

MVAL

Art & the Artist

May 2014

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



**Demonstration - Jane Thorpe
"Premium Blend" Show Winners!
MVAL Banquet June 25th**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you Brenda Swenson for a great demonstration. Brenda pre-prepared several paintings, which clearly explained the steps used in her negative painting technique. Her demo was like watching time-lapse photography. The paintings blossomed before our eyes and it was a delight to see the quick and beautiful art come to life. And, everyone walked away with Brenda's useful gifts.

The Member's Exhibition was a rousing success on numerous counts and thank you to dozens of volunteers who gave generously of their time. A very special thank you goes to Laurie Mangiagli, the Exhibits Chair, who coordinated many events with dedication and good humor. The CCMA venue proved to be a wonderful home to exhibit 129 paintings and honor 73 excellent artists and a special thanks to our Honor Court members who helped us celebrate their art. The member's exhibition remains a particularly treasured opportunity for reacquainting ourselves with good friends. Hearing what some members are doing in their spare time makes one wonder what kind of vitamins they are taking and we ask, where can we order a case for ourselves? The donated bus and the generous transporters added greatly to the success of the event. In appreciation of all of the benefits provided to MVAL, the Board voted to make a donation to CCMA to enhance the lighting in the museum. This event has proven to be a win/win collaboration. So, do yourself, MVAL and CCMA a favor and go enjoy the Premium Blend Exhibit in Ontario. Eight paintings are already sold. He who hesitates is lost; this is a great opportunity to enhance your art collection.

Saturday in the Park was a 'hot day' in more ways than just the temperature. Mark Wood was seen speeding in a golf cart on the Maranatha campus, but no one reported him; he said he was just doing his chores. Wait till I tell Julie Crouch. We had many talented and helpful artists and many amazed attendees. Big shade trees and the running streams provided a park-like setting to observe the artists do their magic. A very big thanks to Kay Rouse and her army of student helpers who helped to organize and fix whatever needed attention. What an inspiration this event continues to be. MVAL is very fortunate to include SITP in our art offerings.

The Scholarship Raffle Extravaganza is scheduled in June, so get your hammer out and go find that piggy bank you hid under the tree. There are about two-dozen original paintings to win and lots of other goodies. Also, special paintings are to be auctioned. Check out the sample paintings at the next General Meeting.

Michi Ikeda and her efficient committee have done the hard work of finding officers again this year and we have a wonderful slate of officers for 2014-15. We do need Hospitality and Property person(s) to complete our board. If you volunteer to serve MVAL, you are the winner! Thank you to all who said YES!

Lastly, the Summer Supper, aka, The Annual Banquet is on Wednesday, June 25th 2014. There will be a surprise trickster present to amaze and delight you. The food and the company is always great and it's fitting time to celebrate a job well done. See you there! See inside for more details on the COOP exhibit.

Armando Ruiz
President

MEETING DATES

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting will be May 21st - 7:30 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

JUNE BOARD MEETING

June Board Meeting will be held June 4th - 7:30 PM
Live Oak Park, Temple City

MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE 2013 - 2014 BOARD OFFICERS

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Membership in MVAL:

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

If you are interested in membership contact: Ike Ikeda- 626-332-7782

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mval.org

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Joyce Nunamaker

All articles and announcements to be included in the Art & the Artist may be sent to:

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Azusa, CA 91702

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.

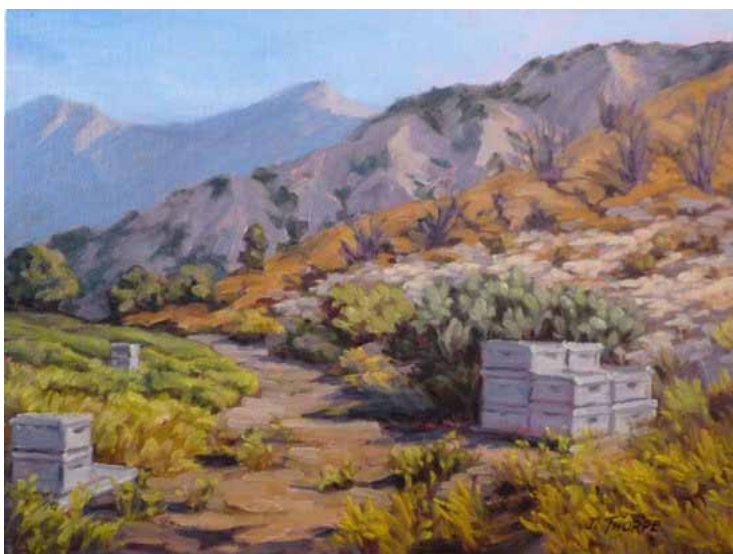
MAY DEMONSTRATION

JANE THORPE

Jane Thorpe was born and raised in Stratford, CT. Her father was a commercial artist who worked at home in the studio, which gave her access to both supplies and encouragement. She has been an artist all her life, working in different mediums in fine art, and working at a variety of commercial art jobs to pay the bills. She has a degree in Fine Arts.

