

MVAL

Art & the Artist

April 2014

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Demonstration - Brenda Swenson

"Premium Blend" Anniversary Show - April 17- June 21

Saturday in the Park with the Masters - May 3rd

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Membership is open to artists and art lovers of all levels.

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626-334-1646

E-mail: janunamaker@verizon.net

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



One of the privileges of being the president, is the certainty of knowing you will be one of the last ones to leave the general meeting. The doors need to be locked, lights turned off and the odd forgotten items need to be collected. Fortunately, the end of the last meeting provided an exceptional gift of hearing Chris Van Winkle share his recollections of the days, when past president Pat Hanft and her husband would lug needed accessories to the meeting; they would also do setup and take down. He marveled at what a developed group we now have with hospitality, greeting, raffles, overhead projectors, artist of the month and the many committees' contributing their share to our success story. He was very complimentary of our achievements and said we are one of the best art organizations he has seen. I consider that a reliable and high compliment, coming from Chris.

When I was in practice as an architect, the communities I worked for needed to raise the money to build their dream project. The fund-raising persons would frequently say, that 10% of the people often give 90% of the money. Mid-Valley Arts League cannot operate with those percentages, because we are so multi-structured and simply need many hands to keep us afloat. Michi Ikeda is trying find persons to fill in the offices for MVAL and it is not easy; she plainly cannot keep asking a past officer to just do one more year, after already having done two. She also cannot keep asking the same persons to do just another chore. Changing of officers also brings new energy and new ideas. So, if you have an inkling of saying yes to her about even a small office, just jump into the pool and volunteer, you will be rewarded with work, satisfaction and growth. It may be possible for some offices to be co-chaired; this makes work more fun and it grooms persons for future larger responsibilities. The buddy system is an invaluable tool in our organization. Deanne and I can both attest to many wonderful people we have met along our art journey; we have made many friends. If you need a gentle nudge or information about an office, do not hesitate to ask Michi, me, or someone. Welcome, the temperature of the water is fine.

Lastly, we have approximately 130 paintings for our member's exhibition and we are headed to having a wonderful exhibit at CCMA in Ontario. Saturday in the Park is moving along nicely with many valued and wonderful painters. The Scholarship committee is very active as we near years' end; get your raffle tickets now! Brenda Swenson will be our demonstrator in April and she is a good teacher. Margaret Rothwell is recovering nicely from her surgery and thanks to our buddy Mary Coolman for helping with the Board Minutes. I extend a very special thanks to Joyce Nunamaker for designing and composing a beautiful newsletter; she has done this task for 13 years. We could not find a better one and a big thanks to Fred and Joyce for the soothing sounds at our meetings.

Armando Ruiz
President

MEETING DATES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The April General Meeting will be April 16th- 7:30 PM
 Church of the Good Shepherd
 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

