

MVAL

# Art & the Artist

May 2019

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Rosina Maize

**Demonstration by John Taggart**

## MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE 2018- 2019 BOARD OFFICERS

President ----- Armando Ruiz  
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 (Membership) ----- Deanne Ruiz  
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 (Exhibits) ----- Fran Ortiz  
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 ----- Pam McGuern  
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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: Deanne Ruiz - 626-331-8270  
 deanneruiz@verizon.net

### WEBSITE:

midvalleyartsleague.org

mval.clb

Website Editor: Kimberly Michael

### Art & the Artist Editor:

Joyce Nunamaker

All articles and announcements

to be included in the

Art & the Artist may be sent to:

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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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Where did it all go? Time flies when your having fun! I am sure you can think of other clichés to fit this month of May. After June, it is time for a Summer break... Hello, July and August! Where did the time go? MVAL has been busy thanks to the many members I recognize as heroes who consistently do their job and do it very well; this testifies to a successful 2018-2019 term.

**John Byram**, our April demonstrator, made painting look so easy, that is a mark of a good artist. **John Taggart**, our May demonstrator, will provide us a lesson on photography and art. **Julie Crouch** has a one-day workshop on Saturday, May 11th; this one filled up fast. The scholarship committee will accept donations at the May general meeting, but not in June because that is the big scholarship Extravaganza night. It is also when the committee will give out scholarships to worthy students. **Saturday in the Park with the Masters** was a great event at a beautiful venue and the weather chairperson cooperated. It was delightful and educational to see so many wonderful artists all in one day.

Remember to pick up your artwork at CCMA, if you entered **Intuitive**, the members exhibition. The pick up date is Sunday, May 19th from 12 to 3 PM. The membership chair is most grateful so many persons paid their dues promptly. Dues are considered late after June 30th.

Lastly, June will be Installation night for our new roster of officers. Thank you to all who generously served Mid-Valley Arts League in 2018-2019.

**Armando Ruiz**  
 President

## MEETING DATES

### MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May General Meeting will be May 15th - 7:30 PM  
 Church of the Good Shepherd  
 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

### JUNE BOARD MEETING

The June Board Meeting will be held June 5th - 7:30 PM  
 Live Oak Park, Temple City



# MAY PROGRAM

## JOHN TAGGERT

### Photography for Artists

John Taggart is currently doing watercolor art. He retired as a photographer doing many types of photography—from weddings, portraits to advertising and commercial photography. During the last 26 year of his career he did photography for Los Angeles Police Department. (Who is OJ Simpson?)

His watercolor art is not trying to paint the realistic world. It has been his desire to paint a feeling or use the real to create new visions or recreate elements to a painterly design. "If I want to paint a scene that looks like the scene—I would take a photograph."

Photography for Artists will start with how to photograph/ document your artwork with the tools that you may have. Often we are asked to make photographs of our paintings for submissions or just our own records. Sometimes there are shortcomings and procedures will be discussed as to how to make a good representation of your original art.

Another feature of the presentation will be using a "photographers eye" which is really an artist eye. A camera or smartphone can be used as a tool to establish and develop compositions in your paintings. An artist can use photographs to visualize the world and make new visions for your art.



# 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. This month will be the last month for donations before the Raffle in June. Thank you for your generosity.

**Mary Gilman, Mary Ann Osko, Jeannine Savedra,**  
*Scholarship Committee*



Examples of paintings donated this year





## EXHIBIT PAINTING PICK-UP

Don't forget to pick up your painting from the exhibition!

