

MVAL

# Art & the Artist

December 2023

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Jane Levy

**Demonstration -  
MVAL Members Kate McDaniel & Lynne Fearman**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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2023 - 2024  
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Membership in MVAL:  
Membership is open to artists and art lovers  
of all levels.  
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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



*"Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it  
could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."*

-- A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

Dear Members,

I know with all the stress these days, focusing on the goodness in life can be challenging. But feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a gift and not giving it. So ... a big thank you to everyone in MVAL for your participation this year — and, especially, to all those who volunteered.

Shuang Li's November demonstration for us was absolutely beautiful! She will be conducting a workshop for MVAL on January 29th and the 31st, so don't miss out on what will be a tremendous experience at a great price!

The December Meeting also promises to be a real treat: Lynne Fearman from the Honor Court and Kate McDaniel, Best of Show Winner from this year's Members Exhibition, will be conducting live demonstrations — simultaneously — and telling us about their work. There will be no Artist of the Month in December; but, your copy of the new Directory will be available for pickup.

Finally, it's official, May 4th 2024 is now a confirmed date for next year's Masters In The Park, so please ink it in your calendars and let your friends and patrons know.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a creative New Year!

Best regards,

**John Byram**  
*MVAL President*

## MEETING DATES

### DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

### IN PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

December 20th, 2023 - 7:30 PM  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

### JANUARY BOARD MEETING

January 3rd, 2023 - 7:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom...

# DECEMBER DEMONSTRATION

## KATE McDANIEL & LYNNE FEARMAN

**Kate McDaniel** was born and raised in Glendale, California, but later in life spent 17 years in Maryland before returning to California in 2002. She completed her education at the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's degree in Studio Art and went on to get a Bachelors and Masters in Art Education and taught Art in Middle and High School in Maryland for 9 years.

Upon returning to California, she began exploring watercolor. She enjoys studio and plein-air painting as well as painting still life with a contemporary flare, flowers, and negative painting. She likes the challenge of watercolor painting to create a visual mood on paper that evokes a memory, a feeling, or a moment in time. Other interests are collage, gouache, and gel printing!

She has been on the Board of Mid Valley Arts League for several years, and has won several awards in their exhibits. Her paintings have been selected for Watercolor West the past two years.



### IN PERSON MEETING

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**Lynne Fearman** is an active member of Mid-Valley Arts League, (president from 2006-2008), artist member of California Art Club, Oil Painters of America, and American Impressionist Society.

Fearman was invited to create, "Bearlovian Paradise", a permanent art installation for the Monrovia Library in 2010. In 2015 she received the Grand Prize for the Los Angeles Plein Air Festival, which led to her invitation to participate in the Washington Plein Air Festival, "Paint the Peninsula!" in 2016. In 2018 & 2019 OPA awarded her the "Award of Excellence" in the National Show during the Wet Paint Competition. She won the "Gold Medal" at California Art League's Gold Medal Show in 2017. Lynne is the location master for the Thursdays en Plein Air Group that meets to paint every week.

Lynne will be demonstrating how to rough in a background and continue to a completed landscape in oils. All to be finished in an hour and a half.



### ZOOM MEETING

For those preferring to stay home.  
You will receive an email before the meeting telling you how to log on ZOOM to attend.  
The meeting will be open for log-in starting around 7pm.

## ART OF THE MONTH

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There will be no Artist of the Month in December. Save your winter and holiday paintings for January!

- **Nikki Thomas**  
*Artist of the month Chairman*

## ON THE COVER

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The lovely fall lake scene was painted by **Jane Levy**.

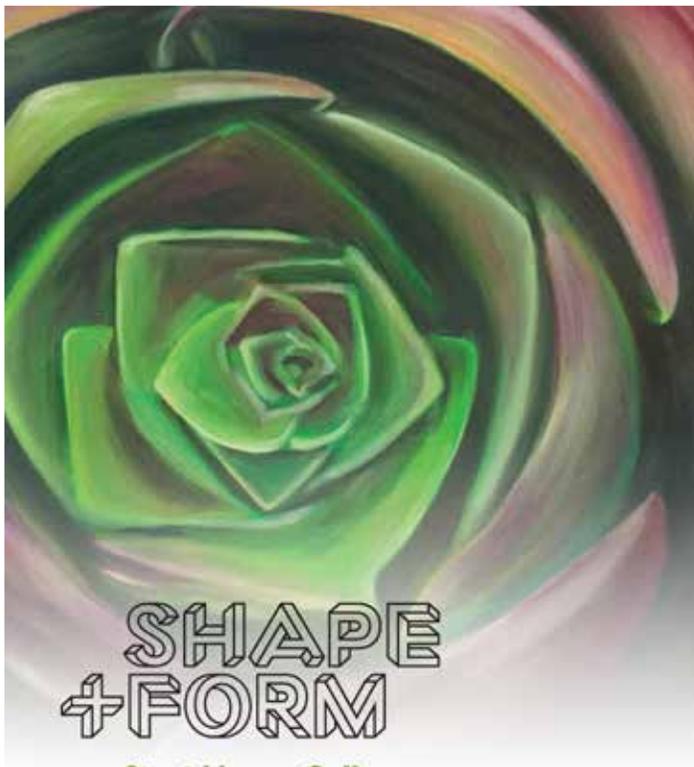
I need cover art!  
Art does not need to be full paintings, sketches and workshop work is welcome.  
Send your images to [janunamaker@verizon.net](mailto:janunamaker@verizon.net) and help me collect a folder full of images to use!