MAY BOARD MEETING

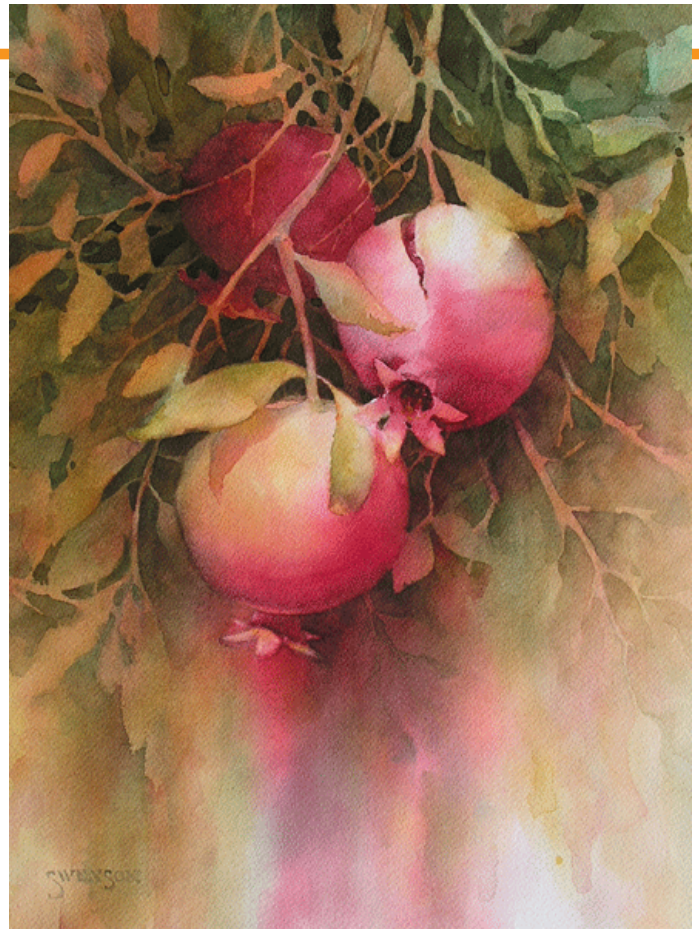
May Board Meeting will be held May 7th - 7:30 PM
 Live Oak Park, Temple City

APRIL DEMONSTRATION

BRENDA SWENSON

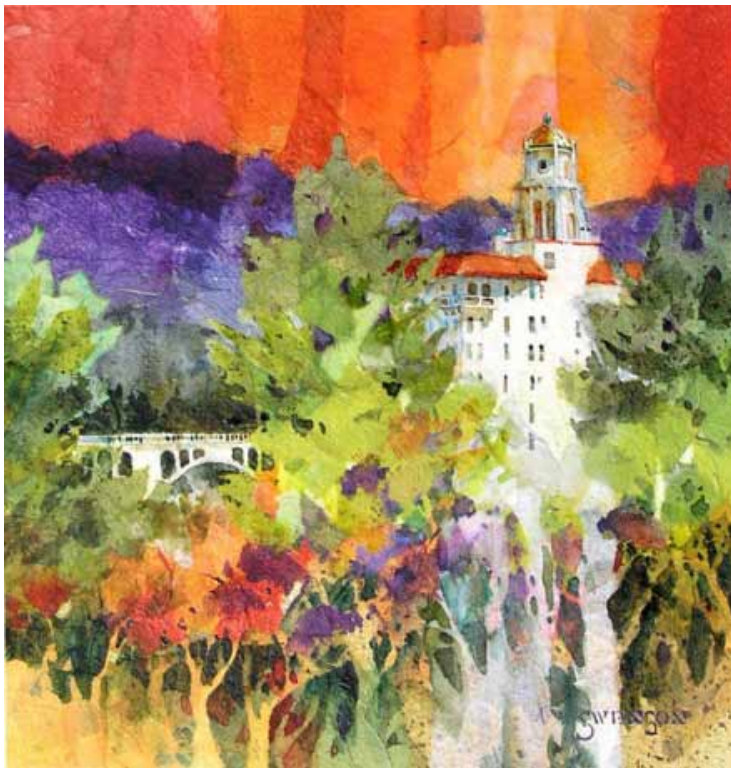
This month we welcome our own MVAL member, **Brenda Swenson**. It is always fun and informative when Brenda gives us a demonstration.

Brenda is the artist author of two books, *Keeping a Watercolor Sketchbook* (Award of Excellence Finalist) and *Steps to Success in Watercolor*. Her paintings and sketches have been featured in *Splash* 11, 12 & 14, *Artistic Touch* 4, *Watercolor Artist*, *Watercolor Magazine*, *Watercolor Highlights*, and numerous other publications. Brenda has been awarded signature membership in Watercolor West (WW), Northwest Watercolor Society (NWWS), San Diego Watercolor Society (SDWS), and she has won numerous awards for her paintings. An active participant in the arts community she has served on the board of directors for the National Watercolor Society and Watercolor West. She is in demand to teach and demonstrate her painting and sketching techniques to groups nationwide and abroad.



