

Art & the Artist

October 2008

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League, Inc.

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OCTOBER PROGRAM

Justine Limpus Parish

DYNAMIC FIGURE PAINTING

Justine's will demonstrate from a live model using pastel, watercolor, gouache, and mixed media. Her emphasis will be on creating dynamic drawings and paintings in a bold, quick style. To show how she works, she will also bring music and discuss how different kinds of music drive the style and mood of her paintings. As a special treat, Justine's model will be her husband Thomas Parish, dressed as his favorite character - Jack The Pirate & his parrot Old Double Cross.

Drawing since the age of 4, Justine is the daughter of MVAL member, Geneva Lawrence who was herself a fashion illustrator in New York and Los Angeles. Justine has spent 30 plus years in the fashion industry as an illustrator, art director, designer, educator and published author. On the Fashion Advisory Councils of three colleges, Justine teaches Costume & Fashion Design/Illustration at Art Center College of Design, Saturday Fashion Drawing through Art Center's public program - Art Center at Night ACAN, Mt San Antonio College and at Otis Fashion Dept Summer of Art high school program. An award winning Bernina Fashion Show Designer, Justine designs her own collection of special occasion clothing sold through specialty boutiques and galleries. She draws regularly with "The Drawing Club" and continues to do free-lance illustration work using drawings created at The Drawing Club from a model combined with digital imagery in Photoshop. A regular contributing writer/illustrator for Belle Armoire Magazine, Justine also self publishes her own textbook - Drawing the Fashion Body- which she uses in her classes. Google search "Justine Limpus Parish" to see more of her articles, website and class schedule.



Saralyn Lowenstein
Program Chairman

Demo for November - Chris Van Winkle



ARTIQUE in November.....

Do you knit, sew, bake and of course paint? What ever clever thing you do that is wonderful enough it might sell..... how about joining in the fun and giving it a try? November 19th General Meeting - 6:00 - 7:30 before the meeting and during our break, we will have an "Artique".

If you would like to take part in our Holiday Artique - let me know..... Saralyn Lowenstein 626-358-0395. I will have a table ready for you. We will set up at 6:00 and be ready to sell between 6:30 and 7:30.

Everyone is welcome to come and do your Christmas shopping. We have such a creative membership - that you are bound to find something different and creative for sell.

ART OF THE MONTH

This is our regular monthly sharing of artwork done by MVAL members.

If your bringing a painting, try to get to the meeting a little early so that it can be hung in time for everyone to enjoy.

The theme this month is "Elections Approaching" you may interpret the theme in any manner you wish!

Subjects for the next few months:

October.....'Elections Approaching'

November.....'Harvest Time'

December.....'Renewal'



Chet Specht

Art of the Month Chairman

SHOWS & EVENTS

SEGIL GALLERY

Traveling for Inspiration - September 16 0 October 18

110 West Lime Ave. Monrovia (626) 358-5563

www.segilfineart.com

Brenda Swenson, joined by Judy Schroeder, and Joe Milazzo are featured in the exhibit.

"The focus of the show is places have travel to with the sole purpose of sketching and painting on location. I have paintings of the California Missions and Europe. I look forward to sharing the artwork I did over the Summer on my trip to Prague and Germany and my 2007 trip to Tuscany." - Brenda Swenson.

LIVE OAK GALLERY - Temple City Community Center

In the gallery this month we have a wonderful watercolor selection by **Lois Luech**.

Twelve of her pieces are on display at the Live Oak Community Center in Temple City, through October.

For those of you new to Mid-Valley, we have the privilege of showing our artwork at this venue

NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY NWS 88th Annual Exhibition, August 30 – November 1, 2008, 3425 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501, (951) 684-7111

40TH ANNUAL WATERCOLOR WEST JURIED EXHIBITION

City of Brea Art Gallery

October 12 to December 19, 2008

Opening Reception October 11th 5-7 PM

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Pomona Valley Art Association

Show dates: October 11-25, 2008

Take in - October 3rd & 4th - Prog Gallery, Pomona

- up to 3 works per artist.

(909) 469-1599 for info.



ARTIST'S NEWS



VICKI THOMAS will participate in the Sierra Art Trails Yosemite Foothills Open Studio Tour on Sat. & Sun. October 11th and 12th from 10am to 6pm where she will be represented at the New Williams Gallery West at Gallery Row. [HYPERLINK "http://www.galwest.com"](http://www.galwest.com) www.galwest.com 559 683-5551.

Presently, Vicki has an exhibit at the Union Security Bank, Oakhurst, sponsored by the Yosemite Western Artists, of which she has become Vice President in charge of demonstrators.

Vicki is represented in the Mariposa Marketplace where over 25 vendors exhibit their art, crafts and antiques, as well as Kings Vintage Museum.

"I've been keeping myself very busy in my new home, located in Mariposa. Besides drawing from a model every week at the Old Gertrude School in Oakhurst, we have also formed a plein air group that goes to lovely places to paint. Fortunately, I've joined a very good creative writing class and a critique writing group that meets on Thursdays. I miss you all very much, the MVAL meetings and art activities."

