

MVAL

# Art & the Artist

May 2015

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



**Demonstration by Victor Riesau**

**“IMPACT” MVAL Group Show Winners**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have run the good race and many generous volunteers have contributed to a wonderful year of promoting art for our members and the community; this is what we are about.

**Saturday in the Park** went very well and we concluded in the black ink. A big thank you to Maranatha High School who donated signage, tables, easy-up cover, student helpers, etc. Next year, SITP will be held on May 21st. Thanks to Mark Wood and his many helpers. **Chris Van Winkle** gave us a Demonstration of his art and shared his good-dry Canadian humor in April and **Victor Riesau**, noted artist will conduct a video demonstration in May. The Scholarship Committee has worked very hard to find awardees. There are about 15 donated paintings for the June Raffle and there will also be a silent auction of a Milford Zornes painting. This event is a win/win event; it is all about giving and sharing our good fortune. The 2015-16 Slate of Officers is all set; the May general meeting will vote on the new officers...see you there. The new officers will bring their talents and continue a wonderful tradition, which began in 1956.

Ike Ikeda said the **dues** are coming in just fine, so keep those cards and letters (envelopes) coming into him. As an ex-structural engineer, he still likes to count numbers. **Impact**, the exhibition, is just beyond words and a big thank you to CCMA for being wonderful hosts at an increasingly respectable art museum. There is still time to go see a wonderful exhibition and what a great opportunity for purchasing good art. Put June 12th on the calendar, as the Pick-Up date for your art. Our new exhibition chair Flora Johnson has chosen "Art and Soul" as the name for our 63rd art exhibition in 2016. That is Mid-Valley, Art with Soul!

The Finance Committee now has an approved budget for 2015-16 and a Financial Reserve for emergencies; it is so very good not to have deficit spending. Thank you Jan Wright and friends. Announcements are plentiful this month with our active group. Thursday Paint Outs - Plein Air continues to learn and be challenged by wonderful painting sites and the joy of living in Southern California. Crit Night still meets on the second Wednesday, check with Mark Wood.

Lastly, we save the best for last, do sign up for the June Banquet (a party, I do not like the name banquet, that is for a Black Tie event). Anyway, come and celebrate a good race. You are all winners in my book.

**Armando Ruiz**  
President

## MEETING DATES

### MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting will be May 20th - 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 3rd - 7:30 PM  
Live Oak Park, Temple City

### MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE 2013 - 2014 BOARD OFFICERS

President ----- Armando Ruiz  
First Vice President (Programs)  
----- Nancy Shiershke  
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(Membership) ----- Ike Ikeda  
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(Exhibits) ----- Laurie Mangiagli  
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----- Margaret Rothwell  
Corresponding Secretary  
----- Judi Gale  
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#### Membership in MVAL:

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

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Joyce Nunamaker

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to be included in the

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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.

## MAY DEMONSTRATION

### VICTOR RIESAU

A prolific and accomplished painter and sculptor, Vic Riesau's art draws on many subjects and themes and has been widely exhibited and collected. Dramatic interpretations of subject and elegant use of space are hallmarks of his work. An abiding interest and an artistic passion for the beauty of the natural world fuel the creative instincts of Vic Riesau.

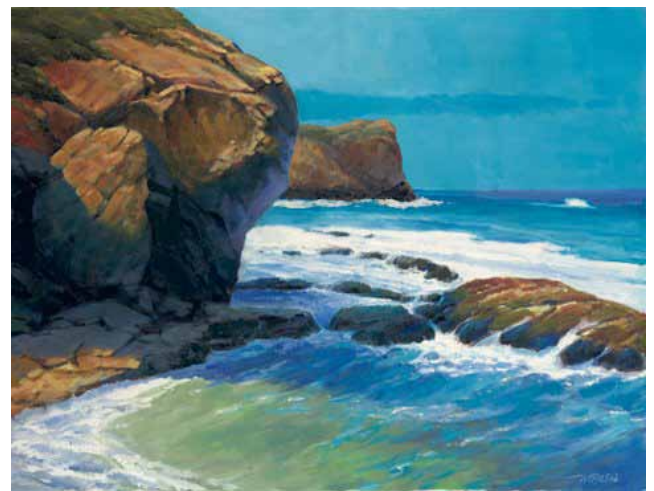
Vic has spent many summers packing in to the eastern High Sierras previously frequented by the early California painters such as Edgar Payne and others. His paintings portray the skillful use of light and shadow that are the trademark of work done in the plein-aire tradition.

