

MVAL

Art & the Artist

September 2015

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Welcome Back!

**Demonstration and Workshop
by Eileen McCullough**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings and welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your summer and had some fulfilling times painting and drawing.

As I begin my new position as President, I am very enthused about our group and what we can accomplish in the coming year. Our group seems to be growing, there is a positive feeling, we have good people and great artists.

Nancy Shierske, our previous First Vice President and Rosina Maize, new First Vice President (in charge of finding demonstrators), have already put together a terrific year of demos for our meetings. Our first demonstrator on the 16th will be plein-air artist Eileen McCullough. She will also lead a great watercolor workshop called "Loosen up your landscapes" on September 17-18. There are still openings for this workshop, which will be held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist church. I hope you can attend.

We will continue to up date you as workshops are firmed up for the coming year. As the Fall season approaches, it is gratifying that a number of our friends and members have been accepted by the Watercolor West exhibit that runs from October 17th to December 13th at the City of Brea Art Gallery: Tom Fong, Julie Crouch, JoAnn Formia, Angela Hernandez, Mary Higuchi, Fealing Lin, Mary Ann Osko, Jan Wright and Richard Martinez.

Another noteworthy exhibit this Fall is the National Watercolor Society's 95th Annual Exhibit at the NWS Gallery, 915 South Pacific Avenue in San Pedro. It runs from October 25th to December 20th.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.
A gentle reminder — bring a painting for the Artist of the Month contest!

Best regards

Pete Morris

President

MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The September General Meeting will be September 16th - 7:30 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

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

MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE 2013 - 2014 BOARD OFFICERS

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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.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

EILEEN McCULLOUGH

Eileen McCullough is a plein air watercolor artist. She lives in Huntington Beach, California and has made her home town her favorite subject matter. Her paintings capture everyday life, hiking through the Bolsa Chica wetlands, dining outdoors and walking dogs in Central Library park. It is the artist's strong belief that a connection to your subject is imperative for a successful painting.

Eileen has had a busy career as an illustrator. She has worked in the surf wear industry, N.R.N Designs and Dekra Lite. During all the years of freelancing she always made time for watercolor painting. "I was lucky to have access to such gifted artists as Tim Clark, Linda Stevens, and Chris Sullivan."

While taking classes and workshops she developed her strong style. Her paintings are saturated with bold color and lyrical brushwork. Eileen is now working full time as a watercolor artist. "My formal training as an artist began very young. My father was a watercolor artist and would take me out on location to paint. By the time I was ten, I had a sketchbook full of my drawings." Eileen was born and raised in Northern California. "I lived in watercolor country: redwood forest, the jagged coastline, and abandoned farmhouses were everywhere."

In 1982, Eileen moved to Southern California to attend the University of Long Beach. After graduating, she made Huntington Beach her permanent home. "While I loved my new home, I was at a loss as what to paint." This changed for the artist when she had her first child in 2000. Her time was spent playing outdoors with her son. She discovered the wonderful parks, nurseries and nature centers Huntington Beach has to offer. "The same beauty I found in Northern California I now see in my own backyard." With an endless inspiration for subject matter, Eileen's future is in watercolor.



Rosina Maize
Programs



Eileen McCullough Workshop

September 17-18, 2015

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Several years ago Eileen made a career move to focus solely on her love of watercolor painting. She has developed a strong style of saturating her paintings with



bold color and lyrical brushwork.

Eileen is currently a board member for the Huntington Beach Art League where she has earned the status as a master painter. In 2014 she has earned signature status in Watercolor West and also holds a position as Demonstration Chair. Her career is busy conducting workshops and been invited to be the quest demonstrator for various Art Societies.

Eileen McCullough Workshop

"Loosen up Your Landscape"

This will be a two day workshop and is open to all levels. The class will be limited to 20 people.

Dates: Thursday and Friday, September 17 -18, 2015.
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Church of the Good Shepherd Community Room, 400 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, CA 91107.

Fee: \$200 MVAL Members / \$235 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 September 8, 2015.

NO REFUNDS after September 1, 2015

REGISTRATION

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Eileen McCullough Workshop, September 17-18, 2015

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

ART OF THE MONTH

The following is the schedule for this year.
You can interpret the theme any way you feel inclined!
Try to bring your paintings a bit early so that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy them.

