

MVAL

# Art & the Artist

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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Gary Friedman

**Happy New Year!**

**Demonstration by David R. Smith  
David R. Smith Workshop**

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Membership in MVAL:  
 Membership is open to artists and art lovers  
 of all levels.  
 If you are interested in membership  
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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

Dear Members,

A very Happy New Year to one and all! Hope you created many 2024 memories that uphold family traditions and warmth. We, at Mid Valley, continue to move forward with an attitude of gratitude for the companionship and talent that surrounds us. Here's to 2025!

Along with memories, the holidays jostle for creative space in our minds. The trigger for my creativity is Carl Sandburg's poem about his observations in Chicago, entitled "The Fog."

It reads:

The fog comes  
 On little cat feet

It sits looking  
 Over harbor and city  
 On silent haunches  
 and then moves on.

Simple, but evocative – the metaphor that paints a visual image.

We have much to look forward to in the new year: our demonstrator for the month is the renowned watercolorist David R. Smith. Check out his work at <https://www.dsmithfineart.com/works> and don't forget to join his three-day workshop on January 28th, 30th and February 1st. Details are on our MVAL website and attached flyer.

I encourage you to come join your fellow artists in person at the general meeting on January 15th. Pam McGuern has worked hard to get the membership directories printed. Come and get yours or ask a friend to proxy. As always, there will be refreshments, raffles and art of the month inspiration. My heartfelt thanks to the team that works corroboratively to make each event successful.

Sincerely,  
**Dilmit Singh**  
*MVAL President*



## MEETING DATES

### JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

### IN PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

January 15th, 2025 - 7:30 PM  
 Church of the Good Shepherd  
 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

### FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

**February 5th, 2025**  
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

# DECEMBER DEMONSTRATION

## DAVID R. SMITH

### The Watercolor Journey

David enjoys the challenge of working in harmony with a fluid medium.

By providing the proper environment, surrendering some control, and working with the medium, the most beautiful results oftentimes occur naturally. To keep the paintings from getting too precise, and instead, to convey a feeling of aliveness, David utilizes a number of techniques such as working wet into wet, glazing, pouring, spattering, and spraying. These techniques not only keep the painting fresh, but produce exciting interminglings and textures effortlessly.



David's favorite subjects tend to be found in nature and he loves to travel abroad as well as explore state and national parks for inspiration. Depicting a subject in great light, capitalizing on the contrast developed by light and shadow, while showcasing the assortment of jewels that happen naturally through the fluid medium keeps David eager to paint his next creation.



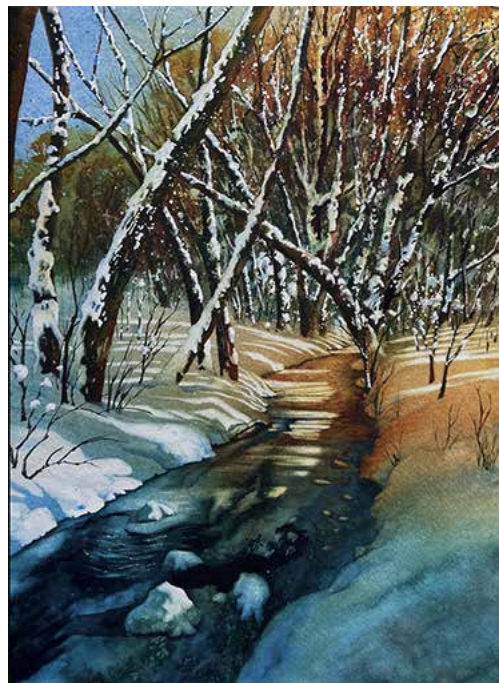
David has studied under numerous instructors in the states and in China. He has displayed his work in galleries and museums across the United States and his work has been awarded at the state and national level. David has received Signature Membership with the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, and others.

## IN PERSON MEETING

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## 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

Art of the Month is going back to being in person, at the meeting only.  
Work may be framed or matted so that it can be displayed on an easel.  
If you have an easel, floor or table style, PLEASE bring it.  
WINNER RECEIVES A RIBBON!

**All subjects are welcome.**

**Nikki Thomas**  
Art of the Month Chair



December 1st place  
**Valya Hristova**

## MEMBERS EXHIBIT

The MVAL Board is in search of a venue to hold our Members Exhibition in-person, rather than virtually this year. If you have a suggestion and/or a contact person at a location where we can display 50 - 60 paintings, please let me know via email at pmcguern@icloud.com

**Pam McGuern**  
*Communications Chair*

## ON THE COVER

Cover Art by **Gary Friedman**.

