

MVAL

# Art & the Artist

April 2019

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Armando Ruiz

**Demonstration by John Byram**  
**66th Annual Member's Exhibit- AWARDS**

**MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE  
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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



Congratulations to all of the participants and winners at Intuitive, the Members Exhibition; it is a wonderful collection of art from our members. This is a major event requiring many persons to make it a success. Thanks to the chair Frances Ortiz and Jeanne Windoffer, her reliable assistant, for all of the good work. Thanks to CCMA for hosting us and for hanging the exhibition. Thanks to those who brought the great refreshments. It is a beautiful exhibit, so give yourself a treat and make it a point to see it in Ontario. Take a friend, or like Pam McGuren bring your personal fan club.

At the next general meeting, John Byram our member, watercolor artist and teacher will be our demonstrator. John is teaching a class once taught by Fealing Lin at Brand Library in Glendale. In April, John Taggart will provide us a demonstration about Photography for Artists; he was a professional photographer in his other life. The scholarship committee is hard at work soliciting awardees and collecting prizes for the big Raffle Extravaganza in June. MVAL is seeking a Scholarship Chair. Remember our organization is extremely generous in our awards; this is a major community outreach event.

I hope to see you at Saturday In The Park With The Masters; a big thanks to Mark Wood who has steadily and successfully guided this event.

We keep growing in our membership, now we need volunteers participating with the necessary work.

Art of the Month: April Showers

**Armando Ruiz**  
*President*

## MEETING DATES

### APRIL GENERAL MEETING

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

### MAY BOARD MEETING

The May Board Meeting will be held May 3rd - 7:30 PM  
Live Oak Park, Temple City



## APRIL PROGRAM

### JOHN BYRAM

John Byram has been painting in transparent watercolor for over twenty-five years.

He undertakes each painting with the words of Thomas Eliot in mind, "Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." A goal is always to push the balance: between accurate representation and the wonderful chaos of the medium; between tight and loose brushwork; between what's deliberate and what almost paints itself.

John's work has appeared in the Annual Arroyo Arts Discovery Tour, the Mohave County Museum, the Southwest Museum and the Acorn Gallery in Los Angeles. He studied under noted aquarellists Fealing Lin, Robert J. Uecker and Robert S. Oliver. He is a member of Mid Valley Arts League and the Mount Washington Plein Air Painters. John conducts workshops and currently teaches classes through the City of Glendale's Lifelong Learning Program. See his work at [www.johnbyram.com](http://www.johnbyram.com)

John has a Bachelor in Architecture from Arizona State University and Masters of Architecture and City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. He lives with his wife Simran, son Neil and dog Nick in Pasadena, California.



## ART OF THE MONTH

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".

April ----- April Showers  
May ----- ...Bring May Flowers  
June ----- no Artist of the Month

Anne Steben  
*Art of the Month Chairman*

## DID YOU KNOW?

You should have gotten your dues renewal letter by now. The dues for the next fiscal year are due on May 1st and become delinquent on June 30th.



This Milford Zornes painting will be part of the Silent Auction



Examples of paintings donated this year

## ARTIST NEWS

Three **Mid-Valley** members were award recipients at the *Central Coast Watercolor Association's "Aquarius" Show* in March. The association gives awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and three honorable mentions in addition to several named awards.

**Mary Gilman** received the **Ampersand Merchandise Award** for "*Harmony Eucalyptus*,"

**Mary Osko** was awarded the **Marguerite Costigan/Terry Sanville Award** for "*Going Fishing*" and

**Jan Wright** was awarded an **Honorable Mention** for "*Westward Bound*."

This association was Chris Van Winkle's "home away from his MVAL home" and a number of CCWA painters participate in the annual Chris Van Winkle paint out each fall.

Paintings by the following MVAL members

**Franceska Bryton, JoAnn Formia and Valya Hristova**

were juried by Soon Warren into

"10th Annual Signature American International Watermedia Exhibition"-*"World of Watercolor and Beyond"*

The exhibition is on a display at

"The Janice Griffiths Gallery,

Fallbrook, California,

February 10 - April 21, 2019.

## SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to encourage all of our members to take a look at their artwork and consider donating an art piece to our June Raffle. It is always special to win a painting or work of art that has been created by someone you know. Each donation is greatly appreciated and never taken for granted. If you have an art piece ready to donate, please bring it for display at the meeting. Also, we are accepting donations of art supplies, art books, etc. Thank you for your generosity.





# MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE

66th Annual Member's Exhibit - March 21st thru May 18th, 2019

*Intuitive, Brave, Bold, Unfold*

## AWARDS



### SPECIAL AWARDS General Membership

**Best of Exhibition:**  
Sally Kubly  
*More Snow Expected*

**Henry Fukuhara Award:**  
Peggy Ebright  
*Distant Hills*

**Chris Van Winkle Award:**  
Julie Crouch  
*Anticipation*

**Hanft Award:**  
Kate McDaniel  
*Front Row Seats*

**President's Award:**  
Michiko Ikeda  
*Treasured Moment*

**Milford Zornes Award:**  
John Taggart  
*Zion Reflections*

**Tom Fong Award:**  
Donna Larson  
*A Cold Winters Day*

**Altadena/Pasadena  
Sorooptimist Club Award:**  
Bonnie Pierson  
*A Drop of Sedona*

### HONOR COURT

**Chris Van Winkle Award:**  
Richard Martinez  
*Koi Pond at Maranatha High*

**1st Place:**  
Valya Hristova  
*I Have No Milk*

**2nd Place:**  
Setsuko Okubo  
*Blue Moon*

**3rd Place:**  
Francesca Brayton  
*San Carlos*

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

#### GENRE

**1st Place:**  
Laural Erpenbeck,  
*Men Waiting for Work*

**2nd Place:**  
Cris Gordy,  
*Laundry Alley*

**3rd Place:**  
Laurie Mangiagli,  
*I See You*

#### FLORAL/STILL LIFE

**1st Place:**  
Helen Hayes,  
*Out Front*

**2nd Place:**  
Shirley Manning,  
*Roses to You*

**Honorable Mention:**  
Gail Green,  
*Yes We Do Have Bananas*

#### STRUCTURAL/ MECHANICAL

**1st Place:**  
Amparo Elican,  
*Garner House in Claremont*

**2nd Place:**  
Mel Peters,  
*Fishing Boat San Pedro*

#### LANDSCAPE/ SEASCAPE

**1st Place:**  
Jeanne Windoffer,  
*Gathering in the Gold*

**2nd Place:**  
Jim Bretscher,  
*Beast-Half Moon Bay*

**3rd Place:**  
Nancy Dorn,  
*Winter*

**Honorable Mention:**  
Glenn Yoshida,  
*Monterey Rocks*





**Juror:** Eileen McCullough – Plein Air Fine Artist, Teacher and Juror  
**Location:** CHAFFEY COMMUNITY MUSEUM OF ART - CCMA  
 217 South Lemon Ave. • Ontario • CA 91761-1623 • (909) 463-3733 [www.chaffeymuseum.org](http://www.chaffeymuseum.org)  
**Exhibit Opens:** Thursday, March 21, 2019, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Exhibit Closes:** Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 4:00 pm,  
**PICK-UP** is the next day, Sunday-see below\*

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

### 55th Annual Celebrate the Arts Show and ChalkFest "Art Changes the World"

Saturday, October 5th, 2019 10 am- 6 pm  
 Station Square Park, 1629 S. Myrtle Ave, Monrovia  
 This show will host 50 booths of local fine artists demonstrating and displaying their work along with our third ChalkFest with cash prizes. It will feature quality live music on the Station Square Park stage and popular food trucks. Regional and national advertising is already underway. Artist amenities include your own custom ad created by us for social media, as well as event postcards and posters, event map featuring your name, medium, and URL/contact info, and refreshments throughout the day.  
 REGISTER TODAY AT [MONROVIAFINEARTS.ORG/EVENTS](http://MONROVIAFINEARTS.ORG/EVENTS)  
 For more info contact [christine@monroviafinearts.org](mailto:christine@monroviafinearts.org) (626) 483-0560

## CRIT NIGHT

Just a reminder, Crit Nights are still happening the second Wednesday each month from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.  
 Studio 2310, 2310 Central Avenue, Unit 13.  
 Mark Wood  
 626.825.0464

## NEW MEMBERS

### Janet Ho Arcadia, CA

Janet has a BA in Finance and Accounting. She has taken several elementary watercolor classes and is a beginner that is loving the learning process. She enjoys traveling, painting and good food! Janet is looking forward to the benefits that MVAL membership will give her.