After focusing primarily on a successful thirty year career as a sculptor of both limited edition and monumental bronzes, Vic recently returned to the easel. An avid plein-aire painter as well as an accomplished studio painter he finds endless inspiration in the dramatic and varied landscapes of the Southwest, the Pacific coastline and the mountains of the High Sierras.

As a sculptor he enjoys a national reputation and has participated in many invitational sculpture exhibitions. His monumental bronzes are permanently installed in many public, corporate, and private collections including the California State Capitol, several counties, cities, Point Loma University in San Diego, and at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame. He was recently commissioned to sculpt sixteen portrait bronzes of Olympic Hall of Fame members and other sports dignitaries for Pasadena City College. His bronzes are included in the collections of the Autry Museum of Western Heritage, the California Emigrant Museum and the Camigie Art Museum

Vic was a founding artist member and a participant in the highly successful Masters of the American West exhibition at the Autry National Center. He is a signature member as both a painter and sculptor with the prestigious California Art Club and serves on its Board of Directors.

Nancy Shiershke  
*Program Chairman*



## ART OF THE MONTH

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!

May ----- Vacation Plans,  
paintings of places you have visited  
or would love to visit

Sandy Murphy  
*Art of the Month Chairman*

## SCHOLARSHIP

Increase your chance of picking from the fantastic paintings and art goods that have been donated for the June drawing!! Bring your cash or checks to purchase red tickets before the meeting or at the refreshment break. Pictures of the donated artwork have been in prior issues and some actual pieces will be on view at our May meeting. Our members have been very generous.

At the May meeting, I will also bring some of the donated art materials from Pat Hanft. You can choose the amount of donation for these to the scholarship fund by check or cash. We still have large and small mats, matboard, large plastic sleeves, some large carriers, and one large piece of plexiglass, so clear out your trunk and stock up.

Marge Musser,  
*Scholarship Co-chair*



Zornes



Bryant



Van Winkle

## COLORFUL ELEPHANT

May will be the last month you can bring your gently used art supplies and books to sell. June will be reserved for the Scholarship Raffle. Mark each item with a price and your name and provide a container for money.

## ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

**Jo Ann Formia** and **Jan Wright** have paintings in the *Women Painters West* at *Creative Arts Center Gallery*, 1100 W. Clark Ave., Burbank, CA 91506 from May 8 – 28. Opening reception is Friday, May 8 from 7 – 9 pm.

**Jan Wright's** painting, "Shoreline" has been accepted by the *Central Coast Watercolor Society* for its *Aquarius 2015* show in Templeton, CA from July 2 through July 30. Tom Fong was the juror and will be doing a workshop there on June 29-July 1.

**CCMA**, where MVAL's annual exhibitions are held, is hosting a solo show for **Jan Wright** -- *From the Inside Out: A Retrospective*, from June 11 through August 2. The gallery is open Thursdays-Sunday from 12 – 4. Reception, June 14, 1-4. **The Pomona Valley Art Association Gallery**, now located on Level II next to Nordstrom's at Montclair Plaza opens May 8 and closes May 24. Gallery is open during regular Plaza hours. Several MVAL members are included in the exhibit.

**Mark Wood Solo Show**  
*California Places & Faces*  
May 4-30, 2015

266 W. 2nd Street, *Pomona Arts Colony*  
Opening Reception / May 9, 4pm to 9pm  
Pomona Second Saturday Artwalk  
Hours / Fridays & Saturdays, 2pm to 7pm  
By Appointment / Call 626.825.0464

By the time you get this newsletter, there will still be one weekend left of the Renaissance Faire.

**Joyce Nunamaker** is showing and selling her craftwork at *The Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire*

Weekends, April 4th - May 17th. The booth is called "*The Ortfaerie*" and is across from the Fairy Glade (booth #402). You can check out "*The Ortfaerie*" on Facebook.

