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Art & the Artist

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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Mary Gilman

Demonstration by David Deyell

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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



Hey there fellow artists,

Going, going, gone!!!

The Scholarship Auction is set to start May 11th, with the hammer coming down at midnight on May 18th. Available artwork will be featured online for everyone's perusal and winning bidders can pickup their pieces on the following Saturday, May 21.

The Auction has some exciting artists this year and I'm looking forward to seeing their artwork! Since MVAL hasn't had a lot of other venues to raise money for our scholarships and grants, this will be an important event in reaching the organization's commitment to helping students seeking an education in the arts. So, please tell friends, relatives and colleagues.

A big thank you to our new Scholarship Auction Chair, Laurie Gillis, for leading the auction effort and making it happen this year!

Moving on to other exciting news ... the 16th annual Masters in the Park event will happen at Maranatha High School's campus again this year on Saturday, May 14, 10am - 3pm. Mel Peters has assembled a great group of master artists, so come see them in action. The event is free this year, but please look for the donation can.

I wanted to just express here how much we will all miss Armando, and now, Deanne Ruiz. They were indispensable people in making Mid Valley a wonderful organization in which to belong and their contributions will long be remembered by those who knew and loved them.

I can't wait to see another demonstration at our general meeting, so I'll join you all there!

John Byram
MVAL President

MEETING DATES

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

ZOOM MEETING

April 20th, 2022- 7:30 PM

MAY BOARD MEETING

May 4th, 2022- 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting.

APRIL DEMONSTRATION

DAVID DEYELL

David is a landscape painter. He will discuss how all media artists can create art using values, shapes and color. Using what is seen and then interpreted, David teaches creation rather than duplication. Discussion will include "reason for each painting" "large shape" and "simultaneous color."

Background: N.Y. Technical High School, Pratt University, licensed California Architect, AIA Emeritus, Author of "Art of Plein Air Watercolor" published book, annual Yosemite Resident Artist (20 years), weekly local art classes in City of Agoura Hills, weekly local art classes in Oak Park (15 years)-on hold due to pandemic, demonstrator, art competition juror and winner of several Best of Shows. David's paintings of Yosemite have been purchased by Yosemite visitors from all over the world.

Instructors: He has learned art from Edgar Whitney, Tony Couch, Milford Zornes, Henry Fukuhara, Tom Fong, Chris Van Winkle, as well as his students and fellow artists.

David will TALK and PAINT at the same time, demonstrating a designed landscape scene. Time permitting he will do a second painting using the "wet into wet" technique.

He will be painting Yosemite for his watercolor demonstration on Wednesday April 20.



ZOOM MEETING

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.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

**YOU HAVE A FEW MORE DAYS TO SEND IN ARTWORK ,
TILL at midnight April 15th**

MVAL.webmaster@gmail.com

Art submissions are being accepted now in any theme or media.

Voting will start SUNDAY April 17th til noon of the general meeting (WEDNESDAY APRIL 20th) For voting go to www.midvalleyartslague.org . Vote Once!

Files must be cropped in .jpg or .png format and under 1000 pixels on the longest side. File name should be the title, eg: "the painting", media, measurements and your name in the email.

The winning art piece will appear in the Newsletter as wells the website. A \$10 Starbuck gift card will be sent to the winner.

April Drew Foster - Chairman

Kimberly Michael and Jennifer Zapp - Website chairmen

WANTED: ARTIST OF THE MONTH CHAIRMAN

Starting fall of 2022

This person will organize the displays of MVAL members artwork to be displayed at the general meetings, publish notices in the Art and Artist newsletter and distribute awards. If the meeting continue to be virtual then the Artist of the Month Chairman will work with the Website chairman to display the submitting artists works online.

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

Mid Valley Auction

As most of you know, we, Mid Valley, are a very generous organization. We have given many scholarships over the years, on average of approximately \$5,000 per year. We can't do this without your generous support.

We are so looking forward to seeing the paintings that you are willing to donate to benefit the Scholarship Fund for 2022. Please look at your artwork and select a painting for our Auction. More details to follow.

THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

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!

Locations are determined on a weekly basis as gathering in a location may not be allowed from week to week.

Check the Facebook Page
or contact Lynne Fearman to find current plans.

