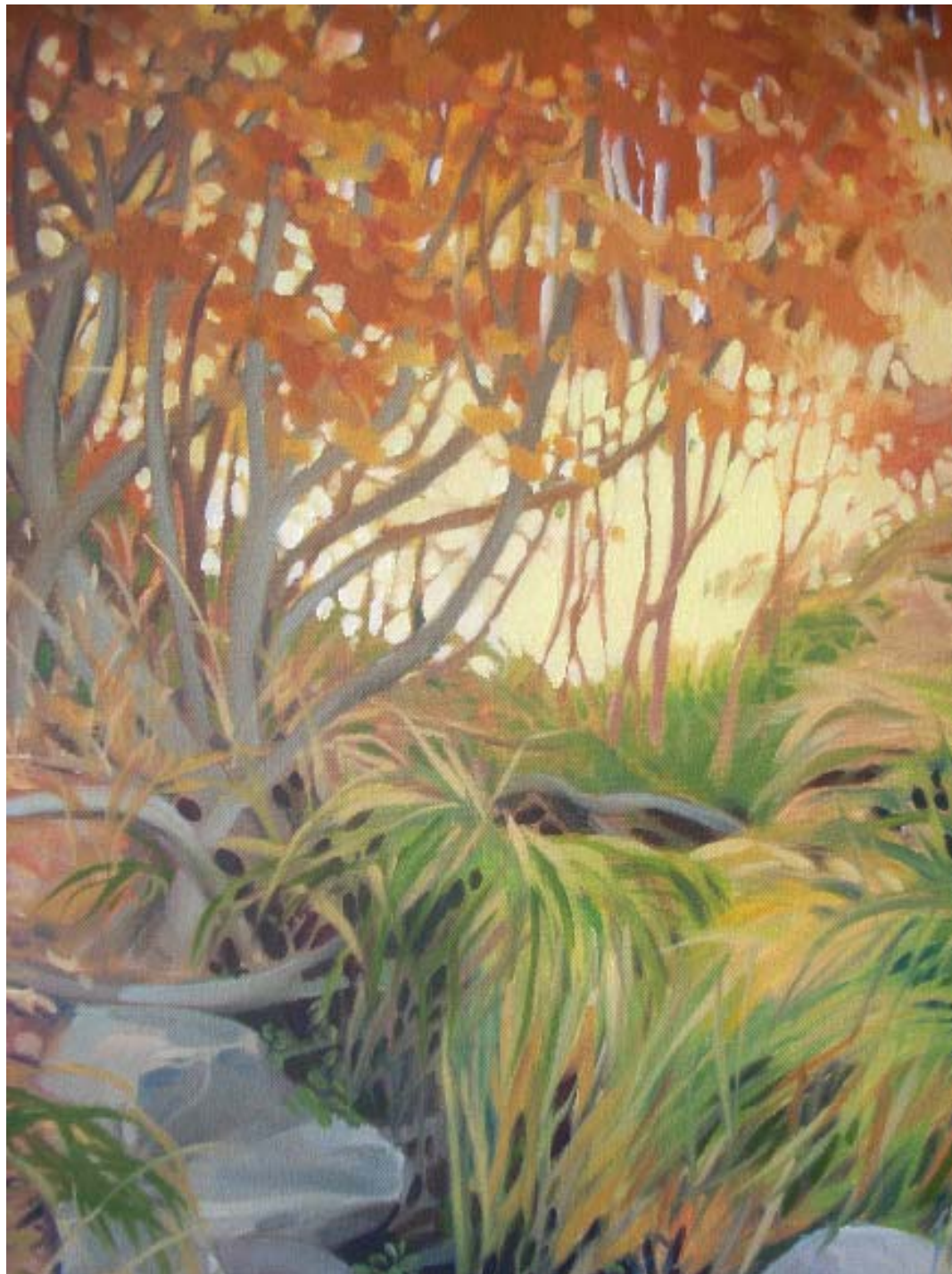


MVAL

# Art & the Artist

January 2010

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



**NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR JANUARY MEETING!**  
**Special Event Demo in January!**  
**New Look for MVAL!**

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2008 - 2009  
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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

January 2010  
 Presidents Message

Happy New Year! The beginning of a new year brings opportunity for fresh starts, a clean slate (or palette), and a time to make new resolutions and set goals for the year.

The fresh start for MVAL is a new meeting location. Beginning this month, we will be meeting at Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia at, 400 West Duarte Road. The new location is about a mile west of our previous meeting location. The move will save MVAL \$2,000 a year!

MVAL will be introducing a 'new look' throughout the year. The first application you will see is on the recently produced MVAL brochure. Congratulations to the Visioning Committee for identifying and addressing this need. Brochures will be available at the general meetings as well as at other MVAL events.