**PICK-UP** - Sunday, May 19, 2019 from Noon to 3:00 pm.

**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)

## ON THE COVER

12x9 Oil still life: *Sunflower in a Blue Vase*

By Rosina Maize

## 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".

May ----- ...Bring May Flowers

June ----- no Artist of the Month

Anne Steben  
*Art of the Month Chairman*

## NOMINATED BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019-2020

<b>President</b>	John Byram	<b>Historian</b>	Vacant
<b>First V.P. (Program)</b>	Elana Goldheimer	<b>Inspiration</b>	Mary Gilman
<b>Second V.P.(Membership)</b>	Deanne Ruiz	<b>Photographer</b>	Linda Salinas
<b>Third V.P.(Exhibit)</b>	Fran Ortiz	<b>Property</b>	Rick McGuern
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lee Johnson	<b>Publicity</b>	Mark Wood
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Hedy Fintescu	<b>Raffle</b>	Bonnie Pierson
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Pam McGuern	<b>Refreshments</b>	Vacant
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Armando Ruiz	<b>Saturday in the Park</b>	Vacant
		<b>Scholarship</b>	Vacant
		<b>Video Library</b>	Phyllis Kato
		<b>Website</b>	Kimberly Michael
		<b>Workshops</b>	Carol Ling
		<b>DIRECTORS</b>	
		<b>Directors to 6/2019</b>	Joel Daskal
		<b>Directors to 6/2020</b>	Chris Gallison
		<b>Directors to 6/2021</b>	

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<b>Artist of the Month</b>	Anne Steben
<b>Editor, Art &amp; Artist</b>	Joyce Nunamaker
<b>Mailing, Art &amp; Artist</b>	Fred McCall
<b>Archivist</b>	Jan Wright
<b>AV/Technology</b>	Roy Genger
<b>Banquet</b>	Vacant
<b>Directory</b>	Julie Crouch
<b>Finance</b>	Pat Baderian
<b>Gallery</b>	Vacant
<b>Guest Hostess</b>	April Drew Foster

## ARTIST NEWS

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.

## CHECK OUT MVAL'S NEW WEBSITE!

If you haven't had a look at MVAL's website recently, please take a few minutes to explore our beautiful new website.

The website address is [www.midvalleyartsleague.org](http://www.midvalleyartsleague.org),

but you can also find by inputting [www.mval.org](http://www.mval.org) or simply

by googling Mid-Valley Arts League. Webmaster Kimberly

Michael has been hard at work making our web presence

easy to navigate with up-to-date information. In addition to

current and past issues of Art & the Artist, you'll find

information about MVAL meetings, workshops, exhibits

and other events, membership application forms and links

to MVAL members' websites. Thank you, Kimberly Michael,

for creating such a visually attractive and navigable website!

## NEW MEMBERS

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### Ling Bailey Upland, CA



Ling has a college degree and a background in fashion design. She started oil painting about five years ago and is now learning watercolor. She likes traveling, movies, exercise and painting. She really believes MVAL will help her with her painting skills.

### Elizabeth Converse Sierra Madre, CA

Elizabeth's early studies were in New York-Soho. Self study, New School, Will Kemp and Roos Schuring. Her background is in Arts and Cultural Studies, including painting, acting writing and producing film and visual arts and theater as well as spiritual practices. She has developed, founded and directed several organizations, including an independent film company, an off Broadway Theatre co., and an Arts and Cultural Education Organization. Elizabeth's art practice has developed through study, meditation, and time in nature. Her passion is the discovery of connection to subject and using aesthetics to translate the spirit of the subject.

Hobbies include hiking, walking, skiing, travel, study, viewing art related exhibitions, events and socializing. She believes that MVAL membership will increase her connections to local art scene and new opportunities to grow as an artist by participating in art workshops, demos, and exhibitions.

### Darryl Yee Alhambra, CA

Darryl has an education in Sign Graphics from L.A. Trade Tech. He has been a plain air painter for 25 years working in watercolor and ink sketching. He also expands his study by going to art shows and museums. Darryl has also worked in oils and acrylic.

In his art he is trying to capture a moment of beauty that can be shared by those viewing his work. He enjoys painting, traveling, attending family events and babysitting his grandchildren.