APRIL 7th - DEUKMEJIAN PARK, NORTH GLENDALE

3429 Markridge Rd. Glendale 91214. Bring lunch

APRIL 14th - SANTA FE DAM

15501 Arrow Highway Irwindale

Take the 210 freeway to the 605 south. Exit at the Arrow Highway off ramp. Left at exit follow signs to Santa Fe Dam Recreational Park. Entrance on your left. Meet at the 3rd parking lot. Boat dock and Fire Station. Bring lunch.

APRIL 21st - PASADENA CITY HALL

100 Garfield Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101

APRIL 28th - ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL, SIERRA MADRE

200 North Michillinda Ave. 91024
(626)355-3463.

Bring lunch.

MAY 5th - OLVERA ST., LOS ANGELES

For Cinco de Mayo! 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles. 90012. Take the train or drive. Parking available near by. EAT THERE FOR LUNCH.

OPEN STUDIO

Open Studio, Wednesdays 10am-2pm

Studio2310 hosts Open Studio Wednesdays, 10am-2pm. It's an opportunity to paint and associate with other MVAL members.

Bring your painting supplies and lunch and enjoy the comaraderie.
Coffee and cookies (usually homemade) are provided.

\$15 per individual visit or \$10 per visit when paying for the month in advance.

Please RSVP, markwood2310@gmail.com or text at, 626.825.0464.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark Wood

Studio2310, 2310 Central Ave., Unit13, Duarte 91010

ARTIST'S NEWS

With great pleasure, I would like to share exciting news about our own MVAL member **Pete Morris**. One of his paintings will be featured on the covers of all mineral paper pads by **Yasutomo**, replacing their existing covers.

These pads will be distributed around the world to all their retail vendors. His name is also credited on the bottom left of his painting.

The new pads are in full production now and will be available once they complete the first lots.

I think our members will find it exciting to know~

- Emmeline Liu



The Renaissance Pleasure Faire is open again after a 2 year close down.

Joyce Nunamaker and Fred McCall are involved with their booth, "The Ortaerie" (booth #10).

Joyce's craftwork and art is for sale in the booth, as well as some work by a few other artists.

Fred will be playing Native American Flute at the front of the booth and flutes are available for purchase.

The faire is at Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale and runs weekends through May 22.

For information: renfaire.com



Donna Barnes-Roberts is teaching watercolor classes at *The Coffee Gallery* in Altadena and at *BMAI* in Montrose.

April classes are available for enrollment. Information about her classes and artwork are at [here](http://www.barnesroberts.com/page/10937/watercolor-wow-classes) Her ukulele adventures can be found at [here](http://www.barnesroberts.com/page/10937/watercolor-wow-classes)

The link for my classes is: <https://www.barnesroberts.com/page/10937/watercolor-wow-classes>.

April Drew Foster is please to announce she with be exhibiting her art work at the *San Marino Crowell Library's Crain Art Gallery* from April 23 till June 3.

There will be a casual reception Sunday May 8 from 2-4.



ON THE COVER

The cover art, "Summer", was painted by **Armando Ruiz**.

IN MEMORIAM

It was not even 2 months ago that we lost Armando Ruiz and now I am so sad to tell you that Deanne Ruiz passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022. Like Armando, she had been struggling with cancer for years.

Deanne wore many hats over her years with MVAL, including Treasurer and Membership Chair which she tackled meticulously. During Armando's two terms as MVAL President, she was constantly working behind the scenes to support him.

Deanne was such a dear and thoughtful person. I don't think that she would mind if I shared this note that she sent after Armando's death:

"Thank you so much for sending such a beautiful message of Armando's passing. My heart is full, reading the message, and so grateful he passed peacefully. I miss him so much."

I had the pleasure of meeting 3 of their daughters this week, each one just as lovely as Armando and Deanne. They were with Deanne when she passed peacefully. It is comforting to know that Armando and Deanne are together again.

Julie Crouch
MVAL Directory Chair

PLEIN AIRE OPPORTUNITY

Hello!

