

MVAL

# Art & the Artist

October 2018

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Armando Ruiz

**Demonstration by Christina Ramos**

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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



The Mid-Valley train is definitely on track to have a wonderful year, thanks to many dedicated volunteers who take on a responsibility and follow through with excellence.

Christina Ramos will be our demonstrator October; she is an accomplished-prolific artist and she is much more than portrait painter. Enjoy her wonderful website. While she is seems primarily an acrylic painter; she has a teaching for All of us. She represents Golden Paints an outstanding organization, which is an employee owned company. On several occasions I have sent a question to Golden expecting a two sentence response and they have sent back 2 or 3 pages of detailed information...clearly outstanding technical service; also they are now making a watercolor paint called QoR.

Be on alert for the dates of the Members Exhibition because it is coming early this year; it's right around the bend says our chair, Frances Ortiz. The Rise Parberry workshop will most probably be a sell out; she is most talented and you can ask Julie Crouch for her opinion. Also, stay alert for the Kathleen Scoggin workshop coming in April of 2019. Great job, John Taggart.

I recently was interviewed by Rebecca Zhu a very bright 16 year old Arcadia High School student about being president and about Mid-Valley's mission, activities and value to the community. The writing task confirmed what most of us already have experienced; MVAL is a wonderful organization, which has served many for decades. So survey our many activities and share in the good work. You will most definitely be the beneficiary.

**Armando Ruiz**  
*President*

## MEETING DATES

### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General Meeting will be October 17th - 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 November 7th - 7:30 PM  
 Live Oak Park, Temple City

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

### CHRISTINA RAMOS

Christina Ramos is a nationally recognized artist from Southern California. Specializing in figurative realism, Christina was recently named as an "Artist to Watch in 2015" by Southwest Art Magazine, and as one of America's Great Painters by American Galleries (<http://americangallery.wordpress.com>). Her work has been shown throughout the United States and has been honored with awards from the Portrait Society of America, the Society Acrylic and Casein Painters, the National Acrylic and Oil Painters Society, the International Society of Acrylic Painters and many more.

Raised in a family of artists, craftsmen, and musicians, Christina's talent was recognized at an early age. Although she studied architecture and interior design during college, it was not until she was home raising her four children that she began focusing on painting. She refined her skills in figurative painting at the Los Angeles Academy of Figurative Art. Her innovative use of acrylic has made her a much sought after demonstrator and instructor. She is currently a Golden Working Artist representing Golden Artist Colors, Williamsburg Handmade Oils, and QoR Watercolor companies.

Christina's work has been shown at the Santa Paula Museum of Art, San Diego Museum of the Living Artist, International Museum of Contemporary Masters of Fine Art, Pacific Asian Museum and many galleries throughout the United States.

Christina is an active member of the Portrait Society of America, National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society, International Society of Acrylic Painters and the California Art Club.

Christina's work is held in many private collections in the United States and Europe.



*"It is my passion to portray mankind in all his beauty and ugliness, his joy and sorrow, his strength and frailty while honoring the Creator and the created with the work of my hand."*



Christina will be painting an acrylic still life due to time limitation. Her specialty is portraiture.



Christina Ramos Fine Art



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## ART OF THE MONTH

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Each month you are invited to bring a painting to enter in our "Art of the Month" contest. Your painting may relate to our theme of the month, or it may be any topic you wish. The membership votes, and a prize will be awarded for each of the two categories: "Best of Theme" and "Best of Show".

October ----- Fall Fun  
November ----- An Attitude of Gratitude  
December ----- Gifts  
January ----- Winter Wonders  
February ----- Young at Heart  
March ----- Spring into Spring  
April ----- April Showers  
May ----- ...Bring May Flowers

Anne Steben  
*Art of the Month Chairman*

## IN MEMORIAM

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It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Gary Dorn, husband of MVAL Member Nancy Dorn.