## CRIT NIGHT

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

### Serena Refoua South Pasadena



Serena has a B.A. history and a Minor in Art history from Occidental College. She has studied and taken classes in watercolor, drawing and mixed media for 3 years at various places: McGroanty Creative Arts, Brand Library, San Gabriel Sr. Rec. Her teachers have been Julie Crouch, Sheri Garwood, Lisa Agaran and John Byram. She has participated in exhibits at Diggs Gallery with Dunomare Studio; and currently in Descanso Gardens "Unusual Views" exhibit (Feb-June 2019).

Serena's work is often abstract, definitely colorful, informed by ethnic dance and textiles and her travels. She enjoys tennis, travel, folk dancing, ethnic music and film history. She hopes to benefit from exposure to other artists and their approaches, learning from demos and workshops and socializing.

### Yadong "Adam" Fan Pomona, CA



Adam studied at Beijing Education Institute, China with a focus on Fine Arts Education. He followed that up with study at Tsinghua University Industrial Arts Institute, China studying Interior Design and attending B. Surikov Moscow State Academy Art Institute, Russia with a focus on Oil Painting. He likes all kinds of painting but his favorite medium is Oil Paint. Adam also enjoys Photography and Chinese Writing. He feels it is a happy thing for artists to learn from each other.

## MVAL DUES

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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.

## COLORFUL ELEPHANT

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We will be having a White Elephant table at our next meeting. Maybe your gently used art supplies or books are the perfect thing for another member. 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. This will be the last sale for the year.

## 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 responsible 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!

### **MAY 2nd - ARLINGTON GARDENS, PASADENA.**

275 Arlington Dr. Take the 210 Freeway to the California Blvd off ramp, continue south on Pasadena Ave to Arlington Dr., second block past Bellfontaine. Bring lunch.

### **MAY 9th - PASADENA CITY HALL**

100 N. Garfield Ave. (626) 744-7311

Parking Available across the street in the parking structure.

Bring Lunch

### **MAY 16th - 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.

### **MAY 23rd - THE ARROYO SECO CASTING POND, PASADENA**

Located at Arroyo Blvd at Norwood St. Follow signs on the left down to the casting pond. Bring Lunch

### **MAY 30th - MATER DOLORSA PASSIONATE RETREAT CENTER, SIERRA MADRE**

700 N. Sunnyside Ave, Take the 210 Freeway to Michillinda Ave. Take it north to Grand View Ave. Turn right then left at Sunnyside Ave. Continue to the entrance at the top of the street. Park anywhere as long as you don't block the fire lane, or continue to the top parking lot.

## DID YOU KNOW?

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The 2019-2020 Roster of new officers is ready and the Installation is at the General Meeting in June. Thank you to those who are willing to serve Mid-Valley Arts League. We are in NEED of a Scholarship Chair, Refreshments Chair and a Gallery Chair. The Scholarship program is a vital part of Mid-Valley's outreach to the community. If you are willing to serve in any of these positions or need to know more information, please contact Armando Ruiz.

### **JUNE 6th - PASADENA WOMEN'S CITY CLUB**

160 N. Oakland, free parking available behind the club off of Madison Ave., just south of Walnut. Bring lunch.

### **JUNE 13th - OLVERA STREET, LOS ANGELES**

Leave at 8:30 am on the Gold Line from the Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena (Located at Halstead St. and Foothill).

We'll take the Gold Line to Union Station. It is a short walk across the street to Olvera St. Eat there or bring a lunch.

### **JUNE 20th - EL ENCANTO TRAIL HIKE**

100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd. in Azusa. 91702.

Parking and restrooms available. Bring lunch.

### **JUNE 27th - ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL,**

200 North Michillinda Ave. Sierra Madre 91024

Located 2 blocks above Sierra Madre Blvd.

### **JULY and AUGUST**

We will post ideas for paint-outs on the Facebook page.