See more of Brenda's work on her website:
www.swensonsart.net
and visit her blog at: brendaswenson.blogspot.com

Nancy Shiershke
Program Chairman



ABOUT THE COVER

The cover this month is from a sketchbook by **Brenda Swenson**.

COLORFUL ELEPHANT

We will have our white elephant table available... mark each item with a price and your name and provide a container for money.

CD & VIDEO LIBRARY

Our instructional CD and Video Library will be open for business! We have many new DVDs.

“ PREMIUM BLEND ”

61st ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS EXHIBIT 2014

Juror: *Linda Doll* - Renowned Artist, Photographer and Teacher

Location: CHAFFEY COMMUNITY MUSEUM OF ART - CCMA
217 South Lemon Ave. • Ontario • CA 91761-1623 •
(909) 463-3733
www.chaffeymuseum.org



Exhibit Opens: Thursday, April 17, 2014, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Reception and Awards: Sunday, April 27, 2014,
Reception: 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm – Awards: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Exhibit Times: Thursday through Sunday 12:00 pm to 4 pm

Exhibit Closes: Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 4:00 pm

MEMBER TAKE IN: Saturday, April 12, 2014 – 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

PICK UP: Sunday, June 22, 2014 - 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Each member is responsible for picking-up their work. Any work not picked up will be assessed a \$25.00 transport/storage fee.

REMINDER - BUS RIDE TO RECEPTION!

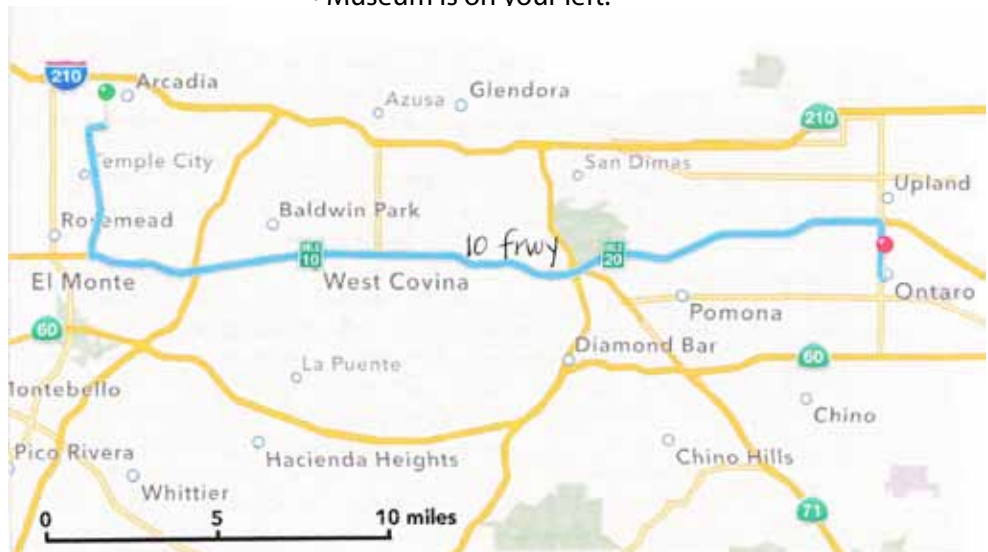
If you would like to put your feet up and let someone else do the driving to our Premium Blend reception on Sunday, April 27th, sign up to ride the bus. The bus will be leaving the Church of the Good Shepherd parking lot at noon to travel to the Museum and departing the Museum at 3:30 pm to return to the Church. Also, we need one rider to be our contact person for the bus driver and to make sure no one gets left behind for the return trip! Please let Armando or Laurie know if you'd like to sign up to ride the bus for a relaxing, stress free drive to the reception.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Directions to Premium Blend Exhibition Reception
12:30 - 3:30pm Sunday, April 27th

From Church of the Good Shepherd you will take

- Santa Anita Ave. south to the 10 FWY east
- 10 FWY east to Euclid Ave exit
- Right on Euclid going south to Holt Ave.
- Turn left onto Holt Ave., stay in right lane
- Turn right onto Lemon Ave.
- Proceed on Lemon Ave. past stop sign.
- Museum is on your left.



