

MVAL

Art & the Artist

April 2020

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Armando Ruiz

**Caring for our Members:
MVAL Cancels all current events and meetings.**

**MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE
2019- 2020
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Membership in MVAL:
Membership is open to artists and art lovers
of all levels.
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Art & the Artist may be sent to:
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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



I hope everyone is well and making the
best of things.

Having missed most Wednesday general meetings over the last decade,
I can't believe how much I'm missing them now! It's what keeps us all
connected!

If y'all want to see some local paintings, check out the Facebook page
"thursdayinpleinair" with work from the plein air group and others too.
Some wonderful events, unfortunately, had to be cancelled this Spring.
Here's hoping some of these affairs can be resurrected.

I trust everyone is using this time to be creative? I heard on the news
today that Shakespeare wrote King Lear and Macbeth when he was under
quarantine in 1606. A grade school teacher of mine wrote part of a poem
(I should find the attribution) in one of my art books....

"For the future is not ours to know, and it may never be.
So let us live, and give our best, and give it lavishly!"

So, during this hiatus, let's create some lavish artwork ... and MVAL will be
stronger than ever!

John Byram
President

MEETING DATES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

CANCELLED

MAY BOARD MEETING

The May Board Meeting will be held May 6th - 7:30 PM
Location to be determined.

EVENT CANCELLATIONS

The April General Meeting is canceled.

MASTERS IN THE PARK

We had all SO hoped that the threat of COVID-19 would be over by now and that we would be able to hold the **Sixteenth Annual Masters in the Park** at Maranatha High School on April 25. Unfortunately, it was not to be. With Governor Newsom's order to stay at home for an indefinite period of time and LAUSD's and other local school districts' announcements that schools will remain closed at least until May 1, it became clear that our event could not be held this year. What a disappointment, especially after all of the work that Mark Wood, Mel Peters and others on the committee had done to make this an extra special year. Thank you Mark, Mel and your committee members.

Hopefully, Maranatha High School will invite MVAL to have this event again in 2021 on their beautiful campus. And hopefully, COVID-19 will just be a bad memory by then.

In the meantime, I pray that you are all well and safely hunkered down at home. The silver lining in this is more time to paint and draw!

Stay well,
Julie Crouch
MVAL Directory Chair

THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

All "*Thursdays in Plein Air*" Meetings are canceled until further notice.

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!

If you are spending your time painting in your home or backyard, you are welcome to share your paintings in the Facebook Group and keep in touch.

WORKSHOP CANCELLATIONS

Both the Fealing Lin and Joe Cibere Workshops have been canceled.

MEMBER'S EXHIBIT

Good-bye Exhibit "Perspectives" 2020

Hasn't COVID 19 given us all a different "Perspective" on everything from beans to toilet paper! Sorry, had to say that and hopefully make you smile, giggle too.

This is a formality to announce what many of you already know. Chaffey Community Museum of Art (CCMA) has announced their closure until May 31, 2020, causing us to CANCEL our Annual Members' Exhibit for 2020.

At this time, it's not practical to "wait" for an "all clear" that will not happen in a timely or convenient manner. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused you in valuable time, framing & material costs and the mental energies figuring out the logistics of travel. It is time to bring closure to this situation, move forward and give focus to our own lives and families.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW

- Your Entry Checks will be voided and shredded by Treasurer Lee Johnson or Assistant Exhibit Chair, Jeanne Windoffer. This will cancel your check & paid fee, leaving nothing to mail and keep further track of. You will receive a confirmation from Jeanne Windoffer - jwindoffer@sbcglobal.net
- Remember the CCMA Gallery Rule – Remember that you may not enter a painting twice into a CCMA sponsored exhibit. Whatever painting you were planning to enter for MVAL 2020, may be entered again next year 2021 which will save you time and money in framing cost. Just make sure you DO NOT ENTER that selected painting into a non-MVAL CCMA exhibit or it will be disqualified from our MVAL 2021 Exhibit. Your painting may be entered into other Exhibits such as Verdugo Hills or AAIE.

Thanks to ALL who tried to make this event happen especially with volunteer transportation. I suppose I waited a bit too long to finalize this decision because with all my heart I wanted to make it happen with even the smallest chance and so did CCMA. We have such fun at this annual event and it gave me great pleasure to serve as your Vice President of Exhibits these past 3 years. My prayers were always to serve this membership with the best of my time and talent.

Stay well and be safe until we meet again...Happy Trails!

Fran Ortiz –

3rd VP, Exhibit Chair

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"**. So please share your work and help inspire the rest of us!

I hope you enjoy exploring these themes this year. They are open to your interpretation!