So, now is the time to set goals to have paintings in the MVAL Annual Show in spring and to make arrangements to attend the May workshop featuring Dale Laitinen.

Wishing you a productive New Year.

**Mark Wood**  
*President*



### **JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

The January General Meeting will be January 20th - at 7:30pm  
 Church of the Good Shepherd  
 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

### **FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING**

The February Board Meeting will be held:  
 Wednesday, February 3rd, at 7:30 PM  
 Live Oak Park, Temple City

# JANUARY DEMO

## Special Event - Daryl Bryant, JoAnn Formia, Angela Hernandez, Fealing Lin and Nancy Shiershke

Because we have a New Year and a New Meeting Place, we are celebrating by having a special event.

We will be visited by 5 of our members who will be doing a demo at the same time. Each will be doing her take on a still life. You will be able to walk around and watch, talk to the artist's and ask questions. WE are honored to have these ladies donate their time and skills to Mid-Valley.

They are Daryl Bryant, JoAnn Formia, Angela Hernandez, Fealing Lin and Nancy Shiershke (sorry fellows, we we'll get you next time).

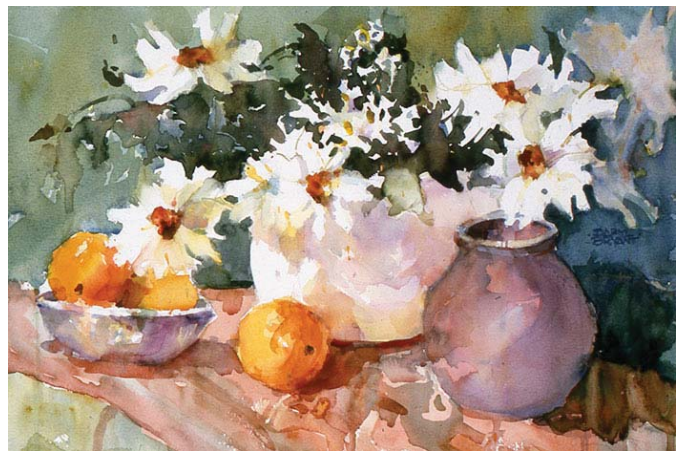
This will be a learning experience and a fun time for us all. It will be interesting to see the different approaches and techniques applied to the same subject.

We are planning a wonderful year with interesting demos and demonstrators to help you on your adventure into painting.



Angela Hernandez

Saralyn Lowenstein  
Program Chairman



Daryl Bryant



JoAnn Formia



Fealing Lin

I did not have an example of art by Nancy Shiershke.  
- editor

## ART OF THE MONTH

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To make the monthly showing of your work at our meetings we need more than four artist bring in a painting.

There is a assign theme but not necessarily required to be followed. So with that in mind the title for this month will be " My Favorite Plein Air Painting".

**Chet Spect**  
*Art of the Month Chairman*

## ARTIST'S NEWS & SHOWS

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**Myra Epstein** was awarded "Best in Show" at the Segil Gallery Small Works exhibition. The exhibition is on until December 31st, 2009 and is located at 110 W. Lime Avenue in Old Town Monrovia.

**Chet Specht** was accepted in the "Annual Juried Exhibition of Art by PCC Students" December 2 – January 22 at the PCC Art Gallery

**Francesca Brayton** has had the painting "Huntington Beach Pier" accepted into the Inaugural Signature American Watercolor Exhibition juried by Frank Webb. The Exhibition is at the Fallbrook, CA Art Center from Feb. 7- March 28. This Exhibition will be presented with the NWS traveling show.

### SCORE VIII

*2010 Southern California Open Regional Exhibition*

Jan. 6th - Jan. 30th

VIVA Art Center

13261 Moorpark Street, Sherman Oaks CA 91423

Gallery Hours Friday: 11 am - 4 pm, Saturday: 12 PM - 4 pm

## WORKSHOPS

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**Brenda Swenson** has numerous workshops and events coming up. Please check her website for complete list at [www.swensonsart.net](http://www.swensonsart.net)

**January 22-24, 2010, Negative Painting with Watercolor, 3-Day Workshop**

Sherman Oaks, CA Info: [Brenda@swensonsart.net](mailto:Brenda@swensonsart.net)

June 12-26, 2010, Limoux, Southern France, Watercolor Travel Workshop

Info: [Brenda@swensonsart.net](mailto:Brenda@swensonsart.net) or [Amanda@montfaucontours.com](mailto:Amanda@montfaucontours.com)

Website: [www.montfaucontours.com](http://www.montfaucontours.com)

## MVAL CRIT GROUP

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Next meeting for the MVAL CRIT GROUP will be on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30.

There is no meeting in December.

The MVAL CRIT GROUP is open to anyone who wants an opportunity for growth and feedback as an artist. Held on the fourth 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.