My name is Gennie Truelock and I am the Programs Manager at the Workman & Temple Family Homestead Museum in the City of Industry. I'm writing to let you know that we are hosting a free plein air art day on the grounds of the Museum on Sunday, May 15, from 12-4 p.m. and wanted to invite your members to come down and participate, if they are interested. All six acres of the Museum grounds which includes gardens, two historic houses dating to the 1840s and 1920s, and a family cemetery will be made available to artists during the event. If you are interested, please contact me at g.truelock@homesteadmuseum.org and I can send you a flyer that you can share with your membership. Below is a link to the Museum's website, if you like to learn more about the museum and what we have available. <https://www.homesteadmuseum.org/>

Thank you,
Gennie Truelock
Programs Manager
Workman & Temple Family Homestead Museum

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

MVAL Upcoming 2021 and 2022 Online Workshops:

MVAL 2022 Online Workshops - Mark your calendar and join us!

Linda Kemp 3-day watercolor "Negative Painting Obsession - Blossoms and Foliage" - May 31, June 1 & June 3, 2022

Janet Rogers 3-day watercolor workshop - July 5, 7 & 9, 2022

George Politis from Greece 3-day watercolor workshop - September 23, 24 & 25, 2022

Alison Watt 3-day watercolor workshop - October 24, 26, 28, 2022

Check on MVAL Art & Artist Newsletter for flyers and registration forms.

SCHOLARSHIP

This year our annual art Auction will take place May 11 – 18. You will be able to view the paintings and make a bid online by going to the MVAL website. After the auction closes at 9:00 PM May 18, the winners will be notified and arrangements made to pick up their new artwork. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Scholarship Committee to provide both financial aid to high school seniors and junior college students who are pursuing a degree in the arts and grants to schools in need of art materials.

Many fine artists will be represented in the auction, and there is still time for you to join in the fun. Please consider donating a painting to our auction to encourage the artistic growth of our local youth. Remember, this auction not only helps young artists in our midst but also is an opportunity to become a proud owner of a unique and beautiful creation. For more information and to donate a painting you may contact Laurie Gillis at gillishouse@earthlink.net.

Linda Kemp Online Watercolor Workshop

May 31, June 1, & June 3, 2022

'Negative Painting Obsession' – Blossoms and Foliage

Discover how to start, build, and complete watercolor florals as you learn the essential skills of negative painting.

In this 3-day workshop, you will discover how to paint delicate blossoms and foliage. All it takes is a simple shift in the way you see! Linda will demonstrate and lead you step-by-step through the key exercises and tactics of working with this unconventional, inspiring approach.

Topics covered in this program include: interpreting your subject, negative painting strategies, simplified design, basic color concepts, and "seeing" for painting. You will learn how to reduce florals into simplified shapes, create purposeful underpaintings, and practice the glazing techniques used for layering negative shapes.

On the first day, we develop control by working on dry paper, in readiness for the thrill of building wet-into-wet layers on the second and third days. This is watercolour showing off!

Our time together will include video demonstration, hands-on painting time, and live discussion about how to apply negative painting

concepts to your favorite subjects and options for creative painting rescue. Once you learn the basics, you will see and paint the world in an exciting and different way.

This workshop is suitable for all levels, although some painting experience is recommended.

Think positive about negative painting!



Linda Kemp Online Watercolor Workshop

This workshop is for **ALL LEVELS**

PC/Mac/Smartphone and internet access needed.

Dates: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday, May 31, June 1, & June 3, 2022 9:30 AM -3:30 PM daily

Fee: \$325 MVAL Members /\$355 Non-Members.

A deposit of \$100 or full amount must be submitted with registration. Remainder due on May 20.

No Refunds after May 20, 2022.

A supply list will be provided upon registration.

Questions: Liza Carrillo, 909.223.8981
lzcarrillo@hotmail.com

Registration

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

Name _____
Address _____
City Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Linda Kemp Workshop: May 31, June 1, June 3, 2022 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday)

Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____

Check one: ☐ MVAL Member ☐ Non Member

Mail to: MVAL, c/o Liza Carrillo, 418 Charleston Dr.,
Claremont, CA 91711

About Linda Kemp

<http://lindakemp.com>

email: studio@lindakemp.com



*Linda Kemp is internationally recognized for her unique contemporary watercolors and acrylics. Her innovative use of negative painting is the focus of her two best-selling books, *Watercolor Painting Outside the Lines* and *Simplifying Design and Color For Artists*. Linda is featured in art publications, video and internet forums, with over 1.5 million YouTube views.*



She is honored to be a Life Member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (CSPWC), the Ontario Society of Artists (OSA) and the Society of Canadian Artists (SAC). Her award-winning paintings are in collections around the world, including The Royal Collection, Windsor Castle, U.K.

