

MVAL

Art & the Artist

December 2011

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



December Demonstration: Women of MVAL

Happy Holidays!



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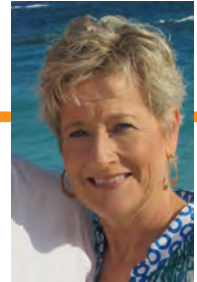
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Deadline is the first Wednesday of the
 month. If you have an event that takes
 place in the first half of the month - be
 sure to get it in the month before.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At our November meeting, one of our own members, Bjlane, delivered a lively and most interesting demonstration using oil bars. Thanks, Bj, for inspiring us and introducing us to a new (to me, anyway) medium! Congratulations to Richard Gutschow who was voted November's Artist of the Month, with several other excellent artists coming in a close second.

December's demonstration will feature five terrific women artists, Jan Wright, Nancy Shiershke, Lynne Fearman, Gail Holl and Shirley Manning who are sure to entertain us with their talents. I know that December 21 is awfully close to Christmas, but hope that you will come and celebrate with your friends at MVAL.

The Holiday Banquet was a big success, thanks to the planning of Chet Specht and Karen Carter. Joyce Nunamaker and Fred McCall provided the entertainment. We are very fortunate to have such gifted musicians among us who generously share their talent!

Gerald Brommer's workshop is still a while off on March 29-31, 2012, but it's filling up very quickly with only a handful of spaces open, so do get your application and check in SOON if you plan on attending!

Here's wishing you a healthy holiday season and happy 2012!

Julie Crouch
President

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The December General Meeting will be December 21st - 7:30 PM
 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 4th at 7:30
 Live Oak Park, Temple City

DECEMBER DEMONSTRATION

Women of MVAL

We are back again. What is back again? It is December and traditionally December is the month for fun, fellowship and celebration.

This year we are having a demonstration by the MVAL artists of the fairer gender. They are prettier and fairer than the gentlemen we had last year. We are going to have group demonstrations by five outstanding artists of MVAL. I asked them to demonstrate because they bring to our December meeting quite a variety of media and styles of art.

Jan Wright of Claremont will show us how to use watercolor and oil sticks together in abstract painting.

Nancy Shiershke of Arcadia will demonstrate in traditional watercolor.

Lynne Fearman of Sierra Madre will show her masterful skill with oil painting.

Gail Holl of Arcadia will demonstrate her skill in pastel.

Last, but definitely not the least, **Shirley Manning** of Pasadena will paint with watercolor on non-traditional surface.

We should have a great evening. Because it is a group setting you can come up close to observe and ask questions, as you wish.

I would like to thank these five very fine artists for accepting the invitation to demonstrate. We have a wonderful organization full of members who are willing to help out.

Thank you all for giving me an opportunity to serve you.

*Michi Ikeda
Program Chairman*

HOLIDAY ART AND CRAFT SALE

There will be some table space available for **Holiday Sales** of Christmas Holiday art and craft gift items. Please contact Michi Ikeda at 626-332-7782 by Dec. 19th.

COLORFUL ELEPHANT

There will be no **White Elephant Sales** table for December 21st meeting.

About the Cover

Cover art was provided by **Michi Ikeda**.



Lynne Fearman



Gail Holl



Jan Wright



Nancy Shiershke

ART OF THE MONTH

For December "Holiday Memories"

Interpret how you want, still life, landscape or an abstract, it's all up to the creative minds out there.

The goal for the art of the month contributions this year is to get members to branch into different and maybe challenging ideas.

For months to come:

Jan."Dancing Light"
Feb."Seascapes"
Mar."Urban Ville"
Apr....."Cloud Study"
May....."Landscape"
June..... .."Adventures in Art"

This leads me into our club's responsibility to Camilos Restaurant. We need paintings to change the exhibit. They have space for 11 paintings.

Requirements:

Measurements, minimum of 18"X25" and maximum of 28"X36"; 1 small 18"X25"

Chet Specht
Art of the Month Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

Devorah Friedman
44 Glenflow Ct.
Glendale, CA 91206
818-246-2533
doris91206@aol.com
Watercolor

"I find my subjects from all walks of life and love the challenge of bringing that face to life with brilliant color."

Devorah has studied with Fealing Lin for many years and has a passion for portrait work. She is a signature member of Watercolor West, a member of San Gabriel Fine Arts Association, Pasadena Society of Fine Arts and Verdugo Hills Art Association.

Devorah received Best of Show for her portrait at San Gabriel Arts Association in the fall of 2011.

She is joining MVAL to meet other artists and experience new techniques and also to demonstrate her work.

Lee Johnson
356 Noren St.
La Canada, CA 91011
818-790-0292
leeshopo1@sbcglobal.net
Watercolor

"Creating energizes me, makes me happy and more thoughtful."

Lee studied art in classes at P.C.C. and has attended several art workshops.

She is joining MVAL to create new friendships and gain new ideas in art.

ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

JoAnn Formia, Shirley Manning and Jan Wright are joining forces for the third consecutive year to present new work at

"*Three for Three*," La Canada Flintridge Public Library, 4545 Oakwood Ave., La Canada, CA 91011 – 818-790-3330. Closed Sunday. The show will end on January 5. Call ahead to be sure the gallery will be open.