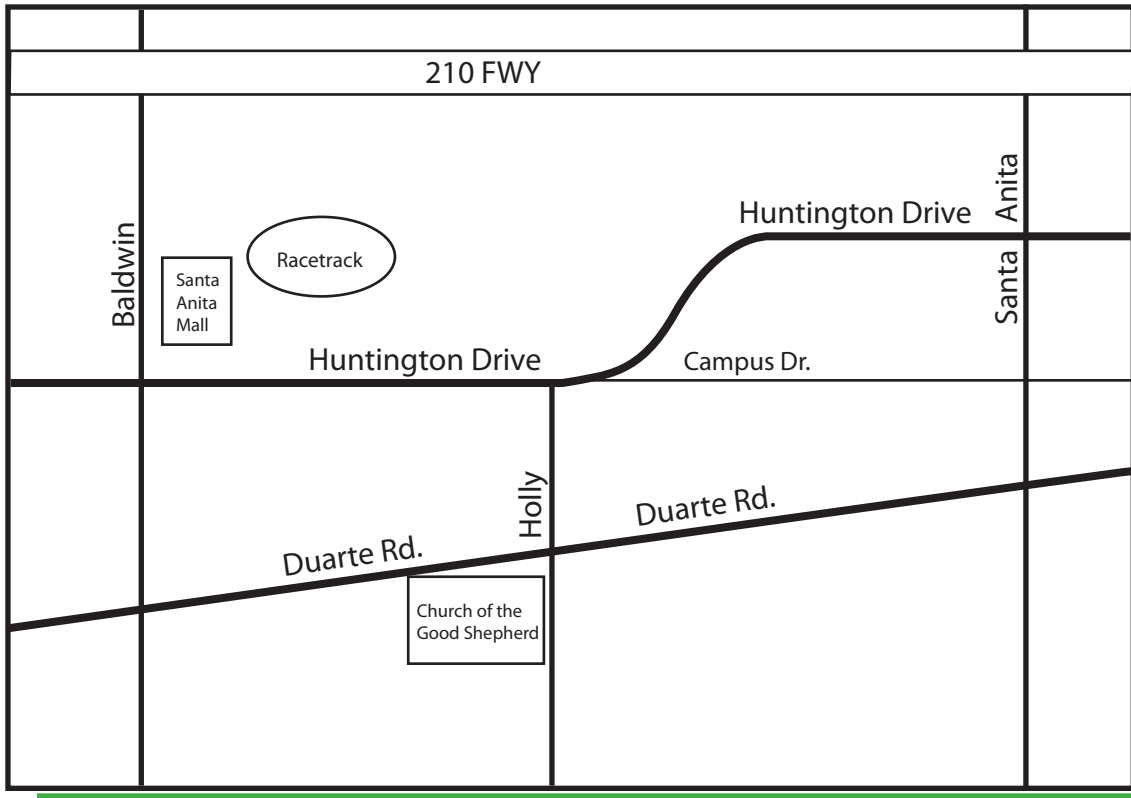
Contacts: Kay Fox, [HYPERLINK "mailto:kay@kayfoxart.com" kay@kayfoxart.com](mailto:kay@kayfoxart.com), and Carol Fuller.

## NEW MEETING LOCATION

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Beginning this month MVAL will meet at:  
The Church of the Good Shepherd  
400 West Duarte Road, Arcadia  
at the corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly.

Many long time MVAL members will remember that we used to meet here - about 11 years ago.  
Making this move will save the organization \$200 a month!  
It is not far from our present location.



## BRUSH LADY

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We will be visited by the Brush Lady in February! Plan to come early to purchase brushes!

## COLORFUL ELEPHANT TABLE

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Bring your unused art supplies and books. Mark everything well with price and your name and provide a container for money.

Soon we will not have the Colorful Elephant Table and will concentrate on the Scholarship Raffle.

## ABOUT THE COVER

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I Took a group of women artists up to Big Bear for a 3 day paint-out late in October.

We found out what it is like to paint-out in 29-30 degree weather. Ouch! Your fingers are the first to give up the fight. Even with hand warmers it wasn't easy. But the rewards were worth it!

Lynne Fearman

## THURSDAY'S IN PLEIN AIR - paint out

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----THURSDAY'S EN PLEIN-AIR----

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

Happy New Year fellow artist, get the brushes ready to "paint the shapes". ~Walter McNall

JANUARY 7th, EATON CANYON, ALTADENA

750 Altadena Drive. Take 210 FWY to Altadena exit. Go north on Altadena Dr. Cross New York Dr. look for sign and entrance on your right. Go down hill and park. Bring lunch.

JANUARY 14th, EATON CANYON, ALTADENA (again)

750 Altadena Drive. Take 210 FWY to Altadena exit. Go north on Altadena Dr. Cross New York Dr. look for sign and entrance on your right. Go down hill and park. Bring lunch. Finish last weeks painting or start a new painting.