Thank you,  
**Joyce Nunamaker**  
*Editor, Art and the Artist*

## ARTIST'S NEWS

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Several MVAL members are involved in this show.



**SHAPE  
+ FORM**

Sturt Haaga Gallery  
Oct. 28, 2023–Jan. 28, 2024



Artwork: Reef Succulent, Kelli Kunkle-Day

## THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

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To confirm or ask questions  
Call Lynne Fearman (626) 355-7562 cell: (626) 487-6566  
Bring lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy.

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

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 direction.

Bring a folding chair, hat, bug spray, and umbrella if you have  
one. We will cancel in case of rain or very high heat.

### DEC 14th - LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM

301 North Baldwin, Arcadia. Meet for lunch and sharing  
at the Peacock Café.

### DEC 21st - FALLEN LEAF FARM, AT THE HOME OF MICHELL LOFTHOUSE.

1145 Orange Avenue in Monrovia Christmas Potluck!  
Bring a dish of your choice. Enjoy the Festive Holiday  
spirit of this house.

### DEC 28th - OLVERA STREET, LOS ANGELES

Some of us like to take the train in because it's right across  
the street from Union Station. We usually have lunch there  
before getting back on the train.

## MVAL DIRECTORY

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Our new directory is finished!

If you attend the general meeting on December 20th, you  
will be able to pick up your directory in person, and save  
MVAL the cost of postage.  
If not, the new directory will be mailed to you.

# Shuang Li Watercolor Workshop

shuangliwatercolors.com

## “Creating Masterful Compositions”

This workshop will be focusing on COMPOSITION and DESIGN.

You will learn how to successfully turn your own sketches into a well-designed painting. Our teacher, Shuang Li, will help you answer these questions:

- What are important compositional elements and design principles to consider?
- How do we use life sketches and reference materials in our composition?
- How do we select shapes, lights, colors, and other visual elements in our composition?
- How do we create dramatic atmosphere?



# Shuang Li Watercolor Workshop

January 28 & 31, 2024

## ZOOM WORKSHOP

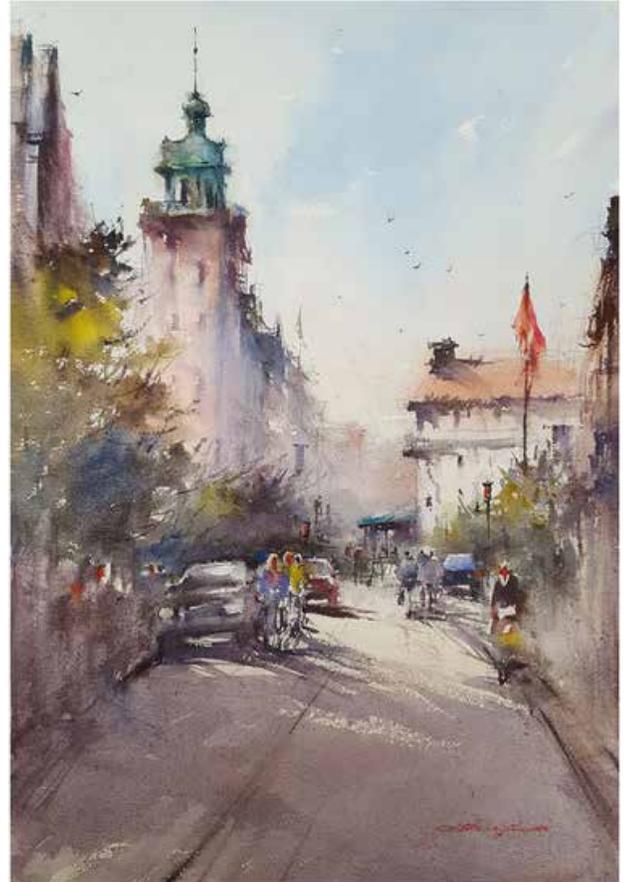
### SHUANG LI

Born, raised and classically trained in China, Shuang Li received her BA Degree in Graphic Design and Master's Degree in Art History. After moving to the United States, Shuang Li received her MFA (Master of Fine Art) Degree from The Department of Art, University of Oregon, in 1991.

Following the traditional "En Plein Air" Impressionism approach, Shuang paints watercolor both on location and in her studio. She portrays the extraordinary variety of life with her unique perspective. With masterful classic and contemporary techniques, Shuang recreates nature's beauty in her paintings by capturing moods and moments of light and color. She is noted for her singular poetic expression.

A signature member of the National Watercolor Society, American Impressionist Society, American Society of Marine Artists, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, San Diego Watercolor Society, and Watercolor West, and an Elected Artist Member of California Art Club,

Shuang Li's watercolor paintings have long been favored by collectors. She has also exhibited in national and international galleries and group shows and has earned many honorable awards. With her extensive teaching background, Shuang has been regularly invited by art organizations for her popular plein air painting demonstrations, art workshops, and classes. She also frequently serves as an invited juror for art competitions and art exhibitions.



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### REGISTRATION

Please use this form to register for the workshop.

This two-day workshop is for intermediate to advanced participants.

**PC, iPad or Smart Phone and Internet access will be needed.**

Shuang Li Online Workshop,  
"Creating Masterful Compositions"  
January 29 (Mon) & 31 (Wed), 2024  
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$125 MVAL Members /  
\$150 NonMembers.  
No Refunds after January 20, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is my check for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  MVAL Member  Non Member

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