In 2008, Linda was awarded the A.J. Casson Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Water Colour, the top award for the CSPWC National Exhibition, Open Waters. In 2005, she was awarded Woman of the Year for Arts and Culture.



Linda is an enthusiastic teacher who truly cares about the sharing of knowledge with her students. She instructs at symposiums and workshops throughout Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and France and now online. She has served as juror for numerous national and international exhibitions, including the 2020 Women in Watercolor International Juried Competition.



Janet Rogers Online Watercolor Workshop

July 5, July 7 & July 9, 2022

Expressive Watercolors – Flowers, Faces & Figures

We will begin this online workshop with our study of the nature of flowers – learning to interpret flowers in a loose and spontaneous manner – concentrating on discovering the power and movement of color, designing with individual flowers as well as groupings, values, edges (soft vs. hard), leaving white paper as part of the design, and controlling water and brush strokes to provide an intuitive experience.

This part of the workshop will involve sending you some photos of flowers (mostly individual ones, a variety), which you can use for your paintings or use your favorites photos or live flowers – (usually Janet loves to paint live flowers but she realizes it is hard to share). You can use Janet's photos for your learning process.

We will then move into learning to interpret the head and figure – which consists of a series of lessons, quick exercises and then into painting – thus enabling students to gain knowledge and confidence in an approach. In painting, we will focus on discovering the unique qualities of translucent flesh tones, features, hair, background, clothing, etc. – and in the figure – the fun of discovering the gesture – which is pervasive throughout the workshop.

You will receive at least 2 images of what Janet will paint – **for example:** a young lady with dark hair, and a child with blonde hair. These will be for your use to draw ahead of the workshop to paint what Janet will paint – OR USE YOUR OWN PHOTOS AND READY THEM FOR THE PAINTING PROCESS – You even may want to try both.



Janet Rogers Watercolor Workshop

This workshop is for **All LEVELS**

PC/Mac/Smartphone and internet access needed.

Dates: Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday, July 5, July 7 & July 9, 2022 9:00 AM -3:00 PM daily

Fee: \$285 MVAL Members /\$315 Non-Members.

A deposit of \$100 or full amount must be submitted with registration. Remainder due on June 24.

No Refunds after June 24, 2022.

A supply list will be provided upon registration.

Questions: Liza Carrillo, 909.223.8981

lzcarrillo@hotmail.com

Registration

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

Name _____

Address _____

City Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Janet Rogers Workshop: July 5, July 7, & July 9, 2022 (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday)

Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____

Check one: ☐ MVAL Member ☐ Non Member

Mail to: MVAL, c/o Liza Carrillo, 418 Charleston Dr., Claremont, CA 91711

Janet Rogers, AWS, TWSA, FWS

Website: www.watercolorsbyrogers.com

E-mail: janet@watercolorsbyrogers.com

*Janet Rogers has been a working professional artist for over 35 years, and has achieved **Signature Status** in **The American Watercolor Society, The Transparent Watercolor Society, The Florida Watercolor Society, South Carolina Watercolor Society and others.** She has garnered many awards over the years for her sensitive paintings of people which are spontaneous, direct, and expressive. Janet shares easily with others her passion and joy for the fluid and unexpected nature of watercolor.*

Workshops and demonstrations are part of her busy schedule - featuring impressions of people and flowers - across the United States, Canada, and in Europe. Four instructional and inspiring DVDs - "Expressive Watercolor Florals", "Expressive Watercolor Portraits", "Watercolor Rhythms with Figures", and "Expressing the Bouquet in Watercolor" are also available.



Janet also has been featured in watercolor painting videos on You Tube., as well as a delightful new Interview on YouTube.

ARTIST STATEMENT:

"I love the qualities of watercolor – its fluid nature. To me, the interaction of artist with the medium is like a dance – full of motion, feeling and expression. I love to watch the painting develop and to discover new color and composition.

As a teacher, I would like to enable students to find their connections with watercolor in new and expressive ways."

Janet Rogers, AWS