JANUARY 21st, CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, ARCADIA

400 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia. On the corner of Holly Ave. and Duarte Rd. Paint the church, court yard or local sights around church. Good subject matter for the art show at the Arcadia Museum. New location for the Mid Valley Arts League meetings.

JANUARY 28th, CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, ARCADIA (again)

400 W. Duarte Rd. Arcadia. On the corner of Holly Ave. and Duarte Rd. Paint the church, court yard or local sights around church. Good subject matter for the art show at the Arcadia Museum. Finish last weeks painting or start a new painting.

FEBRUARY 4th, VICTORY PARK, PASADENA

From Foothill, or Colorado St. go North on Altadena Dr., just past Orange Grove to Paloma St, make right. Entrance is at 2575 Paloma. Park is on corner of Altadena Dr. and Paloma St.

## INTERNATIONAL ARTIST MAGAZINE

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I am sad to report that I have received an email from International Artist Magazine informing me that due to the economy they are ending the "win a subscription" program.

I sent them a reply thanking them on behalf of Mid Valley Arts League. I told them how much our members have enjoyed the drawings and the magazine.

**Joyce Nunamaker**  
*Newsletter Editor*

## DALE LAITINEN WORKSHOP - May 27-29

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In May we will have a 3 day workshop with Dale Laitinen. These are always popular! There will be more info in next month's newsletter.

**Susan Gutschow**  
*Workshop Chairman*

Dale Laitinen has been painting for over forty years with thirty five of those in watercolor. He is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, and Watercolor West. He is a graduate of Modesto Junior College and San Jose State University with a BA in Art with a painting concentration. He is a past juror of many National and regional exhibitions including Watercolor West, Kentucky Watercolor Society, Utah Watercolor Society, Watercolor Society of Oregon, Red River Watermedia Show, Magnum Opus and many others.

A native of northern Minnesota, Dale has lived, moved, and traveled across the American West and this figures prominently in his work.

One of the signatures of a Laitinen painting is the long view with the natural forms of the topography being foremost. His works extend to the interaction between structures such as roads, dams, canals, powerhouses, and the natural landscape. In one of these paintings one might find a concrete dam that spans a river canyon, or a highway that cuts through desert sandstone, or a shadow of a bridge that crawls slowly across a red rock wall.

After college Dale spent eight years as an independent trucker hauling freight across country. In 1985 he turned to painting full-time.

Some of the periodicals he has been featured in, The Artist's Magazine, Watercolor Magic, Watercolor Magazine, and Drawingboard Magazine.

Laitinen's work has been featured in several books including The Splash Series, Painting with the White of your Paper, The The Transparent Watercolor Wheel and more. An active workshop instructor, Dale has traveled widely in both the US and Abroad.



## Newsletter via E-mail

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### GO GREEN!

We are working on reducing our monthly expenses for MVAL.

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

The advantages 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!

We hope to start sending email newsletters at the beginning of the new year.

If you want to be on the list - email Richard Gutschow

RICH2000@aol.

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## Newsletter Changes

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You will notice some changes in the newsletter this month.

First thing is a new logo and banner design....

Second is change in the type font used.

Third is - more images! If you are receiving this via email.... you will have these images in COLOR!!!!

As we get further into the year and have more info - the print version may not have the images at all. We need to keep the printed version to 10 pages or less so that it can be sent with one stamp. The email version has no restraints on length.

Knowing that color images can be used.... you are encouraged to send them!

MVAL Visioning Committee is working on a unified and updated look to all of our publications.

This is a work in progress... especially where the newsletter is concerned. I will probably try a few things over the next few months.

You are welcome to respond with comments!

**Joyce Nunamaker**  
*Newsletter Editor*

### ArtTees

Art related t-shirts and tote bags. Fun for artists. Great gifts ideas.

To view the designs and to purchase, visit:  
[skreened.com/arttees](http://skreened.com/arttees)



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## THANK YOU

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The following organizations and companies made donations for our prizes for the Anniversary Show:

Richeson, Swains, Winsor & Newton, Cheap Joe's, Dick Blick, Americas Inc., Painted Moon.



## Bonus E-mail Page

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Lynne Fearman provided a colored image and a black and white image for the cover this month. I didn't think the people receiving emailed newsletters should miss her cute dog sketch!



Brenda Swenson challenged our paint-out group do a drawing/sketch a day for 72 days.

I took on the challenge by drawing every dog breed in my encyclopedia of dogs, starting with airedales and going through to Yorkshire Terrier. I've found it necessary to skip a few strange breeds and pick only one of the dozen or so retrievers. I've accomplished the assignment, but I'm not even though to the M's yet! This has greatly improved my drawing skills by drawing every day.

**Lynne Fearman**