ART OF THE MONTH

April ----- Street Scenes, Day or Night

May ----- Ebb and Flow

Please bring a painting to our monthly meeting. Feel free to interpret the theme with all your creativity. Looking forward to seeing your wonderful paintings!

Kate McDaniel

Art of the Month Chairman

WORKSHOPS

BRENDA SWENSON upcoming workshops:

• **May 16-18, 2014 *Sketching Techniques with Watercolor***
Schroeder Studio Gallery, Orange, CA

Contact: judy@schroederstudio.com (714) 633-0653

• **June 22-27, 2014 *Negative Painting with Watercolor***
Dillman's Creative Arts Foundation, Lac du Flambeau, WI

Contact: 715-588-3143, vacations@dillmans.com

Website: www.dillmans.com

• **July 14, 15 & 16, 2014 *Sketching on Location***,
Santa Barbara, California

Contact Brenda: SwensonsArt@gmail.com

• **August 15, 16 & 17, 2014 *Negative Painting Watercolor***
Montrose, CA, Contact Brenda: SwensonsArt@gmail.com

• **August 23 & 24, 2014 *Negative Painting with Watercolor***
Mountain Arts Network, Lake Arrowhead, CA

Contact Darlene: darbek26@yahoo.com (909) 337-7810

• **October 20 - 30, 2014 *New Date Added!**

Tuscany En Plein Air, 10-Day workshop

Lucca, Italy, Contact: abbondanzatoscana@gmail.com

Website: www.abbondanzatoscana.com

Workshop Details: <http://www.abbondanzatoscana.com/swenson14.htm>

CHRIS VAN WINKLE workshops and classes:

• **Citrus College** - register at Citrus, continuing education
online: citruscollege.augusoft.net

JUNE 16-20 Intermediate to Advanced

• **MVAL DEMONSTRATION** - March 19

• **APRIL PAINT OUT** - date TBA, Stevenson Ranch, 3 days
contact Chris for details 805-772-8875

email: chrisvw@charter.net

• **PAINTING IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES**

Fly to Vancouver June 25. Travel, site see and paint,
Fly out of Calgary July 6.

contact Chris for more details 805-772-8875

email: chrisvw@charter.net

MVAL CRIT GROUP

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

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.

Contact: Mark Wood - 626.825.0464.

ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

Joyce Nunamaker and Fred McCall will be performing at the *Renaissance Pleasure Faire* at Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale, weekends April 5th - May 18th. Fred plays with "Ad Hoc Consort/Danse Macabre" and Joyce sings and plays with "Wren of Iniquity". Show times and stages are subject to change, so if you plan to come to the faire and want to catch them, email Joyce at janunamaker@verizon.net the week you plan to go and she will send you the schedule for that weekend.

Joyce Nunamaker is also having a guest vendor booth at the *Renaissance Pleasure Faire* for one weekend, May 3-4. The booth is called "*The Orffaerie*" and she will be selling hand made purses, leather water/coffee mug carriers, hanging faerie vases, whimsy catchers, faerie lanterns and other items she has created.

