

MVAL

Art & the Artist

December 2010

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



**December Demo:
Five Merry Gentlemen**

happy
holidays



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2009 - 2010
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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are with 2010 ending, and what a wonderful year it has been for Mid-Valley.

The new Art & the Artist on-line has been a beautiful thing to behold, thanks to Joyce Nunamaker, Mark Wood and Roy Genger. They have all put a lot of work into making it a reality for all of us.

We have had some wonderful demonstrations and great workshops, but none will be better than our December demo with our five talented gentlemen who will do their best to entertain us. Many thanks to our wonderful Board of Directors who work so hard to make all our programs possible.

We have ended the year with a wonderful Christmas banquet, what could be better than good friends, good food & drink and good cheer! I hope that many more of you will join us in the coming year.

Wishing you the gift of good health and at least one masterpiece in the coming year.

Saralyn Lowenstein
President

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

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

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The January Board Meeting will be held:
Wednesday, January 5th, at 6:00 PM
at Live Oak Park, Temple City

MVAL GROUP SHOW

Our Anniversary Show is scheduled for April.
More details in later issues.

DECEMBER DEMO

FIVE MERRY GENTLEMEN

For our December meeting we are having five distinguished gentlemen artists of MVAL demonstrating in medium of their expertise.

We will have two watercolorist, two oil painters, and one acrylic painter. They will be painting their favorite subject using sketchbooks, photos or just out of their head.

We will have Sir Walter of Arcadia, the fearless leader of Thursday paintout group.

Master Tom of Alhambra will be painting in his dashing style in watercolor.

Very well respected watercolorist, Richard the Great from South Pasadena will show off his juicy, wet on wet painting skills.

Not to be out done, Duke Edwards of Duarte will be painting in his favorite medium.

Last, but not the least will be President Mark Woods will be painting "Something" in acrylic.

They will paint simultaneously so that you can move around and observe. Please come to our December meeting and let's cheer and encourage these five merry gentlemen. We can even critique their works just as some of them do with our own works. Come and join us and have fun at the last meeting of 2010.

Michi Ikeda
Program Chairman

HOLIDAY ART AND CRAFT SALE!!

December Holiday Arts and Craft Sales Table will be available for those who wish to participate. Please price your merchandise and handle any sales made.

ART & THE ARTIST COVERS NEEDED

If you are interested in providing a colored art-work cover for The Art and the Artist - please contact me or just email me an image at janunamaker@verizon.net.

A digital photo or scanned image is preferred, but I can also scan from a print, sketchbook or original. If the image is to be scanned it can not be larger than 8 1/2" x 11". Originals will be returned.

A decent shot (preferably no glare from glass and fairly straight on) taken with your digital camera will do.... I will take them and square them off a bit, so some minor cropping will occur. Work done in a class or workshop is also acceptable.

I would also like a bit of description of your work: what media, where it was painted, what attracted you to the subject.

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor Art and the Artist

RAFFLE INFORMATION

The MVAL Board has defined the perimeters of the General Meeting Art Demonstrators donated painting they are as follows:

- When a demonstrator donates a painting raffle tickets will be sold and all proceeds will be donated to the MVAL scholarship program.
- The cost of the raffle tickets will be 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 12 for \$10.
- The raffle tickets will be double sided and when you purchase a ticket one side will be placed in the drawing box for that meetings raffle. The other side of the ticket will be kept by the purchaser. The guest artist for the evening will select the winning ticket
- No records will be kept as to the purchaser so you must be there to win.
- No tickets will be kept from week to week. The tickets purchased will be discarded at the end of each raffle.

Peggy Moore
Raffle Chairman

COLORFUL ELEPHANT TABLE!!

White Elephant Sale Table will be back in January.

ART OF THE MONTH

Subjects for months to come:

December....."Home For The Holidays"

January....."Starting Out For the New Year"

This month's subject is "Home for the Holidays". It is not required to follow within the suggested monthly subject it is just to put out an idea to challenge the creative mind. Please keep bringing in your art to make a successful monthly event.

Yours In the Art World,

Chet Specht
Art of the Month Chairman



ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover art was painted by **Michi Ikeda**.

THURSDAY'S IN PLEIN AIR paint out

Questions or to confirm call Walter McNall (626) 446-1066
cell (626)664-0397

Bring lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy lunch.

Meet around 9:A.M., usually break for lunch, some stay and paint.

In case of rain we will cancel the paint out.

e-mail: mcnallthatsall@sbcglobal.net

DEC. 9th, E. WARD RANCH, Sierra Madre

273 E. Highland Ave. Exit 210 Fwy at Baldwin Ave and head north. E. Highland Ave is 2 blocks above Sierra Madre Blvd, right on E. Highland Ave. Lots of variety in subject matter. Don't forget to check out the store for great marmalades, jams... Bring lunch.

DEC. 16th, HOME OF BRENDA AND MIKE SWENSON 514 El Centro St., South Pasadena.