If you attend the faire this year, be sure to stop by! (Joyce and Fred McCall are still performing at faire with their respective bands)

For more info on the faire - <http://www.renfair.com/socal/>

## ARTIST ALERT, ARTIST PLEA

Pasadena Rotary is holding Help Rotary Help Others fundraiser on May 21, at the Pasadena Museum of California Art. I am responsible for acquiring paintings for sale at this event. The artist will receive 60% of the sale and donate 40% to the fundraiser (a tax deduction).

If you are interested in participating in this worthy project, please contact me for the details of dates for drop off and pick up. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by Rotary and the community philanthropy the club supports. And especially by me!

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626-796-0076

## 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 7th - PASADENA CENTRAL LIBRARY

285 East Walnut Street Pasadena, CA 91101

Take the 210 freeway to the Marengo Ave off ramp. head  
south to Walnut and make a left. Turn  
left again at the next street, Garfield Ave. Meet out front.  
Bring lunch.

### MAY 14th - SOUTH HILLS PARK, GLENDORA

Take the 210 Freeway East, to Glendora Ave.. Turn left. At  
turn left on Glendora Ave and then right onto Glendora Ave.  
Access Rd. and continue onto S. Hills Mt Wy. Continue to  
scenic spot with dog area and playground. Bring lunch  
and water.

### MAY 21st - ROSE BOWL, PASADENA

Meet near the NORTH area at the north end parking  
lot. Good view of the Rose Bowl and the San Gabriel  
mountains. Many of us couldn't make it there last time so  
let's try again! Nice picnic area for critique and picnic lunch.

### MAY 28th - OAK GROVE PARK

La Canada Take the 210 Fwy West to Berkshire Pl. off  
ramp. Turn right then left at Oak Grove Dr. You will be across  
the road from La Cananda High School. Head for the Frisbee  
Golf Course. Bring a lunch.

### JUNE 4th - S. PASADENA-METRO STATION & BUSTER'S

1006 Mission St. Take Fair Oaks Ave. south to Mission St..  
Make a right on Mission and continue to Meridian Ave. Bring  
lunch or buy it close by.

### JUNE 11th - EXPOSITION PARK, LOS ANGELES

Take the Pasadena Fwy. to the Harbor Fwy. south. Exit onto  
West Exposition Blvd. Make a U-turn at Watt Way. 900 Ex-  
position Blvd, Los Angeles 90007. Meet in the Rose Garden  
under the African fig trees. Parking available in surrounding  
lots. \$10. Bring lunch.

### JUNE 18th - LACY PARK, SAN MARINO

1485 Virginia Rd, San Marino, CA 91108, Located on Virginia  
Rd north of Monterey Rd. From Lake Ave. in Pasadena head  
south to the southern most end of lake make a left at Arden  
Rd. and a right on Oak Grove Ave., then a right the east end  
of the park. Bring lunch.

## PLEIN AIR continued

### JUNE 25th - LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM, ARCADIA

Take the 210 freeway to the Baldwin Ave. off ramp go south  
under freeway toward the Westfield Mall. Arboretum on the  
right. bring lunch or buy lunch at the Peacock Cafe for the  
critique.

### JULY 2nd - EATON CANYON NATURE CENTER, PASADENA

1750 N. ALTADENA DR. From the 210 Freeway head N. on  
Altadena one driveway past New York Dr. Bring lunch (check  
directions if you are not familiar).

## 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.

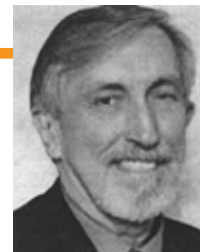
**Crit Night** is on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month

**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.

## NEW MEMBERS



**Ray Tucker**  
Glendora, CA

Ray is an award winning floral designer and acrylic land-  
scape artist. He graduated from Cal State Northridge with  
a B.A. in Graphic Design/Education and did post graduate  
work at Otis Parsons Art Institute. He became involved-  
with floral and graphic design and this led to a position as  
floral design instructor at Mt. San Antonio College. He also  
teaches drawing for Older Adults.

Ray's art style is impressionistic and he paints intuitively.  
"I sometimes never know what is going to appear on the  
canvas. That's what makes the journey so much fun."  
Ray also enjoys piano, concerts, theater and the outdoors.  
He has joined MVAL to socialize with other artists and learn.

## ABOUT THE COVER

The cover art this month is entitled "Spring" and is an acrylic  
painting by **Armando Ruiz**.