INSPIRATION

APRIL - Joel Daskal

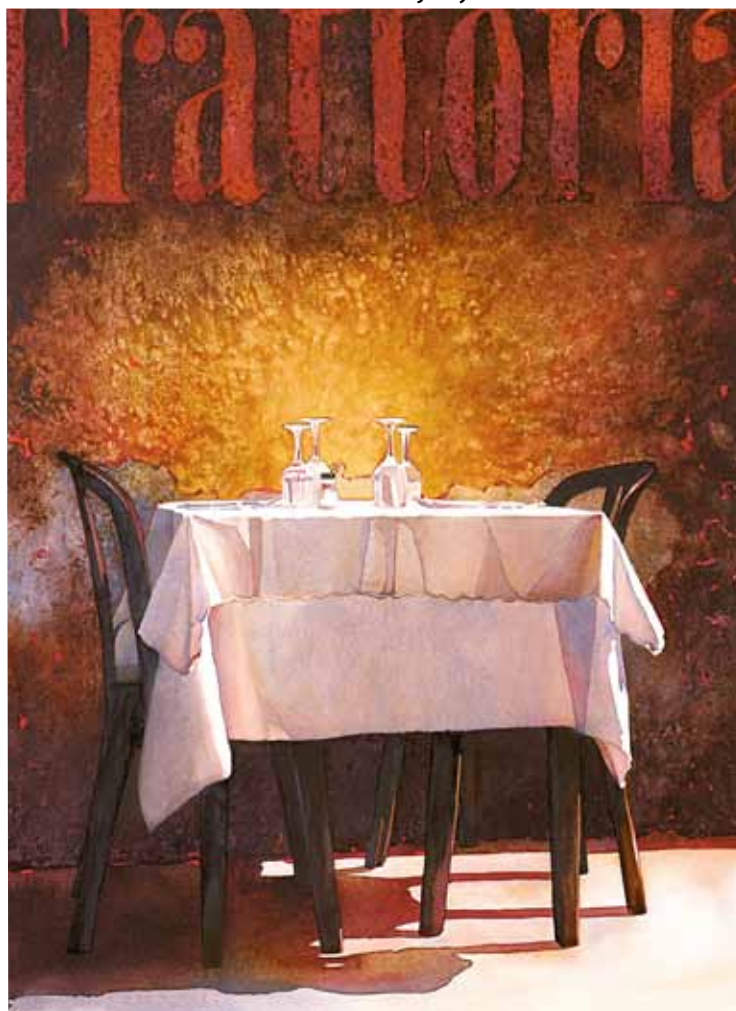
MAY - Chet Specht

JUNE - Mark Wood

Getting to know - JUDY MORRIS

Judy will introduce additional techniques and mediums to the students allowing each one to discover new techniques that work for you as you progress in painting successful watercolors.

Check out her work at: www.judymorris-art.com



THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

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.

APRIL 10th - OAKGROVE PARK, PASADENA

4400 Oak Grove Park Drive. 210 Fwy to Arroyo/Windsor Exit, turn right (North) then left on Woodbury, it becomes Oak Grove Dr. Stay on this road as it travels round the reservoir. Parking spot next to Devils Gate Dam, good view of the mountains. Bring a lunch.

APRIL 17th - PASADENA MUSEUM OF HISTORY, PASADENA

Located on the corner of Orange Grove and Walnut in Pasadena. There will be a tour available to us, and think we will be lucky and get to view the Sam Hyde Harris Art work. Bring lunch.

APRIL 24TH, GRAND CENTRAL MARKET

317 Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90013 (213) 624-2378. Travel light, parking lots available nearby, bring money. We will meet for lunch near the back at ANGEL'S FLIGHT, where there are tables and chairs for dining, inexpensive great food available.

NEW MEMBERS

We have better pictures of Felicia and Frances, as well as correcting the spelling of Frances!



Felicia Hazelton
La Verne, CA



Frances I. Ortiz
Claremont, CA

We have another new member:

Tina Wang from **South Pasadena.**

We hope to have a photo and bio from Tina soon!

SCHOLARSHIP

We have received a number of original art donations from MVAL members to be awarded as June Raffle prizes. Here are several examples. There are many more items—including books and even a mat-cutter in excellent condition. Alas, ticket sales have not been as brisk as in previous years. As a raffle-winning strategy, might we suggest buying a few raffle tickets this month rather than waiting until the last minute!