JoAnn Formia will have an exhibition of her work in the *Crain Art Gallery*, Crowell Public Library, 1890 Huntington Dr., San Marino
Reception & Demonstration:

Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 6 to 8 pm

Exhibition, January 9, 2012 - February 16, 2012

Gallery Hours:

M - Th 10 am - 9 pm, Sat. 10 am - 5 pm, Sun. 12 pm - 5 pm

Setsuko Okubo has a painting in the San Diego Watercolor Society show now on view in San Diego.

Julie Crouch has a painting in the Brand Library and Gallery show in Glendale this month.

Brenda Swenson's painting "*Going Nowhere*" won an award in the Watercolor West Annual Exhibition and she also had a painting accepted into the San Diego Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition. She was a featured artist in Watercolor Artist Magazine (October issue).

MVAL artists accepted into the 2011 *Watercolor West* show which is open at the City of Brea Gallery through Dec. 18th include **Hanna Adler, Michi Ikeda, Linda Fullmer, Mary Gilman, Tom Fong, Francesca Brayton, George Laing, Chris Van Winkle, Fealing Lin, Jim Salchek, Brenda Swenson and Nancy Dorn.**

WORKSHOPS

Brenda Swenson

Negative Painting with Watercolor, \$260.00

February 17, 18, & 19, 2012,

Montrose, CA, Info: Brenda@SwensonsArt.net

Brenda Swenson

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www.montfaucontours.com

GERALD BROMMER WORKSHOP

Gerald Brommer is deeply involved in art as a watercolor and acrylic painter, collagist, teacher, author and juror. He has won awards in most national watercolor shows and has had over 180 solo shows in galleries from Alaska to Florida. His work is in over 4500 private and corporate collections in 44 states and 8 countries overseas. He is a Life Member and Past President of the National Watercolor Society. His complete biography is listed in Who's Who in American Art, and Who's Who in America. He is a signature member of the California Art Club.



GERALD F. BROMMER WATERCOLOR OR ACRYLIC MEDIA WORKSHOP DESIGNING WITH WATERMEDIA AND COLLAGE

This three-day workshop is geared for intermediate to advanced students.

Dates:

Thursday, March 29 – 31, 2012, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:

Either in Arcadia or Temple City TBA in January 2012.

WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 22 PEOPLE

Registration is based on receipt of deposit and registration form.
The workshop will be filled in order of receipt of registration and deposit.

FEE: MVAL members \$255 Non-members: \$285
A deposit of \$85 must be submitted with registration.
Final payment is due by March 21, 2012
NO REFUNDS AFTER March 21, 2012

QUESTIONS:

email to Peggy Moore, workshop chairperson at pegtime@gmail.com.
Or call (213) 617-2598.
Mail registration form and check to Peggy Moore, 121 So. Hope St. #337, L.A., CA 90012

REGISTRATION FORM GERALD BROMMER Workshop

March 29 - 31, 2012

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 MVAL (Mid-Valley Arts League)
and mail to Peggy Moore, 121 So. Hope St. #337, L.A., CA 90012

NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

MVAL MEMBERS ANNIVERSARY SHOW CALL FOR ENTRIES

2012 Mid-Valley Arts League 59th Annual Members Show

Frostig Center and School, 971 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena
Show dates: **Wednesday, April 11, 2012 through Saturday, April 14, 2012**
Juror: Phyllis Doyon

Show Opens, Wednesday, April 11, 12:00 - 8:30 PM

RECEPTION and AWARDS
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
6:30 PM Reception - 7:30 PM Awards

RULES:

PRE- REGISTRATION by MAIL

Postmark Deadline, **Wednesday, March 21, 2012**. Artwork received at take-in must be the same as on the registration forms. ALL work must be PRE-REGISTERED, all others will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee per entry.

FEES: \$17.00 for one entry, \$30.00 for two entries, LIMIT TWO ENTRIES PER ARTIST.

Make checks payable to MVAL and MAIL (fees, completed registration forms) to: JoAnn Formia,
2062 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104

TAKE IN: Monday, April 9, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

PICK UP: Saturday, April 14, 2012, 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Any work not picked up at that time will be assessed a \$25.00 transport/storage fee.

ELIGIBILITY and PREPARATION: Original work, by members in good standing of MVAL, not over 2 years old, wire hangers only, plexi only, size not to exceed 48" in any direction, including frame. Paintings must be titled and identified with price or NFS.

SHOW DATES/ TIMES: **Wednesday, April 11, 12:00 noon to 8:30 PM (Reception 6:30 PM)**

Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13, 10:00 AM to 7 PM

Saturday, April 14, 9 AM to 3 PM (CLOSING) **Pick up 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

NOTE: All entering the show are expected to be available to sit the gallery.

HONOR COURT: Entries submitted by members of the Honor Court will be juried separately and awarded prizes separately. Membership in the Honor Court will be determined by the Selection Committee using criteria including publication of the artist's work, signature membership in other art organizations, service as juror in art exhibitions and teaching experience.