Beginning in 2010, Jane has focused on plein air painting. While she regrets not getting to it sooner, she finds that all the mediums that she has worked in, all the jobs she has held, all her life experiences, all contribute to this latest passion.

Nancy Shiershke
Program Chairman



ABOUT THE COVER

The cover this month was done by Jan Wright, entitled "Pas de Deux" in watermedia using the "tri-plex" approach she demonstrated at MVAL a few years ago.

ART OF THE MONTH

May ----- Ebb and Flow

June ----- Journeys

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:

- **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 workshop:

- 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

INSPIRATION

MAY - Chet Specht

JUNE - Mark Wood

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

Lynne Fearman is having a solo show at the Sierra Madre City Hall. Reception will be June 5th, Thursday 5:30-7:30.
The show will include 25 of her paintings.
232 W Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
626-355-7135

Lynne's painting "*Arlington in Bloom*", will be in the "Splendor from the Garden" show at **Galeria Gitana**
120 N. Maclay Ave. suite E,
San Fernando. (818) 898-7708
Show dates are:
April 26th thru June 14th.
Other Artists include: **Chuck Kovacic, Jane Thorpe, Patty O'Hearn & James Wisnowski** among others who join with us at our Thursday paint-out group.

Mid-Valley Arts League Cooperative presents its first Exhibition, May 7 through June 7, 2014.
San Gabriel Fine Arts Association Glass Room Gallery
320 S. Mission Dr.
Sam Gabriel, CA 91776
626-282-1448
Wednesday through Friday 12 to 4 PM
Closed Sunday through Tuesday

The month of May is designated as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. As part of the festivities, an exhibit of **Hatsuko Mary Higuchi's** award-winning paintings is at the *El Camino College Schauerman Library* during the month of May 2014.

El Camino College's Schauerman Library is open from 8 am to 7 pm, Monday through Thursday; and closed on Monday and Tuesday, May 19-20.
El Camino College is at 16007 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA 90506. Phone 310-660-3519.
Campus parking is \$3; Suggested parking lots are H and L. Campus escort service is available at sites with flashing blue lights.

There will be a reception, with light refreshments, in the Schauerman Library, on Wednesday, May 21, from 4 pm to 6 pm. Admission is free, and the exhibit and reception are open to the public.

MVAL DUES

Dues deadline is May 31, 2014 and will become delinquent after June 30th, 2014.
Single membership: \$35
Double membership: \$45

Make a check payable to: MVAL and mail it to:
Minoru "Ike" Ikeda, Membership Chairman
2038 Paseo Susana
San Dimas, CA 91773

“ PREMIUM BLEND ”

61st ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS EXHIBIT 2014

• AWARDS •

Special Awards

Best of Exhibition-General Membership -----	Jan Wright -----	<i>“Seeking Turquoise, Finding Gold”</i>
Milford Zornes Award -----	Mary Gilman -----	<i>“2 Lights”</i>
Henry Fukuhara Award -----	Hanna Adler -----	<i>“The City of Tampere, Finland”</i>
President’s Award -----	Mary Ann Osko -----	<i>“Grand Old Mission”</i>
Altadena / Pasadena Soroptimist Club Award -----	Caroline Cheng -----	<i>“Once Upon a Time”</i>

Honor Court

1st place -----	Fealing Lin -----	<i>“Prague Impression”</i>
2nd place -----	Mark Wood -----	<i>“Yes, I’m Listening”</i>
3rd place -----	Nancy Shiershke -----	<i>“Mossman Gorge, Queensland, Australia”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	JoAnn Formia -----	<i>“Moonstone Beach”</i>

Abstract / Non-Objective

1st place -----	Donna Larson -----	<i>“Exploration”</i>
2nd place -----	Armando Ruiz -----	<i>“City of God: Rev. 21”</i>
3rd place -----	Osamu (Sam) Kitamura -----	<i>“Luna Hill”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	Bonnie Pierson -----	<i>“Liberty”</i>

Landscape

1st place -----	Richard Gutschow -----	<i>“A Revisit”</i>
2nd place -----	Julie Crouch -----	<i>“Spring in Manhattan”</i>
3rd place -----	Jean Tannhauser -----	<i>“Golden Field”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	George Lliang -----	<i>“Balboa Park”</i>

Portraits / Figure

1st place -----	Devorah Friedman -----	<i>“Man in the Yellow Jacket”</i>
2nd place -----	Valya Hristova -----	<i>“Gypsy Girl”</i>
3rd place -----	Sally Kubly -----	<i>“Mildred”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	George Liang -----	<i>“The Hunter”</i>