Take Fair Oaks or Orange Grove to Mission St, west on Mission St., left on Palm, right on El Centro St. Paint around old town South Pasadena, the Meridian Iron works, Rialto or at Brenda's home. Wherever you decide to paint be sure to be back at Brenda's house at 12:00 to share in holiday cheer, lunch, group painting, raffle... Pot luck dishes are welcome but not required.

ARTIST'S NEWS

Beverly Squire has 2 paintings on display at the CCAA Museum of Art, located in the Historic Filippi Winery in Rancho Cucamonga. Her paintings will be there until December 5th, 2010.

In addition, Beverly's Monotype entitled, "Weep No More, Follow Me", received the Gallery Merit Award at the Whittier Art Gallery Fall Show, "Wings".

Vicki Thomas's art work has been published on a full-color cover Chapbook titled, "Blooming Red, Christmas Poetry for the Rational". It features large red clematis flowers against green with black and white reproductions inside.

<http://www.budurl.com/BloomingRed>

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The first cover featured Vicki's watercolor painting, *Iris Garden*, the book titled "Cherished Pulse"

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Both books were written by poets Carolyn Howard-Johnson (Los Angeles) and Magdalena Ball (Australia).

IN MEMORIAM

Long time MVAL member Bet Reed passed away Sat. Nov. 27th after suffering a stroke. Bet was an active 96 years old and was still driving herself! Bet joined MVAL in 1967, 43 years! She will be missed by all who knew her.

WORKSHOPS

Brenda Swenson upcoming workshops:

January 22& 23, 2011, Color Theory for Watercolorist,
2-Day Workshop, \$175.00
VIVA Art Center, Sherman Oaks, CA

February 5 & 6, 2011, Watercolor Sketching Techniques,
2-Day Workshop
Schroeder Studio Gallery, Orange, CA,
Info: judy@schroederstudio.com (714) 633-0653

February 18, 19, & 20, 2011, Sketching with Watercolor,
3-Day Workshop
2350 Honolulu Ave., Montrose, CA
Info: Brenda@swensonsart.net (626) 441-6562

September 3-13, 2011, Tuscany En Plein Air

10 glorious days sketching and painting in Tuscany. We will be staying in beautifully restored Tuscan farmhouse. Day trips will be to Cinque Terra, San Gimignano, the walled city of Lucca...

For more information or a brochure contact Brenda Swenson at

Brenda@SwensonsArt.net or (626) 441-6562.

SHOWS TO ENJOY

Segil Fine Art Gallery Small Works Show.

Participating MVAL artists are: *Lynne Fearman, Jean Tannhauser, Lee Edwards, Carol Fuller, Walter McNall, Gail Holl, Frances Pampeyan, Beverly Squire, Mark Wood*

December 4th through December 29th.

110 West Lime Ave.
Monrovia CA 91016
(626)358-5563
Segilfineart.com
info@segilfineart.com

The Art of WESTWAYS

Classic Covers from Westways Magazine

Nov. 14, 2010 - Feb 21, 2011

Pasadena Museum of California Art
490 E. Union Street
Wen. - Sun. noon - 5pm
\$7 adults, \$5 seniors (Auto Club members receive \$2 off)

Remembering HENRY FUKUHARA

October 28 - December 10, 2010

Opening Reception: October 28 • 5-6:30 pm

Santa Monica College
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1227 2nd Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
310-434-4306
Gallery Houses: 8:30am - 4:30pm, Mon. - Fri

NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

90th Annual Exhibition

NWS Gallery, San Pedro, California

Exhibition Dates:

October 30 – December 11, 2010

915 S. Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90731.

WATERCOLOR WEST 42nd Annual Exhibition

City of Brea Art Gallery

Oct 9 - Dec 19

1 Civic Center Cir
Brea, California 92821

THE ART OF MILFORD ZORNES

Friendships & Inspiration

Dec 12, 2010 - Feb 20, 2011

CCAA Museum of Art
located within the J. Felippi Winery
12467 Baseline Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Fri. - Sun. - noon to 5pm

MVAL ANNIVERSARY SHOW

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRE-REGISTRATION by MAIL

Entries to the 2011 Mid-Valley Arts League Annual Member Show will be accepted by submitting ALL of the entry information using the PRE-REGISTRATION FORM that will appear in the January, February and March issue of the Art and The Artist Newsletter.

This is something new to MVAL and is worth a try. It will make processing the entries much easier and faster. It will allow show tags to be made in advance of take in day, we will know how many pieces to expect and the size of each piece for hanging purposes. There are many advantages to this method of entry, it will not be difficult if the instructions are followed.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

JoAnn Formia
2011 Member Show Chair

Dates & Information for the show:

Pre-Registration: forms to be published in future Newsletter or picked up at the January and February meetings.

All entries will be pre-paid.

Fees will be \$17.00 for one painting and \$30.00 for two.