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## 62nd ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS EXHIBIT 2015 - WINNERS



**Best of Exhibition -  
General Membership**  
Pete Morris, *Alhambra Foundry*



**Honor Court**  
1st Lynne Fearman, *Last Light on the Colorado*  
2nd Setsuko Okubo, *Earth Orchestra*  
3rd Tom Fong, *Blue Cove*  
Honorable Mention JoAnn Formia, *Ten Floors Up - Looking Down*  
Honorable Mention Angela Hernandez, *Cruising East*



**President's Award**  
Mary Ann Osko, *Heavenly Reflections*



**Milford Zornes Award**  
May Chan, *Yosemite*



**Altadena/Soroptimist Club Award**  
Devorah Friedman, *Girl with the Raven Hair*



**Henry Fukuhara Award**  
Bonnie Pierson, *Big Top*



**Animal**  
1st Ruben Yadao, *Horsepower Series*  
2nd Laura Barnes, *The Familiar*  
3rd Mary Ann Osko, *Lucky Day*  
Honorable Mention  
Alan Marriott, *Bird No. 3*



**Non-Objective**  
1st Julie Crouch, *Blast in Orange and Blue*  
2nd Saralyn Lowenstein, *Odyssey*



**Seascape**  
1st Donna Larson, *The Back Bay*  
2nd Laurel Erpenbeck, *Underwater Fever*  
3rd Ike Ikeda, *Low Tide*  
Honorable Mention  
Mary Jane Klune, *Grounded*



**Portraiture/Figure**  
1st Hanna Adler, *Love Letters*  
2nd Devorah Friedman, *Table for One*  
3rd Lee Johnson, *Pondering*  
Honorable Mention  
Elana Goldheimer, *Hombre*



**Abstract**  
1st Michi Ikeda, *Exhibit*  
2nd Pradeepa Thirumulu, *Peace with Nature*  
3rd Ruben Yadao, *Recycled Postcards from the Edge*  
Honorable Mention  
Shirley Manning, *I Love a Parade*



**Genre**  
1st Julie Crouch, *Co-Op*  
2nd Peggy Ebright, *The Necklace*  
3rd Lee Johnson, *Racers*

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## 62nd ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS EXHIBIT 2015 - WINNERS



### Floral/Still Life

- 1st Sally Eager Kubly, *My Iceland Poppies*
- 2nd Michi Ikeda, *Persimmons and Green Teas*
- 3rd Mary Gilman, *Roadside Still Life*
- Honorable Mention  
Pradeepa Thirumulu, *4th of July Roses*



### Structural/Mechanical

- 1st Laurie Mangiagli, *1909 Illinois Dr.*
- 2nd Sandy Murphy, *Collecting Memories*
- 3rd Joyce Patil, *Ship Shapes*
- Honorable Mention  
Patricia McMillan, *Marmalade for Sale*



### Landscape

- 1st Jan Wright, *Cow Palace*
- 2nd Marina Tien, *In Autumn*
- 3rd Carol Hendrickson, *Quiet Creek*
- Honorable Mention  
Jean Tannhauser, *Canyon Grandeur*

## RECEPTION



# SATURDAY IN THE PARK WITH THE MASTERS





# APRIL MEETING

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Demonstration  
by Chris Van Winkle



Artist of the Month  
Devorah Friedman

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## MVAL JUNE BANQUET & SUMMER SUPPER!

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**Fun Visiting, hardy drinks, delicious buffet.**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2015**

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)

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

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Cost: \$27.00 per person, checks payable to Mid-Valley Arts League (MVAL)

Mail to: Chet Specht, 2956 East Del Mar #244, Pasadena, CA 91107

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets at \$27.00 each. Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

# Ratindra Das Workshop

## With an Eye for Design in Watercolor

July 8-10, 2015

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](http://www.RatindraDas.net)



## Ratindra Das Workshop

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

**Dates:** Wednesday to Friday, July 8-10, 2015  
9:00am to 4:00pm.

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

**Fee:** \$300 MVAL Members / \$335 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 24, 2015.

**NO REFUNDS AFTER** June 30, 2015.

### REGISTRATION

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



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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### Ratindra Das Workshop, July 8-10, 2015

Enclosed is my check for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  MVAL Member  Non Member

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

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