Memorial service will be held  
Saturday, October 6,  
10:30 am  
Mountain View Mausoleum  
2300 N. Marengo Ave  
Altadena, CA  
Celebration of Life to follow in Pasadena.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to [lbda@lbda.org](mailto:lbda@lbda.org)  
Lewy Body Dementia Association,  
912 Killan Hill Rd, S.W.  
Liburn, Ga. 300

I know I speak for us all in extending our sympathy to Nancy and her family.

## COLORFUL ELEPHANT

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Did you clean though your studio this summer?  
We will again have our table where you can sell your unneeded, gently used, art supplies, tools, books, magazines... anything you aren't using but you feel are just too good to throw away! Someone else may need that very thing!  
Mark your items with a price and provide a container to put money in. Who knows, you may make enough money to buy MORE art supplies (so much for cleaning the studio to make space!).

## DID YOU KNOW?

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Mid-Valley Arts League is undergoing constant change and therefore needs new energy and ideas to keep it vibrant. There are many dedicated members and numerous activities, which collectively make us a great organization. Many members, month after month, do a simple and yet outstanding job in their respective positions. You too can step into a leadership position; everyone is a leader of sorts in MVAL.

MVAL is in need of a volunteer to be president in the next term, 2019-20. This is a most rewarding position and the time to be considering the possibility is right now, because I will gladly provide you advice and mentoring. Yes, please believe you can be president, or vice-president or a chair of one of our many worthwhile activities. Each of our positions is in need of a buddy/co-chair. MVAL is a fine tuned organization with many important moving parts.

## GALLERY

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JoAnn Formia and Armando Ruiz have their beautiful artwork hanging at the Live Oak Community Center at 10144 Bogue Street in Temple City. The work will be hanging until November 7th.

If you have an interest in hanging your work in Temple City please contact me, Linda Toussaint, at 626-358-7178 or email me at [s.toussaint@verizon.net](mailto:s.toussaint@verizon.net).

## UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS

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### November 15th - Sharon Weaver

will demonstrate using oil. She is a local plein air artist and teacher.

### December 20th - Member Demonstrations and Holiday Boutique.

### January 16th - Lynne Attig

President of the Pastel Society of Southern California, will demonstrate using pastels.

## MVAL CALENDAR 2018-19

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Mark the following events on your calendar!

MVAL Board Meetings ---- First Wednesday of the month  
Crit Night ----- Second Wednesday of the month  
MVAL General Meeting  
and Demonstration----- Third Wednesday of the month

Jan Wright Workshop ----- September 20-22  
Rise Parberry Workshop -- February 21-23, 2019

Member's Annual Exhibit:

Registration begins ----- January 28, 2019  
Painting take-in ----- March 16, 2019  
Exhibit Opens ----- March 21, 2019  
Reception ----- March 31, 2019  
Exhibit Closes ----- May 18, 2019  
Painting pick-up ----- May 19, 2019

Saturday in the Park with the Masters --- April 6, 2019

## NEWSLETTER COVER ART

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Have you ever wondered how artwork is chosen for the cover of Art and the Artist?

They are sent to me. It's that simple. You send me an image, I'll put it on a cover!

What seems to happen is that I will have a few artist send me multiple pictures. That's great, if you have even one don't hesitate to send it! BUT, I would LOVE to have a larger variety to choose from and feature art from more members.

Take a picture of a painting with your digital camera or phone. Try to get it as "square on" as you can, but don't worry, I can put it into photoshop and clean up the edges just a bit, it's like putting it in a mat! Your studio work, plein air painting and even a nice sketchbook piece are all welcome.

Please write a bit about it. I'd really like to say more about it than "This watercolor of a tree was painted by \_\_\_\_\_." Why did you choose the subject and where was it? Were you trying to accomplish something in particular?

I really NEED cover art!

