Valley Arts League normally has a year-long planning calendar, which is loaded with all of the upcoming events for 2014-15 term. Ask one of the officers to show it to you and you will be surprised. Upon reviewing the activities, I continue to be amazed at all that we do. In many ways, MVAL is like a fine tuned engine humming along on all cylinders; it appears this way because of the many dedicated artist members who contribute to our respectable success. Year after year, since our beginning, MVAL has blossomed and grown. I extend a big and sincere thank you to the many volunteers who contribute to MVAL's success. You are simply wonderful. The expression, "many hands make light work", comes to mind.

In next term, 2015-16, I will be 'running' for the position of Parliamentarian and many other positions will also require a change in leadership. The organization continues to grow with new members, and so, I call on those who have been considering contributing to MVAL's success to step up and be the new leaders. MVAL clearly needs you! Does this remind you of the WW II poster of Uncle Sam looking deeply into your eyes, if so, that is good.

When I first joined MVAL in 2005, I was an official 'bench-warmer', that is the position I wanted, because I was still working and it suited me fine. After I retired in 2008, MVAL changed for me; it became a source of friendship, education and growth. I am not going to evaporate, just transition to other responsibilities. Also, MVAL cannot in good conscience continue to ask the same dedicated members to re-volunteer for a third or fourth time. Simultaneously, I realize some members are honestly not able for a number of valid reasons to participate any more than they are now.

Somehow, the baton needs to be passed on to new volunteers/leaders. Be assured the pay is just awful, but the benefits are most rewarding. I can guarantee, that you will be the real beneficiary.

Armando Ruiz
President

MEETING DATES

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General Meeting will be October 15th - 7:30 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

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

OCTOBER DEMONSTRATION

Mark Wood

Mark has pursued the study of watercolor painting since 2000. His watercolors have been accepted in the San Diego Watercolor Society International Annual Exhibition and the Watercolor West Annual Exhibition. He is a member of Mid-Valley Arts League and served as their President from 2008-2010. He is a juried member of the Pasadena Society of Artists, Watercolor West and Valley Watercolor Society. He has also been invited to judge several art organizations annual exhibitions.

In 2003, Mark launched Fine Artists Factory (FAF), a drawing and painting studio, to support fellow fine artists, and to individually pursue his own fine art career. During the four years FAF was in Pasadena, Mark curated over 60 FAF gallery exhibitions and hosted more than 20 workshops with artists; Scott Burdick, Robert Burrige, Dan Goozé, Ernie Marjoram, Ted Nuttall, Charles Reid, Craig Srebnik, Joseph Stoddard, Brenda Swenson, Betsy Dillard Stroud, Frank Webb, and Eric Wiegardt.

Mark has developed his drawing skills through weekly figure drawing sessions at his studio. Currently he is working in acrylic, creating colorful figurative and landscape paintings that have a recognizable stylistic approach. Mark is a co-founder of Studio 2310 located in Duarte California, where he paints with fellow Studio2310 artists.

A native Californian, Mark spent his grade school years in Napa and Thousand Oaks. He completed high school and Junior College in the Birmingham, Michigan area. Mark has a BFA in Graphics/Packaging from Art Center College of Design '77. He has directed Mark Wood Design Office for over 30 years, and continues to produce marketing communication materials for business throughout California. For the past 30 years he has resided in the San Gabriel Valley with his wife, raising two daughters.

Nancy Shiershke
Program Chairman



ART OF THE MONTH

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!

October ----- **Thoughts and Colors of Fall**
November ----- **So Much to Be Thankful For**
December ----- **A Few of My Favorite Things .. Still life**
January ----- **City Scenes, Street Scenes,**
February ----- **In Love with Painting**
March ----- **Spring Colors and Fresh Starts**
April ----- **Portraits of People, Pets, and Animals**
May ----- **Vacation Plans,**
paintings of places you have visited
or would love to visit

Sandy Murphy
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.

COLORFUL ELEPHANT

Maybe someone else can use the art supplies and books you no longer need. Bring them to the general meeting! Mark each item with a price and your name and provide a container for money.

ABOUT THE COVER

The beautiful cover this month was painted by Michi Ikeda.

SUPPLIES FOR SALE

A former colleague of MVAL member Pat Hanft, who used to paint with her in Temple City, has not been able to paint for a number of years due to failing eyesight. She'd like to sell her paints, paper and brushes to current students or painters.

"For Sale: Sable Brushes, quality paper and watercolors at affordable prices, Joan Cheney, 626-443-4446"

ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

Lynne Fearman has been juried into the *Contemporary Masters, "Artistic Eden IV"* at the Pasadena Museum of History. Show will run thru December 31st.

Lynne Fearman has 2 pieces juried into *California Art League's "All that Glitters"* show at the Pasadena Women's City Club, at the Blinn House. 160 N. Oakland Ave. show runs thru January 36th. Open to the public.

MANZANAR XVII GROUP SHOW

California State University,
Dominguez Hills University Library Gallery
1000 E. Victoria St. Carson, CA 90747
310-243-3715

Check website for hours
September 2 – December 16, 2014
September 4 – Reception 6-8 pm
December 16, 2014 – Show closes

Several MVAL members are involved in this show, including Jan Wright, Michi and Ike Ikeda.

Paintings by Armando Ruiz will be exhibited at Live Oak Park in Temple City during the months of September and October. Members wishing to exhibit at Live Oak Park need to reserve space from Ike Ikeda.
Nancy Shiershke will be featured in Nov. - Dec.