Floral / Still Life

1st place -----	Flora Johnson -----	<i>“Spring”</i>
2nd place -----	Patricia McMillan -----	<i>“Country Bouquet”</i>
3rd place -----	Susan Gutschow, -----	<i>“Dance of the Flowers”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	Shirley Manning -----	<i>“I Dreamed of Flowers”</i>

Genre

1st place -----	Michiko Ikeda -----	<i>“It Takes More Than a Village”</i>
2nd place -----	Richard Gutschow -----	<i>“Sunset Fair”</i>
3rd place -----	Bonnie Pierson -----	<i>“Reunion”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	Peggy Decker -----	<i>“Homeward Bound”</i>

Seascape

1st place -----	Minoru 'Ike' Ikeda -----	<i>“Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach”</i>
2nd place -----	Patricia McMillan -----	<i>“Dancing Wave”</i>
3rd place -----	Laurel Erpenbeck -----	<i>“Manchester by the Sea”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	Joyce Patil -----	<i>“Watching the Sunset”</i>

Structural / Mechanical

1st place -----	Flora Johnson -----	<i>“Evening in the Tropics”</i>
2nd place -----	Minoru 'Ike' Ikeda -----	<i>“Carmel Mission”</i>
3rd place -----	Laurie Mangiagli -----	<i>“Into Town”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	Amparo Elican -----	<i>“Colors of Santorini”</i>

Animal

1st place -----	Veronica Kortz -----	<i>“Airbourne”</i>
2nd place -----	Nancy Dorn -----	<i>“A Dog’s Life”</i>
3rd place -----	Laura Barnes -----	<i>“The Pixie”</i>
Honorable Mention ---	Ruben Yadao -----	<i>“Year of the Horses”</i>

EXHIBIT WINNERS



Honor Court - exhibition chair - Laurie Mangiagli, Fealing Lin, Mark Wood, Nancy Shiershke, JoAnn Formia



Best of Exhibition - Laurie Mangiagli, Jan Wright (not present), Mary Gilman, Hanna Adler, Mary Ann Osko, Caroline Cheng (not present)



Donna Larson



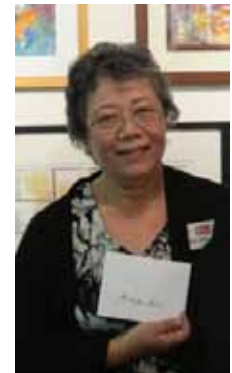
Richard Gutschow



Devorah Friedman



Flora Johnson



Michiko Ikeda



Minoru "Ike" Ikeda



Veronica Kortz

MVAL JUNE BANQUET & SUMMER SUPPER!

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

6:30 p.m.

The Oaks of Pasadena

2954 East Del Mar Blvd. (between Madre St.
and San Gabriel at El Nido), Pasadena 91107
(Park on El Nido)

fun visiting, hardy drink, good vitals
plus a
Surprise Trickster
that will
Amaze, Confound, Delight and Mystify
for all that pays their money!

Please bring a small matted painting to participate in painting exchange.

Cost: \$27.00 per person, checks payable to Mid-Valley Arts League
Mail to: Chet Specht, 2956 East Del Mar #244, Pasadena, CA 91107

Name _____

_____ Tickets at \$30.00 each. Amount Enclosed _____

Check # _____ Cash _____

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship continues to receive prizes for the June Scholarship Raffle. To date we have received 20 pieces of original art (more art than in recent years), and many interesting books. MVAL members contributing original art are (in alphabetical order): Francesca Brayton, Jim Burns, May Chan, Tom Fong, JoAnn Formia, Angela Hernandez, Ike Ikeda, Willellyn McFarland, Mary Anne Osko, Joyce Patil, Jim Salchak, Nancy Shiershke, and Chris van Winkle. These vary in size from 6"x8" to full sheet watercolors. Among these 20 are three watercolors by Dick Tarkington donated by Mary and Ed Saenz. Two of the Tarkington's will be Raffle prizes. Raffle ticket sales have been slow, so one has an excellent chance of winning a painting. All the paintings cannot be shown in Art & the Artist because of space limitations. Last month three were featured, and here are four more.

(Please excuse the reflections—these are not studio quality photographs.)



Nancy Shiershke

Scholarship has also received an anonymous gift of a George James watercolor using the Yupo technique. If you are not familiar with George James or Yupo, check out www.georgejameswatercolor.com. This James painting, one of the Tarkington watercolors and the watercolor by Chris van Winkle will not be part of the Raffle, but rather they will be placed in a separate silent auction to take place the same evening. The James-on-Yupo and the Tarkington are shown below. The van Winkle watercolor was shown at an earlier MVAL meeting.

Come early to the June meeting! All the Raffle Prizes will be on display beginning at 6:30 pm.