## NEW MEMBER

**Carol Boulware**  
Sierra Madre, CA



Carol studied Fine Art and Graphics at University of Southern California.  
She has worked as a graphic designer for the last 10 years. Involvement in a watercolor class at the Creative Arts Group in Sierra Madre has renewed her interest in fine art. Carol works in pen and ink, watercolor, digital work and graphite.

## ARTIST NEWS

John Byram's painting students are going to exhibit their paintings.

### Fresh & Loose Open House

Join the artists in the class for refreshments and see their artwork.

January 18th 7-9pm  
Brand Library  
1601 W. Mountain St.  
Glendale, CA 91201

## SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

We are going to restart a monthly scholarship raffle. The Scholarship committee has several donated paintings by Daryl Bryant and Peter McDonald. There will be tickets available at the meetings - \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and a painting will be raffled off at the general meeting. The possibility of getting a beautiful painting for \$1 should be a great incentive for you to come to the meeting IN PERSON!



Daryl Bryant



Peter McDonald

## 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.

### **JAN 9 - CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY at AUTUMN LEAF FARM**

Michelle invites us back to her home for her Christmas displays 1145 Orange Ave. Monrovia.  
Bring lunch. And breakfast goodies!

### **JAN 16 - THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY**

1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108 FEE AT THE GATE.  
Meet for lunch at the cafe near the exit.  
I'll be in the Memory Garden w/ the fountain.

### **JAN 23 - ST. LUCY'S PRIORY**

19045 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD, GLENDORA  
210 to Citrus Ave. North to the end which curves onto Foot-hill Bld. Turn left on Barranca to Sierra Madre. Look for the Church of the Open Door sign on left side of road.

### **JAN 30 - BRAND LIBRARY AND PARK**

1601 W Mountain St, Glendale, CA 91201. Take the 124 fwy to the 5 fwy North to Western Ave. turn right, North to the park.

### **FEB 6 - PASADENA AUDITORIUM**

300 E Green St, Pasadena, CA 91101  
Parking available at Paseo, and east on Green Street.  
Have lunch at Paseo.

### **FEB 6 - ELYSIAN FIELDS, LOS ANGELES**

1000 Elysian Park Dr. LA 90012. Pasadena Fwy to Academy off ramp. Follow road up to Elysian Park Dr. make right and follow signs to Elysian Fields, the baseball diamond. the park is just beyond the baseball field.

### **FEB 13 - EATON CANYON**

1750 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena.

### **FEB 20 - DESCANSO GARDENS**

1418 Descanso Dr., La Canada  
Flintridge. Meet at the cantina for lunch.

### **FEB 27 - PECK ROAD PARK, ARCADIA**

Take 210 Freeway to Monrovia. exit at Myrtle Ave. heading south towards El Monte. South of Valley Blvd Myrtle becomes Peck Rd. Continue south. Look for tall pines in the middle of the road. Entrance at the right.

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## MEMBER DIRECTORIES

Due to the high cost of mailing the directories, we are encouraging members to come to the meeting at Church of the Good Shepaerd. Fellowship with other members AND pick up your directory!

# “Winter Wonderland”

## Online Workshop with David R. Smith, AWS, NWS

January 28, 30, & February 1, 2025

There is something magical about a Winter Wonderland covered in a fresh blanket of light snow. Snow-laden landscapes are one of David's favorite subjects to paint, and he can't wait to share his passion and techniques with you.

In this 3-day workshop, you will learn multiple approaches to painting snowy landscapes. The Live sessions will be interactive. You will receive reference photos, drawing guides, and outlines by e-mail prior to the workshop, so you can prepare beforehand, and we can maximize our painting time together.

After each step, David will provide some painting time and he will answer questions. He will end each 5-hour session with more Q & A and a sharing time/critique. Recordings will be available for 60 days beyond the workshop.





**We'll be painting, at a minimum,  
these FOUR paintings in the workshop!**

**3 days: January 28, 30, & February 1, 2025  
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Pacific time)**

**Cost: \$315**

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**To register for this online workshop, please go directly to  
David R. Smith's website:**

<https://www.dsmithfineart.com/page/42572/january-zoom-workshop>

**Further info about the workshop is available on David's website.**

**Questions: Feel free to email David at:**

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