Sandy Murphy
Art of the Month Chairman

- September** ___ "Look what I painted this summer!"
October ___ "We're not afraid of Abstracts and Non Objectives"
November ___ "We are Thankful for Family and Friends"
(Portraits, Pets and Genre)
December ___ "What a Wonderful World"
(landscapes and seascapes)
January ___ "Off to a New Start"
(trying something different)
February ___ Cityscapes and Townscapes
March ___ "Spring is in the Air" (Florals and Still life)
April ___ "April Showers"
(rain, snow, clouds and sunsets)
May ___ En Plein Air (paintings done outdoors)

PAINTING DEMONSTRATION AT THE L.A. COUNTY FAIRE

The following *Mid-Valley Art League* members are participating on the painting demonstration at the *Millard Sheets Art Center* during the **LA County Fair at Pomona Fairplex**. The demonstration is open to the public from Noon to 9 PM every day except Mondays and Tuesdays when the Fairplex is closed. The Art Center is open to kids and young students from 9 AM to Noon. The demonstrations are from September 4th through September 27th.

Richard Martinez, Pete Morris, Ike Ikeda, Mary Ann Osko, Mary Gilman, Pradeepa Thirumulu, Nancy Shiershke, Felicia Hazelton, Donna Larson, Michi Ikeda, Jan Wright, Laural Erpenbeck, Fran Ortiz, Rosina Maize, Jo Ann Formia and Ken Hasse.

REFRESHMENTS

Each month we will put a reminder in The Art and The Artist for those who signed up for refreshments. Refreshment volunteers for September are: Jan Wright Lee Johnson and Evelyn Pederson.

IMPORTANT MVAL DATES FOR THE COMING YEAR:

MVAL Anniversary Show:

- March 19 - art take-in
- Show March 24 - June 5
- Reception - April 14

A Day in the Park with the Masters - May 21

ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

Ike Ikeda has his 11 paintings displayed at the *Temple City Community Center, Live Oak Park* till November 4.

Chuck Kovacic is part of a group show at *Sega Fine Art* 110 W. Lime Avenue, Monrovia
September 1 - 30th.
Artist Reception Saturday, September 12, 5-7pm

Devorah Friedman's painting has been accepted into the *Watercolor West 47th Annual International Juried Exhibition* (held at the City of Brea Art Gallery from Oct. 17th - December 13th)

She also had her painting accepted at the *National Watercolor Society All Member* show (which was held from June 6 - July 31)

Francesca Brayton was accepted into the *Hawaii Watercolor Society Open Show* by juror Nicholas Simmons. It will be held the month of August at the Honolulu Museum of Art School. The painting is titled "*Raining on the Pali*".

She was also accepted into the **China/NWS Small Painting Exchange Exhibition** by juror Zhou Tania. The selected painting title is "*Trafico Cubano*". It will be held in conjunction with the Shenzhen Biennial International Exhibition in the Shenzhen Art Museum Dec.-Jan. 2015. In August 2016 the China/NWS show will be exhibited at the NWS gallery in California.

Francesca was also accepted into **Watercolor West** by juror Stephen Quiller with the painting "*Mrs. B's, Tustin*". The Exhibition is held at the *City of Brea Art Gallery* from October 17 through December 13.

Michi Ikeda would love to see some friendly faces during her demo at the *LA County Fair, Millard Sheets Art Center* on following dates. Sept. 6th, 5pm to 9pm. Sept. 10th, 9am to 11am. Sept. 17th, 5pm to 9pm. Sept. 23, 9am to 11am. Sept 25, 5pm to 9pm. Also some of her paintings are exhibited in same building.

Other MVAL painters participating in this program are listed in the article on this page. If you are interested in visiting to see a particular person's demo, ask them when they are scheduled!

Patty McMillan

wants to thank everyone for all the cards and well wishes. Patty is still undergoing treatment but getting better and stronger each day.

COLORFUL ELEPHANT

Did you clean through your supplies and books this summer? Did you find stuff you no longer need but is still use able? Bring your stuff and sell it to another artist! Mark each item with a price and provide a container for money.

NEW MEMBERS



Mei N. Leo
Arcadia, CA

Mei studied Chinese Watercolor for 6 years. She has since been studying Oil Painting for 2 years and Watercolor for one year.