Limit will be 2 paintings.

TAKE IN: Friday, April 15, 2011 - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 16, 2011 9:00 am to noon

JUDGING: Saturday 10:00 am to noon

HANGING: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 17 - Show Opens - 12:00 - 4:00pm
reception and awards

Show Dates and Hours

Mon. April 18 - 9am - 4pm

Tues. April 19 - same as above

Wen. April 20 - same as above

Thurs. April 21 - 12:00 noon to 8:00pm

Fri. April 22 - 12:00 noon to 8:00pm

Sat. April 23 9am - 4pm

PICK UP: Promptly at 4:00pm Saturday, April 23

GEORGE HANFT AWARD

For our MVAL ANNIVERSARY SHOW this year - we will have a special award in the memory of George Hanft. Those wishing to contribute to this award may do so at the general meeting or by making a check out to MVAL.

Joan Mc Kasson
CREATIVE EXPLORATIONS IN WATERCOLOR
Landscape, Floral and Collage Workshop
March 17 – 19, 2011

Joan Mc Kasson, a nationally recognized watercolor painter and juror will present a three day intensive workshop covering innovative approaches to watercolor. Join us in exploring an improvisational approach to painting that capitalizes on the natural free-flowing characteristics of the medium.

Demonstrations will show ways to take advantage of the happy accidents that occur in this method. Techniques presented include the wet into wet approach, glazing, negative shape making, use of gouache and collage in combination with watercolor. Using your own photos or sketches, you will learn to create expressive watercolor paintings that are alive with color, patterns and textures. If you are looking for a new direction to energize your paintings, this workshop is for you. Open to all levels of experience, this workshop will complement any painter's skill level.

About the Artist:

Joan Mc Kasson is a well known artist and teacher. Her enthusiastic and inspirational style provide the backdrop of her watercolor and water media workshops. Her paintings find their base in the reaction to free-flowing pigments and the abstract patterns created in this approach.

She teaches throughout the U.S. and internationally. Mc Kasson is a signature member of Watercolor West, San Diego Watercolor Society, Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and an elected member of the San Diego Artists Guild. An award-winning artist, she has exhibited in national and international exhibitions. Her paintings are included in the publications: Finding Your Visual Voice, The Best of Watercolor 2, Best of Flower Painting 2, The Artistic Touch 1, 2, 3 & 4; Basic Flower Painting and The New Spirit of Watercolor. Visit Joan's website for more information, www.joanmckasson.com.



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CREATIVE EXPLORATIONS IN WATERCOLOR
Landscape, Floral and Collage Workshop

This three day workshop is open to all levels of experience. It will complement any painter's skill level.
Thursday, March 17 – 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Church of the Good Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia.

WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 22 PEOPLE.

Registration is based on receipt of check and registration form. The workshop will be filled in order of registrations received. A Materials List will be emailed within four weeks of the workshop along with directions to Live Oak Park.

FEE: MVAL members \$240 Non-members: \$270

A deposit of \$75 must be submitted with registration.
Payment in full is due by March 12th, 2011.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER MARCH 14th.

QUESTIONS: Email to Susan Gutschow, workshop chairman at [HYPERLINK "mailto:susangatsp@aol.com" susangatsp@aol.com](mailto:susangatsp@aol.com). Or call (626) 799-1595. Mail registration form and check to Susan Gutschow, 1618 Laurel Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

REGISTRATION FORM
JOAN McKASSON WORKSHOP
March 17 - 19, 2011

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.
If you do not use email, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) as well.

Check one: MVAL Member _____ Non Member _____

Please make your check payable to Mid-Valley Arts League and mail to
Susan Gutschow, 1618 Laurel Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030-4711.

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Newsletter via E-mail

GO GREEN!

We are working on reducing our monthly expensed for MVAL.

If you have email and would like to receive your Newsletter in your email?

The advantage of an emailed newsletter are:

- 1- Reduction in printing and mailing costs.
- 2- We will be able to have paintings and photographs in COLOR.
- 3- No limit to size of newsletter, so hopefully emailed version will include images that will not appear in the printed version.
- 4- You can archive the newsletters on your hard drive and never misplace a newsletter again!
- 5- You will be doing something good for the environment!

If you want to be on the list - email Julie Crouch
jmccrouch@earthlink.net

MVAL CRIT GROUP

There will be no CRIT GROUP meeting in December.

Next meeting for the MVAL CRIT GROUP will be on Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30.

The MVAL CRIT GROUP is open to anyone who wants an opportunity for growth and feedback as an artist. Held on the second Wednesday of each month, September – June. Everyone is to bring at least one painting, compete or nearly complete, to share and discuss in a friendly constructive environment. Invite your artist friends.

Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

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.

Crit night is on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month for the 2010-2011 MVAL year: no December crit night, Jan.12, 2011, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, April 13, May 11.

Contacts: Kay Fox, kay@kayfoxart.com
and Carol Fuller.

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