- Vicki Thomas

ANGELA HERNANDEZ has a painting at the *San Diego Watercolor Society 28th International Exhibition*, October 1-31 2008

LYNN FEARMAN's work was featured in *SouthwestArt* magazines October issue.

JIM SALCHEK is having a one-man show at the Schroeder Studio and Gallery located in Orange, CA September 29 through October 26. Opening reception is on Saturday October 4 from 3:00 to 6:30.

WALTER MCNALL's art work has been selected for the *"On going Exhibition"* at the *California Art Club Gallery* at the Old Mill. Starting October 21, will be there for 4 months. Art reception will Oct. 23,08 5:30 P.M.

He also was selected to paint and show and sell his work at the LaCasita Del Arroyo with the California Art Club.

JOANN FORMIA has work in the *Pomona Valley Art Association Show "Colors, Shapes and Form"* during the month of October - gallery at 205 S. Yale Ave., Claremont • (909) 398-1060. She was also recently featured in *Watercolor Artist* magazine.

JEAN TANNHAUSER will be exhibited at the *Descanso Gardens Art Gallery* from September 19 to October 16, 2008.

ABOUT THE COVER

Visiting Athens, Greece. The view of the Acropolis from the rooftop of our hotel.

- Joyce Patil

COLORFUL ELEPHANT TABLE

Bring your unwanted art books and supplies - we will continue our "Colorful Elephant" Table at our October meeting. Remember also - if you have a larger item, like a drawing table, chairs, taboret, or other studio fixtures you need to get rid of - bring a photo! You just may find someone who is willing to come and get that item out of your way!!!

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

A special Thanks to the efforts of the MVAL membership for another great year of Scholarship Fund raising. We exceeded last year's goal by \$200.00 making our total scholarship donation for this year \$5,200.00 These funds were distributed to art students in our local high schools, junior colleges, and, for the first time, to the Pasadena Art Program for autistic adults.

This year instead of giving a large grant to VADA (The Visual Arts & Design Academy), we increased the number of recipients from five young people to eight students.

Each of the following high school students was awarded a scholarship of \$500.00 :

Angelia Karres. Arcadia High School, Arcadia, CA.

Sueling Rivera. Mountain View High School, El Monte, CA.

Mariya Hernandez. Visual Arts Department, Pasadena High School., Pasadena, CA

Benjamin Sanders. Temple City High School, Temple City, CA.

Victor Farias. Duarte High School, Duarte, CA

Heather Lanz. Sierra Vista High School, Baldwin Park, CA/

The following college students were each awarded a scholarship of \$1,000.00:

Patrick Darole, Citrus College, Monrovia, CA. was awarded the Cris Van Winkle scholarship

Adam Lopez. Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA

In addition to the scholarships, we awarded a special grant of \$200.00 for art supplies to Pasadena's Art Program for Autistic Adults.

Our Annual June Raffle is always a big success. We want to thank the Art Teachers who generously donate paintings for this worthy cause, along with the general membership who each year contribute many fine paintings, books and other art materials..

The MVAL membership should be very proud of its accomplishments. Each year, without the help of outside contributions, we give back to our local communities by supporting young people who need financial assistance in their art endeavors./careers,

Respectfully submitted by

The Scholarship Committee

Retha Wells and Jean Tannhauser

P.S. On the following page is a letter from one of our scholarship recipients....

INSPIRATION

Inspiration for October will be presented by Chet Specht and in November by Pat Hanft.



THURSDAY'S IN PLEIN AIR - paint out

Meet at 9:A.M., Break for lunch around 12:15 and share in a friendly critique.

Bring a lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy lunch.

Walter & Martha McNall (626) 446-1066, cell (626) 664-0397

FEEL FREE TO CALL AND CONFIRM LOCATION

October 9th, ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH, Altadena

1849 N. Lake Ave, Altadena (Chance to sell your painting at this location)

October 16th, EATON CANYON Altadena

750 Altadena Drive. Take 210 FWY to Altadena exit. Go north on Altadena Dr.

Cross New York Dr. look for sign and entrance on your right. Go down hill and park.

Bring lunch.

October 23rd SUNNYSLOPE WATER CO. PASADENA

1040 El Campo Dr. (above, north) of Huntington Dr. and East of San Gabriel B Blvd.

Meet at front gate, can park in front or park in back. Wear good walking shoes.

We have special permission so please try and be there close to 9:00

October 30th SUNNYSLOPE WATER CO. again....

WE THINK THERE WILL BE ENOUGH TO PAINT FOR 2 VISITS.

(We give thanks to John Bohnenberger for this opportunity)

November 6th PECK ROAD PARK.



OUR SCHOLARSHIPS ARE APPRECIATED

Here is an excerpt from a letter we received from Angelis Karnes, one of our young high school recipients:

“Dear Mid-Valley Art League Inc ,

I thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity to progress my artistic career with the help of Mid-Valley Arts League Inc. This is an honor to me as I have been considered by my instructor Ms. Tuttle to participate in this excellent opportunity.