When she not painting she also enjoys flower arrangement, cake decorating, ceramics and cooking.

She has joined MVAL for the opportunity to continue to learn more about art.

Hector Gallego
Los Angeles, CA

Hector started really getting into painting in watercolors the last few years.

In the 80s he took some classes at The Art Center and is now back at it with classes at Art Center and Sierra Madre Creative Arts.

He joined MVAL to meet more artists in the area.

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

Fran Ortiz is teaching 1-day Saturday workshops 9am – 3pm on 10/10/15 & 11/07/15 through *Citrus College Continuing Education*.

Both classes teach beginning watercolor techniques/tools – October with autumn themes & November will teach winter themes and how to turn work into a greeting card. Instructor provides all tools and paint, handouts and your take-home watercolor sketchbook.

Take as a refresher course, great for absolutely new learners. Fee is \$69 plus materials fee of \$30.

Fran - ortizhomestudio@verizon.net, 909-213-0511 cell/txt
Enrollment & more info:

<http://citruscollege.augusoft.net/> (626) 852-8022

Catch the Joy of Watercolor

Instructor - **Julie Crouch**

An 8 week course designed for beginning and intermediate watercolor students with hands-on exercises in painting and drawing.

Class starts Sept. 23, and ends December 2nd, 2015.

Eight Wednesday afternoons 1 to 4 PM

(no class Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Nov. 11)

Cost of class - \$100 residents, \$105 non-residents

Offered by City of San Gabriel Community Services

Dept. 250 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel

Registration begins September 8th, 2015

626-308-2875 or online at www.sgprd.org

or by mail or in person.

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.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

New Chase Bank Policy: The bank has notified us to ask all persons writing a check to us, to use the full name of our organization. Therefore, make all future checks payable to: **Mid-Valley Arts League**. They no longer want us to accept checks made out to MVAL, because of security reasons.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ABOUT THE COVER

Francis Brayton sent pictures of the paintings that she had accepted into shows over the summer. I decided to use this one of Hawaii as the cover art this month and filed the others for future covers.

I am in need of more cover art for this coming year. Please - email me some submissions! Finished paintings and Sketchbook work are both acceptable. Don't worry about the photo being perfectly "squared", do the best you can and I will correct it.

Joyce Nunamaker

Editor - *Art and The Artist*

janunamaker@verizon.net

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.

If you are on Facebook, join the "Thursdays in Plein Air" Facebook Page. The Facebook page will keep you updated on any changes and you can also connect with the other painters!

SEPT 10th - DESCANSO GARDENS, La Canada

Take 210 Fwy to Angeles Crest exit in La Canada, turn left at end of ramp to Foothill Blvd. Turn right to Verdugo Blvd, Turn left to Descanso Drive, proceed to garden entrance on your right. There is an entrance fee. We will meet at the patio for lunch.

SEPT 17th - CHURCHES AND OLD GAS STATION, Duarte

Huntington Dr. and Shamrock, go 1 block north on Shamrock. Church is on west side of street, next block large Catholic church on east side. An old gas station is located on the west side. You can also paint at County Park on right side, 1 block. Bring lunch.

SEPT 24th - LOWER ARROYO PARK, Pasadena

Just south of the 134 and 210 freeway in west Pasadena. Take Orange Grove Blvd. to California Blvd. Turn west drive to the 'T' in the road to Arroyo Blvd. entrance is located on the west side of the street between Norwood and California Blvd.

OCT 1st - OLD CHINA TOWN CENTRAL PLAZA

943 N Broadway, Los Angeles, CA (213) 617-3298
Take the Gold Line to China Town Station. Just up the street is a wonderful restaurant where we can eat family style for about \$7 each for ten of us. Plan on joining us for lunch there. Parking for \$3 off Broadway.

OCT 8th - DEUKMEJIAN WILDERNESS PARK. La Crescenta

Take the 210 Freeway north to La Crescenta. Exit at Pennsylvania. Turn right and go to Foothill Blvd. Make a left on Foothill and then a right on New York Ave. Continue to Markridge Rd. left to Dunsmore Canyon Trail, turn right. Look for parking at the top.