As I'm taking the summer off from scheduling.

If you wish I can set-up a month long paint-out, in August, at the Monastery again up in Sierra Madre. Lots to paint and plenty of shade.

- Lynne Fearman

## SHARE YOUR MVAL PHOTOS

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MVAL has a Dropbox set up for photos members have taken at our events. If you have photos that can be used in the newsletter and web site, you can upload them via your web browser to this cloud drive so Joyce and Kimberly will have access to them without worrying about email size limits.

Please make a folder with your last name and the event, in case photos have the same name. (Eg. maydemo-Michael). You can upload right from your phone (see photo).

Note: this is not permanent storage, images will be removed as they are used in the newsletter and web site, which are backed up elsewhere.

To get in, go to [Dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com); [mval.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:mval.webmaster@gmail.com),  
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# Kathleen Scoggin Workshop

## Watercolor Abstracts

In this workshop we will let loose and play! You will learn how to use Composition and Design to plan a strong painting. We will use line, shape, color, value and texture to make your paintings exciting. Step by step instructions will be given for a no fail abstract with lots of WOW FACTOR.

We will work wet into wet to use watercolor to its full potential. The addition of mixed media will allow you to create a painting that is unique to you. We will explore abstracting more realistic subjects as well as creating non-objective abstracts.



### Kathleen Scoggin Workshop

#### Watercolor Abstracts

This three day workshop is for beginners to advanced intermediate. A workshop supply list will be sent when Registration is received.

**Dates:** Thursday through Saturday, October, 17-19

9:30am to 4:00pm One hour for lunch.

**Location:** Church of 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 by October 4, 2019. **Balance due** October 14, 2019.

**No Refunds** after October 14, 2019.

#### REGISTRATION

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



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Kathleen Scoggin Workshop, October 17-19 (Thursday-Saturday)**

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

Check one:  MVAL Member  Non Member

**Mail to:** MVAL c/o John Taggart, 8472 Woodlawn Avenue, San Gabriel, CA 91775. **Questions:** 626.840.6434 / wc\_art@mail.com



**MVAL  
MINI PAINTING EXHIBIT  
OCTOBER 11TH - NOVEMBER 30, 2019  
“THUMBNAILS”**

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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 Hours: Thursday through Sunday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

*Thumbnails celebrates the appreciation for smaller paintings,  
While offering original artworks for sale to all art enthusiasts.*

**Important Dates and Information:**

**Registration** by E-mail or phone: August 30 – September 13, 2019

**Take-In:** September 18, MVAL General Meeting starting at 6:30 pm with

**Registration Fee** of \$10, for 1 or 2 paintings.

**Exhibit Opens:** Thursday, October 1, 2019, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Artist Reception:** Sunday, October 6, 2019, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Exhibit Closes:** Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 4:00 pm

**Pick-up:** December 18, MVAL General Meeting at 6:30 pm (or on Dec 1 at CCMA by prior arrangement)

**Registration is TWO WEEKS, Friday August 30 – Friday September 13**

SEND by E-mail to: Jeanne Windoffer [jwindoffer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwindoffer@sbcglobal.net)

Or Call Jeanne Windoffer at 818-415-4667 with the following information:

Your Name, Painting Title, Medium, Size, Price

No changes accepted after September 13th! See following page for required forms.

**Only the First 50 PAINTINGS can be accepted (CCMA requirement).**

Artwork (with frame) no bigger than 10" x 10"

Artists will be notified with confirmation E-mail.

Questions: Fran Ortiz 909-213-0511 or Jeanne Windoffer 818-415-4667

**FULL PROSPECTUS AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER.**

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**SATURDAY IN THE PARK WITH THE MASTERS**

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Jay Ewing

Rixchard Martinez







Debra Holladay



Chuck Kovacic



Jeannine Savedra



Jim Salchak



Joseph Stoddard



Julie Crouch



Ray Tucker



Pete Morris