April ----- *meeting canceled*

May ----- *Glorious Gardens*

ON THE COVER

The cover was painted by Armando Ruiz

COVER ART

I am in need of paintings for the cover of the Art and the Artist. What are you working on while staying at home? Email me shots of your paintings: janunamaker@verizon.net

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor

MEMBERSHIP DUES

This is the time of year when we send out membership dues letters.

You will be receiving that, but due to the Corona Virus Shut Down we are extending the time frame in which dues need to be sent in. Instead of end of June the deadline this year will be July 31st.

SCHOLARSHIP

Even though we are shut down for now, the scholarship committee is still at work. Deadline for schools and teachers to submit for a scholarship or grant has been extended another month. Expectations are that we will award scholarships as usual.

Hopefully we will still be able to have our June Raffle. We'll keep membership posted on that!

Kate McDaniel, Susan Gutschow
and Serena Refoua
Scholarship Co-Chairs

ARTIST NEWS

Chris Frausto is proud to be included in the **"Thriving Artist Community"** exhibit as part of the Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation. The exhibit features photography of local artists and their homes and studios as we celebrate the lives and work of our region's rich artistic community. The exhibits will run from Feb 1 through June 6, 2020. The Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation for Arts and Crafts is located at 5131 Carnelian St., Rancho Cucamonga, 91710.

Assuming that the show is closed for now, but left it in the newsletter in case things open up before June. - editor

Francesca Brayton received the Merit Award for Seal Beach Junior Lifeguards at the **International Watermedia Exhibition** in Houston, Eric Weirgardt was the juror.



NOMINATED BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019-2020

Here is the corrected list for Nominated Board Members.

Notice that we still have open positions. For any position there are guidelines and written material plus the help and support of the board and people who have held that position in the past. We make it easy!

If you are interested in contributing to MVAL as a board member or a director's position (helper and board member in training), contact **Armando Ruiz** or **John Byram**.

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Masters in the Park
Scholarship

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Need Chair
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& Jim Brestcher
Mel Peters
Kate McDaniel
& Susan Gutschow
Glenn Yoshida
Kimberly Michael
Carol Ling



A few of the paintings that have been donated for the Scholarship Raffle.

A FEW IDEAS OF WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TIME WHILE STAYING AT HOME

- Go through all your paints, pastels or colored pencils and arrange by spectrum.
- Do a sketch a day challenge. Doesn't have to be anything big, just an item in your house, yard or even sketch from a photo.
- Develop a fascination for still-life painting, perfect for the stay-at-home artist.
- Take pictures of your work or artistic arrangements in your home and post them on Facebook or Instagram.
- You have probably bought some sort of medium and materials based on a demonstration you once saw. You may have never tried that medium and those supplies are in a drawer somewhere... haul them out and TRY that thing!
- If you have decent internet, look for demonstration videos posted on YouTube.
- Do Google image searches and research paintings on different subjects. Create a Pinterest account to save those images for later reference.
- Dust off all your art books and spend time looking at them.
- Spend a bit of time just "throwing paint around", in other words, just play with paint and color with no real intent on creating a finished painting.
- Go back to your roots and color in a coloring book!

Members who are receiving the printed version of the newsletter -

You will notice that the format is a bit different this month. Fed-Ex office is partially closed. With the issue being smaller to begin with, I have cut the mailing list to the bare minimum and printed this newsletter at home! I also decided to print in color, which is usually cost prohibitive for a longer newsletter and larger printing.

- Editor

MVAL SHARE THE LOVE OF ART FOR MAY NEWSLETTER

Let's face it, none of us are sure when we will be able to have our next meeting. Due to the quick actions on part of the Mayor of Los Angeles and our Governor, California seems to be flattening the curve on virus outbreaks but we may be asked to not assemble large groups or continue to stay at home into May.

The MVAL Board met via conference call this month, it was a strange thing but we got it done. One of the concerns voiced by board members was losing contact and the energy of our regular meeting this month. We had an idea of doing a special newsletter next month by having members share what they are doing with their art during this time.

Share your comments, observations, sketches and paintings (you may share work done previous to this month) and even pictures of your studio or work area.

Provide a few comments about your art.

Send them to Joyce Nunamaker via email:

janunamaker@verizon.net

If you have a smart phone you can take a picture with it and email it directly from your phone. Don't worry about quality!

The idea is to share with the group and create a positive note to this strange situation we find ourselves in.

Please send images or comments by
May 6th.

Thank you,
Joyce Nunamaker
Art and the Artist Editor

Meditative Artwork by
Joyce Nunamaker