OCT 15th - SOUTH PASADENA LIBRARY

1100 Oxley St, South Pasadena, 1100 Oxley St, South Pasadena, (626) 403-7340 From the 134 Freeway take the Orange Grove off ramp and head south to Mission St. Make a left on Mission and a right on Diamond Ave. Library is on El Centro and Diamond.

OCT 22nd - NEWCOMB'S RANCH Angeles Forest

Take the Angeles Crest off-ramp from the 210 west Freeway also known as the 2 fwy. Head north on Angeles Crest for approximately 26 miles. Just after the Chilao Campground sign you will see the sign for a restaurant on the right. Slow down and pull left into the parking lot. We will eat there for lunch and have our critique inside.

OCT 29th - ALEGRIA STREET North of Grandview Ave., Sierra Madre

Between Baldwin Ave. and Mountain Trail. Halloween is a big deal for this street. Take the 210 Fwy to Baldwin Ave. in Arcadia head north towards the mountains on Baldwin. Just past Grand View is Alegria. Make a right and head for the middle of the block. Lots of pumpkins and scary stuff!

NOV 5th - LA CASITA DEL ARROYO, Pasadena

177 S. Arroyo Blvd. Exit 134 fwy at Orange Grove turn south. Turn right on Arbor St, turn right on S. Arroyo Blvd. DO NOT PARK IN THE PARKING LOT. Restrooms are available in Lower Arroyo Park near the Casting Pond. Bring lunch.

NOV 12th - LA RIVER LOS ANGELES

134 To the 5 freeway. 5 South, exit Los Feliz, east on Los Feliz over bridge, first right Glenfeliz, right on Sunnynook, turn right on Legion Ave to park (Legion runs along river). No restrooms, but gas station marts on Los Feliz just beyond Glenfeliz.

NOV 19th MONROVIA LIBRARY

321 S Myrtle Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016. Take the 210 fwy to the Myrtle Ave. off ramp in Monrovia. Head north to Palm Ave. park on north side of the library. Bring lunch.

NOV 26th - OLD MILL, SAN MARINO

1120 Old Mill Road, San Marion. From Huntington turn north on S. Oak Knoll Ave, at Old Mill turn right. Oil painters must bring a tarp. Bring lunch.

DEC 3rd OLVERA STREET, LOS ANGELES

Leave at 9:00 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.

DEC 10th PADUA HILLS THEATRE & LANDSCAPE, Claremont

Take the 210 Fwy to Baseline, make Left go back to Padua make right turn, go 2 miles (past Mt. Baldy signal) and drive up to theater. Nice views for everyone - mountains, landscape, and architecture. Bring lunch.

DEC 17th - Christmas Party to be announced

DEC 24 & 31st CHRISTMAS EVE & NEW YEARS EVE!!

Two weeks off! But if you want to paint, head on out to the LA Arboretum on Christmas Eve, and do it again the following Thursday. You might want to do something big, that take two trips to complete. Otherwise it's a bye for the group.

7 See you in 2016!

JUNE MEETING



Hao (Frankie) Zhang
San Gabriel High School



Jasmine Meza -
Pasadena High School Visual Arts and Design



James Garcia - Rosemead High School



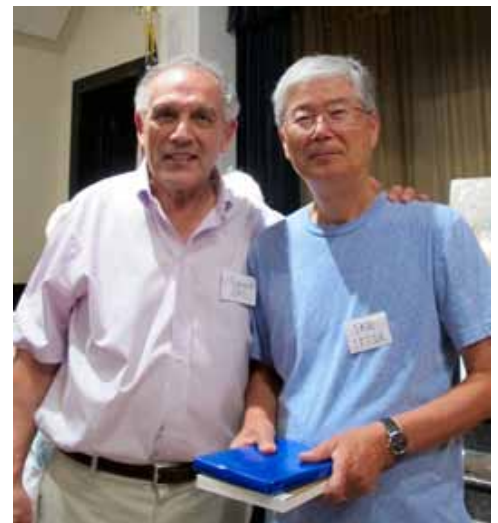
Gabriel High School San Gabriel USD
- field trips to art museums and galleries



El Monte High School John Kovac
- new kiln for AP Ceramics Courses



Temple City High School
- software and iPads for
Studio Art and Honors Courses



Special "Presidential Award" for
Ike Ikeda.
Presented by out going
President Armando Ruiz.