Scholarship Committee



Tom Fong



JoAnn Formia



Jim Salchak

TENTH ANNUAL

Saturday in the Park with the Masters

Southern California artists are invited to the Tenth Annual **"Saturday in the Park with the Masters"** to learn from and paint with some of this area's finest painters and instructors. Since Milford Zornes was always an avid supporter of MVAL and this special event, all proceeds are used in his memory to offer art scholarships to dedicated art students and grants to art departments of schools within the area.

Spend the day in the park. Bring water, lunch, your sketchbook, a comfortable chair, and your imagination. Move from venue to venue and learn from each painter.



Stephen Romio will be joining this year's Masters painting colorful portraits.

Saturday, May 3, 10 am to 4 pm.
Maranatha High School, 169 South Saint John Avenue,
Pasadena, \$15 pre-paid or \$20 at the location.

Registration forms are to be returned to:
**Ike Ikeda, 2038 Paseo Susana, San Dimas CA
91773.** For additional information call Mark Wood at,
626.825.0464 or email; markjwood@earthlink.net.



The beautiful Maranatha High School Campus is the location of this year's event.

Fees from this exciting Tenth Annual workshop event will benefit **Mid-Valley Arts League's** scholarship support of art education programs within the San Gabriel Valley. **REGISTER EARLY!!**

*Registration identification
tags will be available
May 3, at the Maranatha
High School campus.*



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

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/ZIP _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

Tenth Annual 'Saturday in the Park with the Masters'

☐ Saturday, May 3, 2014 \$15 (in advance) \$ _____
☐ Saturday, May 3, 2014 \$20 (at the location) \$ _____

Saturday in the Park with the Masters at Maranatha High School, May 3, 2014



Artists presenting their paintings at the end of the afternoon.

2014 Masters

JoAnn Formia
Laurie Hendricks
Chuck Kovacic
Dale Laitinen
Marciano Martinez
Walter McNall
Richard Pina
Stephen Romio
Jim Schlenker
Joseph Stoddard
Brenda Swenson
Chris VanWinkle



Chuck Kovacic



Joseph Stoddard



JoAnn Formia



Dale Laitinen

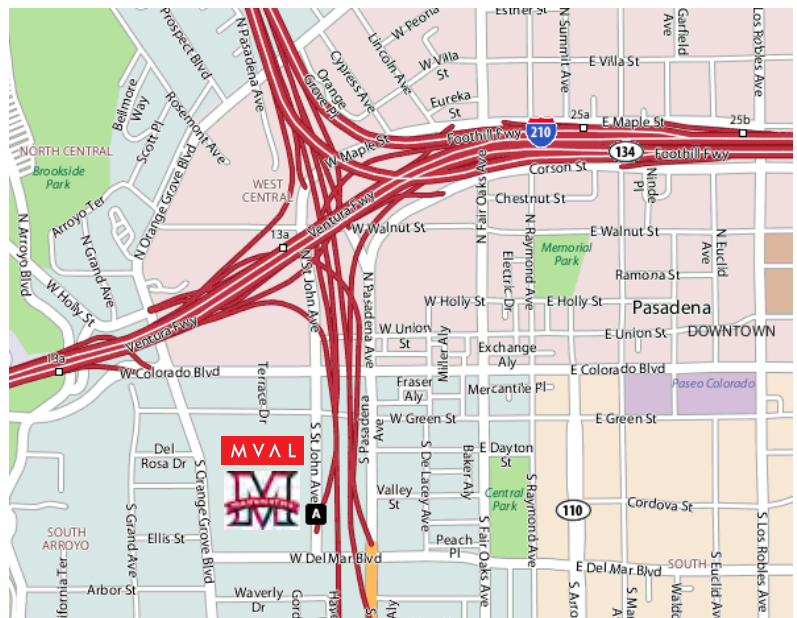
Directions

From the West on the Pasadena Freeway (110): Exit at Orange Grove Blvd., go North (turn left) and proceed six traffic lights to Green Street. Turn right onto Green Street, go one block and turn right onto St. John Ave (one way street going south). Go about half a block and park in the underground parking structure on the right.