Email your entries (one or more) to:

janunamaker@verizon.net

Joyce Nunamaker  
*Editor - Art and the Artist*

## NEW MEMBERS

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**Mitsuko Hays**  
**Sierra Madre**

Mitsuko has been selected and is currently exhibiting at Lamle Theater in Pasadena. She has been studying watercolor with Pit Morris at Creative Arts Group for about 4 years and has also taken classes offered by other teachers, including Jan Wright. Mitsuko has also been participating in Pete's plain are classes. Her favorite medium is watercolor but she is also interested in mixed media. With her paintings she hopes to make the reflections of her inner feelings. Her hobbies include going to art exhibitions, watching artistic films, calligraphy. Joining MVAL participate in workshops and exhibitions which she feels will be of benefit.

**Mel Peters**  
**Pasadena**

Mel has been painting in oils for 10 years. He is recently learning watercolor, learning from Pete Morris. His hobbies include art, gardening and travel. Joining MVAL for the demonstrations and friendship he will find at the general meetings.

**Nikki Thomas**

Nikki is a long time member of Verdugo Hills Art Association, and is a past President and Treasurer and currently First Vice-President. She paints 3 times a week, so she has a variety of landscapes! She is joining MVAL because the demonstrations are so informative.

## WORKSHOP CO-CHAIR OR ASSISTANT REQUESTED

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The Workshop Chairperson is seeking a Co-Chair or Assistant to help with workshop preparation/organization and to learn the ropes of the Workshop Chair. This will be a good transition position to get involved and support the Mid-Valley Arts League.

Please contact John Taggart at 626-840-6434 or jtag@sbc-global.net.

## THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

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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.

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!

### OCT 11th - WESTMINSTER GARDENS

1420 Santa Domingo Rd., Duarte, CA 91010.  
Park near office, or any parking lot near the dinning Hall.  
Meet at the Dinning Hall at 12:00. Bring lunch.

### OCT 18th - ARLINGTON GARDENS, PASADENA

275 Arlington Dr. Bring lunch.

### OCT 20th - ARROYO PARK AT THE CASTING POND

Take the 210 Freeway to the California Blvd. off ramp.  
Turn right on California Blvd. continue to Arroyo Blvd.  
Make a right at the T. Left at the next driveway on the left side.  
Meet at the Clubhouse at the casting pond for lunch.  
Bring lunch.

### OCT 25th - PASADENA WOMEN'S CITY CLUB

160 N. Oakland. Free parking available behind the club off of  
Madison Ave. just south of Walnut. Bring lunch.

### NOV 1st - EL ENCANTO TRAIL HIKE

100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd. in Azusa. 91702. Parking and  
rest rooms available. Bring lunch.

### NOV 8th - OLD TOWN PASADENA corner of Green and Raymond Ave.

Parking is available at Stats. Eat in town or bring a lunch.

### NOV 15th - DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

#### Corner of Winston and Main St.

Parking lot fee. Good luck finding a bathroom! Eat out.

### NOV 22nd - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Eaton Canyon if you have no plans for the morning.

### NOV 29th - SOUTH PASADENA

#### METRO STATION AND SURROUNDING AREA.

Meridian Ave. at Mission St. Bring lunch or eat nearby.

### DEC 6th - GLENDALE FOREST LAWN

1712 S. Glendale Blvd. 91205 • (323)254-3131.  
Meet at the top next to the art gallery. Bring lunch.

### DEC 13th - DESCANSO GARDENS

LA CANADA 1418 Descanso Dr.  
Entry fee. Buy lunch at the cafe.

### DEC 20th - MEMORIAL PARK IN SIERRA MADRE

**Christmas Party** to follow at **THE ONLY PLACE IN TOWN**  
at 110 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Arrive for the luncheon by 12:00.  
please, RSVP by December 10 . (30 maximum capacity!)  
@lynnefearman@gmail.com, or call Lynne's answering machine  
at: (626)355-7562 please leave a message. Bring a \$10-\$15 art  
related gift for exchange.

### DEC 27th - PASADENA CITY HALL

100 N GARFIELD AVE. Parking lot \$10 in a lot on Ramona  
across from City Hall.

## MVAL WEBSITE

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We have a new Website editor.  
Kimberly Michael has been busy designing and updating  
the website.  
You can check it out at MVAL.clb (the old MVAL.org should  
also direct you to the website).