As a little girl, I grew up with the guidance of my loving mother and grandparents. I was always attracted to drawing and painting, however, none of my immediate family excelled in the arts. Never the less, I would always present my artwork to them and they would encourage me and try to help as best as they could. My mother told me recently that she has loved art as a child but one day her sister commented that she had no talent and so she gave up. My mom has always encouraged me from day one to follow my passion no matter what anyone says and I believe that is what has propelled me so far.”

AL SETTON ACRYLICS WORKSHOP

January 21 – 23, 2009

Mid-Valley Arts League will begin the New Year offering an AL SETTON Acrylics Workshop. Content of the three day workshop will center around composition/design and use of color. Along the way, Al will also identify and discuss ways to address common painting problems he's encountered during years of teaching, attending shows, and judging exhibits. Al's large format paintings have energetic relationships of shapes and color harmonies. His artistic journey is self-directed beginning with training at California Art Institute. Since then he has selectively attended workshops and seminars of many prominent artists as well as doing extensive study and "eye training" by attending museums and art shows.

Look for more information and a registration form in next month's "Art & Artist". In the meantime, Al will be the featured artist on October 25 for the 2008 Watercolor West Demonstration Series in conjunction with the Watercolor West XL Annual Juried Exhibition.

NEW MEMBERS

Joel Daskal
2019 Stratford Avenue
South Pasadena, CA 91030-4640
626 - 441-1420

I do water color paintings in styles appropriate to the subject matter. I have a background in architecture and have had additional art training in portraiture and landscape.

I am joining Mid-Valley for exposure to other artist's worked and MVAL events.

Judith Lowe
1145 Sonoma Drive
Altadena, CA 91001
626 - 794-2990

"I enjoy drawing (pencil and charcoal) watercolor landscapes and illustrations. My background has been in writing and illustrating children's books. I have taken various classes and workshops and am joining Mid-Valley for fellowship with people who have similar interests."

WIN A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION!

INTERNATIONAL ARTIST MAGAZINE has given us the opportunity to participate in a free subscription program. One subscription will be given for each month we have a newsletter. Fill out the entry form and bring it to the next general meeting, drop it in the box on the front table when you pick up your name badge.. We will draw one name to receive a subscription.

The box will be emptied each month - so bring in a new form each month.

One winner per name, MVAL members only.

Winner in September was Dottie Davis.

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WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT ISSUE OF THIS NEWSLETTER
BRING TO NEXT MVAL GENERAL MEETING

JOANN FORMIA WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 14 - 15, 2008

Mid-Valley Arts League is sponsoring a JoAnn Formia workshop this fall. During the workshop JoAnn will emphasize using a sketch as the basis for painting. She will teach the importance of working from a second or third generation sketch for the design and value of a completed work. In this way, the painter eliminates a lot of detail –creating a painting based on larger shapes to which details can be added at the end. JoAnn will also cover negative painting and the use of dark values which make a painting readable. A favorite quote she recently discovered is, “Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.” In her enthusiastic teaching style, she will take us through the steps for choosing “which ones to keep.”

JoAnn has been influenced by many great painters, Oscar Van Young, Bob Uecker, Milford Zornes, Henry Fukuhara. In the upcoming December issue of Watercolor Artist magazine (on newsstands in October), JoAnn is presented in its special yearly feature of “Ones to Watch”. She has won numerous awards for her work and was accepted in the 2002, 2006 and 2007 Watercolor West Juried Exhibitions, earning Signature Membership; 2005 and 2008 National Watercolor Society’s Members Show; and the 2006 San Diego Watercolor Society International Show. In 2007 her work was selected for the National Watercolor Society Exhibition, where she received the Henry Fukuhara Award and was chosen for its Travel Show.

JoAnn is also a member of many local art organizations: Women Painters West, Pasadena Society of Artists, San Gabriel Fine Arts Association, Mid-Valley Arts League, Watercolor West, National Watercolor Society and Pomona Valley Arts Association.

THE WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 22 people.

Fee: MVAL members: \$120, Non members: \$150

A deposit of \$75 must be submitted with registration.

Final payment is due by October 28, 2008.

NO REFUND AFTER THIS DATE.

QUESTIONS: Call Susan Gutschow, Workshop Chairman at 626) 799-1595.

REGISTRATION FOR JOANN FORMIA WORKSHOP Fri. & Sat., November 14 -15, 2008.

Enclosed is a check for \$75 and a SASE. MVAL member _____
Non member _____

Please make check payable to Mid-Valley Arts League.

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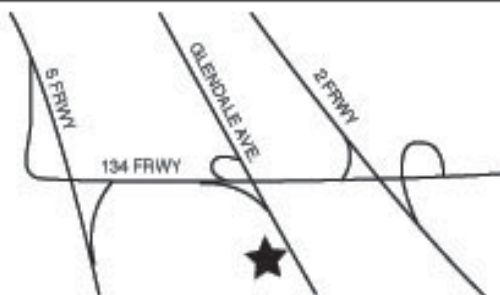
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