SHOWS TO SEE

46th Watercolor West
International Juried Exhibition
October 11 - December 14, 2014

Brea Gallery Exhibition Opening
Saturday October 11 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

MVAL CALENDAR

Every month:
First Wed. - Board Meeting
Second Wen. - Crit Night
Third Wen. - General Meeting/Demonstration

September 18-20 Judy Morris Workshop

First Wen. - Christmas Banquet

March 19-21 - Dale Laitinen Workshop
March 21 - MVAL Show Painting Transporter Pick-up
March 22 MVAL Show - Take in
March 26 MVAL Show opens

April 25 - Saturday in the Park with the Masters

June 6 - MVAL Show ends
June 7 Artist Pick-up of paintings
June 17 - Scholarship Raffle
June 24 - June Banquet

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.

OCTOBER 9th - 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 for ten of us. Plan on joining us for lunch there.

Parking for \$3 off Broadway.

OCTOBER 16th - EATON CANYON, PASADENA

750 Altadena Drive. Take 210 Fwy to Altadena exit. Go north
on Altadena Dr. Cross New York Dr. Look for sign and
entrance on your right. Go down hill and park. Bring lunch.

OCTOBER 23rd - KERSTIN COURT, SIERRA MADRE

Corner of Sierra Madre Blvd and Baldwin Ave. in Sierra
Madre. Cute small town village w/ ample parking behind
Taylor's Meats and Produce. Lots of places to eat in town.
Let's share some pizza at Villagio's Pizza, just up the street!
We can put in an order to be ready for us at 12:30. Seating in
the back will provide shade and privacy to have our critique.

OCTOBER 30th - ALEGRIA STREET NORTH OF GRANDVIEW AVE. IN SIERRA MADRE

Between Baldwin Ave. and Mountain Trail. Halloween is a
big deal for this street so be prepared to paint pumpkins
and scary giant spiders! Lots of decorated houses along this
block.

NOVEMBER 7th - NEWCOMB'S RANCH, ANGELES FOREST

Take the Angeles Crest off-ramp from the 210 Fwy west.
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.

SHOW OPPORTUNITIES

Segil Fine Art invites you to enter their
12th Annual Small Works Show

Exhibition dates are December 6-31, 2014, with an artist's
wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, Saturday December 6,
5pm-8pm.

They are looking for original works of art, new or created
within the past year and all media will be accepted for
consideration.

Entry deadline for submitted images is November 7, 2014
Requirements:

- Up to 3 images will be considered for entry .
- Images must be emailed to Segilfineart.com in
high-resolution format with individual files labeled with
artist's name, title of artwork, size, medium and retail price.
- Completed entry form, entry fee and a print out of the
submitted images must be mailed to Segil Fine Art Gallery,
110 West Lime Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016.
- 2 dimensional artwork no larger than 9x12.
- 3 dimensional artwork no larger than 6x6x6.
- \$35 entry fee.

For complete entry information:

"<http://files.faso.us/28627/3669.pdf#page=1>"
by October 17, 2014

ARTWORK DROP-OFF: Saturday and Sunday, November 1 &
2, 2014 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SHOW DATES: November 15 - December 19, 2014

ARTWORK PICK-UP: Monday and Tuesday, December 29 &
30, 2014 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

OPENING: Saturday, November 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Artists for Art's Sake

MEDIUM: 2-D only (drawing, painting, photography,
multi-media)

ENTRY DEADLINE: On-line submissions due by October 17,
2014

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Artists for Art's Sake is an annual fund-raising
exhibition to benefit the art education programs at the
Millard Sheets Art Center, Fairplex. Located in Pomona, CA
the Millard Sheets Art Center provides year-round art exhibi-
tions and art education for students of all ages. Established
in 1936 as the Fine Arts Program of the Los Angeles County
Fair, the Millard Sheets Art Center was "the first major gallery
dedicated to art" in Los Angeles County. Our current pro-
grams continue the long tradition of acceptance and appre-
ciation of art forms and artists.

For Additional Information:

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NEW MEMBERS

Alan Krug Rosemead

"My art has been described as an organic and colorful reflection of the world."

Alan has taken classes with Margot Leuinert, Bill Bayer, Robert Warren and Dorothy Dent.

Alan received a BS in Journalism from Oklahoma State.

His hobbies include photography, painting, craft painting, travel, reading and movies. He has joined MVAL to expand his artistic range.



Rosina Maize La Canada

While working Rosina took many art classes and workshops in drawing, watercolor, and colored pencil. Now she dedicates her time to painting with oil, both plein air and in the studio. She paints primarily landscapes but also still life and some figure painting.

Rosina has a BA in English and an MS in Education. She has taught art to children thru out her career. Her pastimes also include crafts, knitting and grandparenting.

Rosina has enjoyed painting with the Thursdays in Plein Air group.



Photos of new members introduced last month:



Maria Castellano



Linda Salinas



Stanley Kiemicki

SEPTEMBER MEETING



Demonstration by Judy Morris



Artist of the Month - Ike Ikeda

IN MEMORIAM

Rosemary Imes, who became a MVAL member in 2005, passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at her residence.

Rosemary was a graduate of Pasadena High School and studied at Otis College of Art and Design and Art Center College of Design. She taught art at Maranatha High School and won several art shows across the nation.

The family requests donations be made to Community Hospice, 2330 Pollard Road, Ashland, KY 41101.