Kim invites you to comment on the progress and tell her  
anything that you would like to see in the website.  
There is a "contact MVAL" option on the website and those  
messages will go directly to her. If you have any other  
questions or comments about MVAL you can use that  
contact window and she will direct your comment to  
the appropriate board member.

## ABOUT THE COVER

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3'x3'. Acrylic on canvas. One of four seasons and all four  
were sold at our Cleaners; all you need is one buyer.  
Yes, sometimes some art turns out good regardless of how  
we try to get in the way.

- Armando Ruiz

# Risë Parberry Workshop

## February 21-23, 2019

### Granular Landscape Inspiration

Ride the wave, get the drift and settle for more by using granulating watercolors and saturated paper to portray your unique world view! Move beyond painting literal representations by learning to distill the essence of your preferred subject matter. Create art with a bold, experimental attitude by learning to capitalize on the synergy of quality watercolor paper and sedimentary pigments influenced by graity. Employ spatial divisions, value organization, color harmonies and your own unique artist's marks to produce fresh and powerful statements that will draw viewers across the room. Discover your personal abstract predilections and inspiration and learn about the use of symbols for emotional impact. Risë's demonstrations will share techniques for recovering light shapes while freely painting medium and dark values with gorgeous textures. Previous experience with watercolor is necessary.



*Canyon Crossing*

## Risë Parberry Workshop

A basic understanding of watercolor is recommended. A supply list will be provided with registration deposit. The workshop will be limited to fifteen people.



**Dates:** Thursday - Saturday, February 21-23, 2019

**Hours:** 9:30am to 3:30pm One hour for lunch.

**Location:** Church of Good Shepherd Community Room  
400 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91007

**Fee:** \$300 MVAL Members / \$350 Non-Members.

A **deposit of \$100** must be submitted with registration

**Final Payment** is due by February 15, 2019

**No Refunds** after February 15, 2019.

### REGISTRATION

(Check payable to: *Mid-Valley Arts League*)

**MVAL**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### Risë Parberry Workshop, February 21-23 (Thursday-Saturday)

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

Check one:  MVAL Member  Non Member

Mail to: John Taggart, 8472 E. Woodlawn Avenue, San Gabriel CA 91775

Questions: 626.840.6434 / jtag@sbcglobal.net

## SEPTEMBER MEETING



Demonstration by  
Jan Wright



Felicia Hazelton  
Raffle Winner

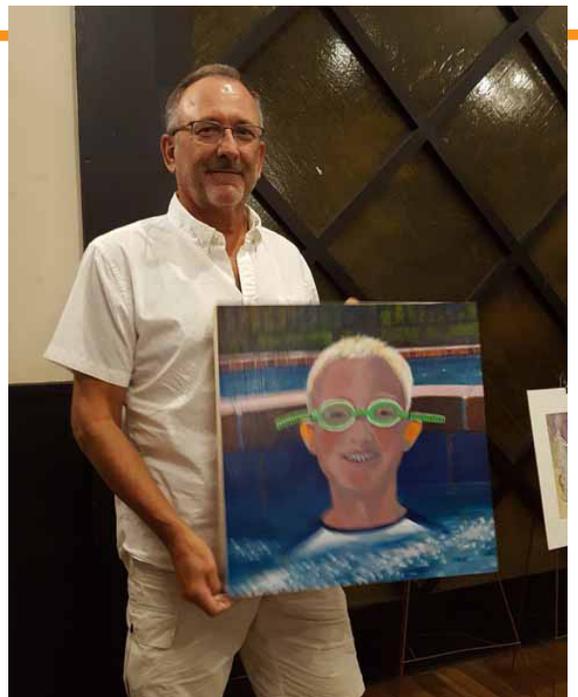


Kayla Dang, Scholarship winner  
with scholarship chair, Jeannine Savedra.

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Pam McGuern  
Over-all Winner



Mark Wood - Theme Winner