### Pearl. A Ryerson San Gabriel, CA

Pearl has an MFA and a MAE. She is a retired art teacher. Her art background and interests are painting, sculpture and textile art. Her life has been full and she has not had time to make art, but now that she is retired she wants to get back into it. She enjoys art, crochet, knitting, dancing, photography and travel. She believes that an artist is "always a student."

## COLORFUL ELEPHANT

We will be having a White Elephant table at our December meeting. Maybe your gently used art supplies or books are the perfect thing for another member to gift themselves! Come a bit early if you need to set up your items. Mark each item with a price and provide a container for money or be available for sales.

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## Julie Crouch One-Day Workshop

May 11, 2019 9am - 4pm

### “SHAPES! VALUE! COLOR! . . . AN ORGANIZING APPROACH TO PAINTING IN WATERCOLOR”

Have you ever approached a clean white piece of watercolor paper, wondering “Where should I begin?” After years of classes and workshops, Julie realized that she needed a way to synthesize the information her instructors had so generously imparted so that her brain wasn’t bombarding her with all of the disparate bits as she painted. In this one-day workshop, Julie Crouch will share how she simplifies her thought process in order to paint stronger watercolors by planning of value and shape through layering. Working with large and small shapes with hard and soft edges. Ultimately recognizing when to stop.

This will be a fun and exciting one-day workshop....



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## NOMINATED BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019-2020

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#### Directors to 6/2019

Joel Daskal

#### Directors to 6/2020

Chris Gallison

#### Directors to 6/2021



## 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 Valley, our directions stem from there.  
It is each person's responsibility to carry a map, GPS, or double check directions.

Thursdays in Plein Air is an open and separate activity and not part of Mid-Valley Arts League.  
This group is an unaffiliated, and uninstructed group of artists, not associated with any particular art organization, and cannot be held responsibility for any loss or bodily injury that may occur while participating with this group's activities.

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!

### APR 11th - PECK ROAD PARK, ARCADIA

5401 Peck Rd. Arcadia. Take 210 freeway east to Myrtle Ave. in Monrovia. Turn south, heading away from the mountains. In 2.6 miles look for entrance to the park on your right. Just past McBean Dr. on your left. Entrance on your right. Bring lunch.

### APR 18th - THE WALKER HOUSE SAN DIMAS

121 N. San Dimas Ave. The Walker House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the most significant historical building in the City of San Dimas. Take the 210 Freeway east to Dan Dimas Ave. exit . Turn Right. The house will be on your right. Parking in the rear. Bring lunch.

### May 2 - Arlington Gardens

### May 9 - Pasadena City Hall

### May 16 - Santa Fe Dam bear the boat dock

### May 23 - Arroyo Seco at the casting pond

### May 30 - Alverno High School 200 N. Michillinda Blvd

## IN MEMORIUM

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*"Rest in Peace"*

It is with sadness that we report the passing of  
**Patricia Copley**, an MVAL member since 2009.  
She was a watercolor artist.

## ON THE COVER

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*"Hope Tree"* painted by **Armando Ruiz**

It has the word Hope written in 18 different languages.  
Painting is 2x2 foot square. Acrylic on canvas of one of  
the four commemorative hope trees at City of Hope  
Hospital in Duarte, CA.

## GALLERY

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We have a MVAL Gallery at the Live Oak Community Center,  
10144 Bogue Street, Temple City. Stop by and have a look at  
the artwork our talented members have created.

This gallery is an important community outreach.  
MVAL Board is given a space for our monthly meetings in  
exchange for adding to the beauty and interest of the  
community center at the park.  
The paintings are seen by a lot of people and members  
have sold paintings that they exhibited there.

The space holds 11 paintings and are hung for 2 months.  
We need artists for March/April and the following months  
into the summer. You may partner with another artist to  
meet the 11 paintings needed.

If you have interest in hanging your paintings at the Center  
please contact Linda at 626-358-7178.