From the East on the Foothill Freeway (210): Exit at Orange Grove Blvd. via the Ventura Freeway (134). Go South (turn left) on Orange Grove, then turn left at the second traffic light onto Green Street and turn right onto St. John Ave (one way street going south). Go south half a block and park in the underground parking structure on the right.

From the Ventura Freeway (134): Exit at Orange Grove Blvd. and proceed straight onto Colorado Blvd. Turn right at the first traffic light onto St. John Ave. Go south one and one-half blocks and park in the underground parking structure on the right.

From the north on the Foothill Freeway (210): Take the Colorado Blvd. exit, proceed straight onto Saint John Ave., and park in the underground parking structure on the right.



Maranatha High School, 169 South Saint John Avenue, Pasadena

Ratindra Das Workshop

With an Eye for Design in Watercolor

June 26-28, 2014

The focus of this workshop is on designing a painting. It will be based on concept and imagination. A well designed painting does not happen by accident. It's a deliberate effort by the artist in representational as well as in non-objective painting. Personal vision in a painting is both analytical and intuitive. Outline or a set of guidelines are just that! These are not all inclusive.



There are limitless possibilities when it comes to an eye for design in watercolor.

For more information about Ratindra Das visit, www.RatindraDas.net



Ratindra Das Workshop

This three day workshop is geared toward intermediate to advanced students. It is limited to 15 people.

Dates: Thursday to Saturday, June 26-28, 2014
9:00am to 4:00pm.

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

Fee: \$300 MVAL Members / \$325 Non-members

A deposit of \$100 must be submitted with registration. Registration is based on receipt of registration and deposit. Final payment is due by June 5, 2014.

NO REFUNDS AFTER June 16, 2014.

REGISTRATION

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



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Ratindra Das Workshop, June 26-28, 2014

Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____

Check one: ☐ MVAL Member ☐ Non Member

Mail to: JoAnn Formia, 2062 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104

Questions: 626.797.8562 / aimrof@aol.com

CANDIDATES FOR SLATE OF OFFICERS - 2014-2015

POSITION	2014-2015 CANDIDATE
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Third VP -----	OPEN
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Banquet -----	Saralyn Lowenstein
Banquet -----	Chester Specht
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Gallery -----	OPEN
Guest Hostess -----	Michi Ikeda
Historian -----	Lee Johnson
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Paint-Outs -----	Lynne Fearman
Photographer -----	Lorraine Daskal
Property -----	OPEN
Publicity -----	Mark Wood
Raffle -----	Bonnie Pierson
Refreshments -----	OPEN
Saturday in the Park -----	Mark Wood
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Director 2012-15 -----	May Chan
Director 2013-15 -----	
Director 2013-16 -----	Flora Johnson
Director 2013-16 -----	Mary Jane Klune
Director 2013-16 -----	Sandy Murphy
Director 2014-17 -----	
Director 2014-17 -----	
Director 2014-17 -----	

MARCH MEETING

Demonstration - Chris Van Winkle



Artist of the Month - Jan Wright



SUBMISSIONS FOR ART & THE ARTIST

As well as my work for MVAL and as an artist, I also perform at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire. Faire opens April 5th and runs for 7 weekends. I MUST get the newsletter done by the Friday after the board meeting during the months of April and May.

The due date for submissions is by the monthly board meeting, first Wednesday of the month. If there are any last minute changes that come up at the board meeting, I need those Thursday morning.

If you have an event that starts the beginning of the month, list it in the newsletter the month before. I will leave the announcement in the newsletter until the event is over.

Thank you,

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor, Art & the Artist