SALES: A donation to MVAL for the MVAL Scholarship Fund of 25% of any sales made during the 2012 Annual MVAL Members Exhibition would be greatly appreciated.

REGISTRATION FORMS

----- MAIL THIS PORTION -----

Mail registration form and check to: **JoAnn Formia, 2062 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104**

My signature releases MVAL, officers and members of any liability for damages of any sort, including theft, of my art work displayed during this exhibit 4/9/2012 thru 4/14/2012.

Print Name: _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Remember to attach info to the back of your painting, SEE NEXT PAGE

THURSDAYS 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 9A.M., usually break for lunch, some stay
and paint.

In case of rain we will cancel the paint out.

e-mail: mcnallthatsall@sbcglobal.net

DECEMBER 15th, HOME OF BRENDA & MIKE SWENSON, CHRISTMAS PARTY

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 & Mike's home. Wherever you
decide to paint be sure to be back at the house by 12:00 to
share in holiday cheer, lunch, group painting, raffle... Pot
luck dishes are welcomed but not required.

DECEMBER 22nd, HAPPY HOLIDAYS! NO PAINT-OUT

DECEMBER 29th, HAPPY HOLIDAYS! NO PAINT-OUT

Get ready for lots of painting in the New Year!

JANUARY 5TH, PECK RD PARK, ARCADIA

Peck Rd. below Live Oak, after 2nd light look on West side of
street for a small blue sign PECK RD PARK WATER CONSERVA-
TION. Good view of mountains, water in small lake with lots
of reflections. Rest rooms and picnic tables, bring lunch.

JANUARY 12TH, ROSE BOWL, PASADENA

Meet near the Aquatic/Tennis Court area at the south end of
parking lot. Good view of the Rose Bowl and the San Gabriel
mountains. Nice picnic area for critique and picnic lunch.

JANUARY 19TH, CIVIC CENTER, SAN DIMAS

245 E. Bonita Ave. Meet behind the Civic Center in the
park. 210 east, exit San Dimas turn right, at East 1st St turn
left, two blocks to the park. Plenty of parking. Interesting
views to paint nearby.

EXHIBITS TO SEE!

*Here are some general announcements of upcoming shows.
Solo shows and individual involvement in shows are under
ARTIST NEWS.*

*More information on these shows can usually be found on-line,
or often flyers are at the general meetings.*

Watercolor West's 43rd Annual Juried Exhibition,

October 15 through December 18, 2011, City of Brea Art
Gallery, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea

The House that Sam Built: Sam Maloof and Art in the Pomona Valley, 1945-1985,

September 24 through January 30, 2012, Huntington
Library's Boone Gallery, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino

Info forms for MVAL Show

Remember to attach info to the back of your painting.

Return with entry form and check
Entry #1 OPEN SHOW () ** HONOR CT ()

Name _____

Phone _____

Title _____

Price _____ Size _____

*Category _____

Attach to back of painting
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*Categories: Abstract, Animal, Floral/Still Life, Genre,
Landscape, Portraits/Figure, Seascape,
Structural/Mechanical, Non-Objective.

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Entry #2 OPEN SHOW () ** HONOR CT ()

Name _____

Phone _____

Title _____

Price _____ Size _____

*Category _____

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Name _____

Phone _____

Title _____

Price _____ Size _____

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If possible, it is easier for me if I receive text documents in PDF format, simple text, or in the body of an email. Pictures in JPEG.

My contact info is on the first page of every newsletter, right next to the President's Message.

Art and the Artist Covers

I am in need of cover art for the newsletter! If you would like to send me artwork, please send a JPEG to janunamaker@verizon.net

If you are unable to send email, you may send me a photo or small original (returnable) and I can do a scan. Finished paintings, classroom work or sketchbook art are all acceptable (make sure you do have rights to the work).

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor, Art & the Artist

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALLERY paintings are needed for the MVAL Gallery at Live Oak Park, Temple City. If you are interested in showing your work contact Marion Melchiorre 626-757-6182.

MVAL ARCHIVES - paperwork, photos, past Art & the Artists, and other property. We have 50 year's worth of materials. These things have been scattered among members for storage and there is no clear record of who has what! If you are storing anything for MVAL, PLEASE contact Julie Crouch and let her know what it is that you have!

Art & the Artist via E-mail

Are you aware that the cost to mail a hard copy of Art and the Artist is \$2.00 per person per issue? That's \$20.00 per year per person for all 10 issues. On the other hand, the cost to e-mail a copy of Art and the Artist is ZERO (and all of the images in the e-mail version are in glorious color!).

We know that not all of our members have access to e-mail, but for those of you who do, please opt to receive Art and the Artist by e-mail by completing the form below and mailing it to:

Julie Crouch, Directory Co-Chair
or by e-mailing Julie Crouch at:
jmccrouch@earthlink.net.
Thank you!

I wish to receive Art and the Artist by e-mail

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail to Julie Crouch, 378 Berkshire Avenue, La Canada, CA 91011

MVAL CRIT GROUP

NO CRIT MEETING THIS MONTH

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, every month except December.

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.

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

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Artist of the Month