Angela Hernandez

Mary Anne Osko



Dick Tarkington



George James



Jim Burns

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.

MAY 15th - L.A . ARBORETUM

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, (626) 821-3222
Meet at the Peacock Cafe for lunch.

MAY 22nd - ECHO PARK

Take the Pasadena Freeway to the Hollywood Freeway, take the 4A off ramp onto Echo Park Ave. and park near the boat house. Bring lunch.

MAY 29th Drawing session at the Westfield Mall, Santa Anita, ARCADIA

Bring your pads and pencils, or small watercolor tablet. Meet in the food court, or draw the carousel in the center of the mall. Oil paints and easels will not be allowed. You can bring a folding chair and draw the mannequins in the show displays. Meet for lunch in the food court. bring you lunch or buy it there

JUNE 5th - PASADENA CENTRAL LIBRARY, Pasadena
285 E Walnut St, Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 744-4066
Paint in the courtyard or from the front, across the street.
Meet for lunch in the courtyard.

JUNE 12th - THE HOUSE OF MOLLY MUNGER & STEVE ENGLISH

450 So. San Rafael, Pasadena. 91105. call only if you get lost!
(626) 799-4543. Beautiful home over-looking the Arroyo and the Colorado St. Bridge. First come first served on the parking. Otherwise park on the street. Bring your lunch.

JUNE 19th - THE RICHARDSON HOUSE & Lizzy's Trail Inn, SIERRA MADRE

165 E. Mira Monte, Sierra Madre, 91024. Located between Baldwin and Mountain Trail, next to Turtle Park. Take the 210 freeway to the Baldwin off ramp, head north to Foothill, make a left on Foothill and a right on Baldwin. Continue on north at Mira Monte make a right. Parking at the end of the street.

JUNE 26th - UNION STATION, LOS ANGELES

Great chance to draw people and paint in the courtyard!
Olvera Street is across the road along with the park across the way.
Meet for lunch at the Union Station Courtyard to the south.

NEW MEMBERS

Frederick Gotha Arcadia, CA

Fred enjoys the process of distorting reality. He has taken classes for 7 years with Fealing Lin and 3 years with Rose Sinatra. He also did plein air painting @ Lake George, NY in 1986-92.

Fred's education includes B.S. in Aero Engineering; MBA; Juris Doctor. He enjoys watercolor, physics and mathematics.

He is joining MVAL for the society of other watercolor artists and an opportunity for exposure to various techniques.

Annmarie Thomas Burbank, CA

Annmarie enjoys painting in oil and other media. She is working on developing a style and subject matter of her own. She is a former graphic artist and art director.

She has an art website -
annmariethomaspaintings @weebly.com

Annmarie has a BA Fine Art from UCLA 1980 and has also taken various workshops.

Her hobbies include running, reading, painting and spending time with her family.

Joseph L. Futtner Pasadena, CA

No bio available at this time.

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. This will be the last opportunity for this year, as next month we will have our scholarship raffle.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Segil Fine Art Gallery will be holding an OPEN SHOW!
"Home Sweet Home" is the theme. Anything that reminds you of home! Any home, anywhere! Anything.
The gallery is taking submissions thru May 14th the show will run July & August.
You can download an entry form off of the Segil website, under EVENTS.
Or contact the gallery for more information: (626) 358-5563
Or: info@segilfineart.com.
fee is \$35 for 3 entries.

46TH WATERCOLOR WEST INTERNATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION

Call for entries: ON-LINE ENTRIES ONLY
Entry deadline: June 30, 2014

Juror: Judy Morris

Exhibition dates: October 11 - December 14, 2014

City of Brea Art Gallery, Brea, CA.

\$20,000 in cash and merchandise.

Only Transparent Watercolor, \$35 for 1-2 entries.

8 Exhibition Chair: Angela Chang

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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Banquet -----	Chester Specht
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Guest Hostess -----	Michi Ikeda
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Inspiration -----	Peggy Ebright
Paint-Outs -----	Lynne Fearman
Photographer -----	Lorraine Daskal
Property -----	OPEN
Publicity -----	Mark Wood
Raffle -----	Bonnie Pierson
Refreshments -----	OPEN
Saturday in the Park -----	Mark Wood
Scholarship -----	Margie Musser, Barbara and Fred Browand
Website -----	Roy Genger
Workshops -----	JoAnn Formia
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Director 2012-15 -----	May Chan
Director 2013-15 -----	Chet Spect
Director 2013-16 -----	Flora Johnson
Director 2013-16 -----	Mary Jane Klune
Director 2013-16 -----	Sandy Murphy
Director 2014-17 -----	Valya HJristova
Director 2014-17 -----	
Director 2014-17 -----	

APRIL MEETING



Demonstration - Brenda Swenson



Artist of the Month - Pete Morris

EXHIBITION RECEPTION

