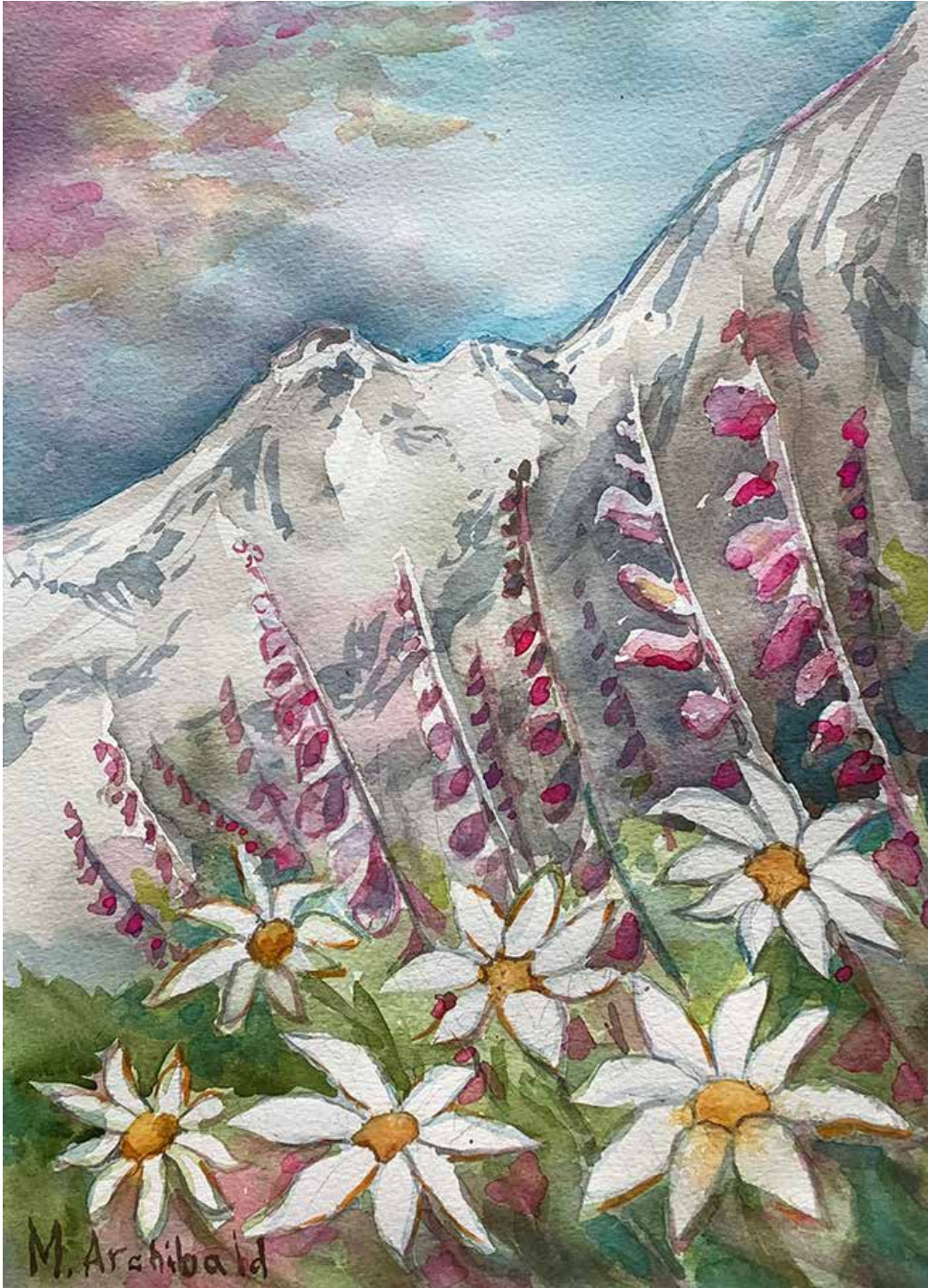


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Art & the Artist

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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Mary Archibald

Demonstration by Virginia Hein



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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.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Did you hear Van Gogh reply when asked about Autumn? He said "...as long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colours enough to paint the beautiful things I see." Last month, we witnessed the play of color first hand in the artwork of the month submissions. Yes, there is much beauty around us and we hope that it will last awhile as we get into the shorter days leading to the winter solstice.

Our presenter this month loves to paint yellows and golds. If you know Virginia Hein's work you are probably envisioning the dance of Line and Color in shades of autumn. Virginia, who is an active member of Urban Sketchers among other things, will share her sketchbooks and printed books and show us the many different ways in which she approaches the blank page. You're in for a treat!

MidValley is what its members make it – an organization that provides opportunities for us to get together and share our talents and skills. I want to take a moment to thank Joyce Nunamaker for the wonderful work she does in creating the newsletter each month. We welcome new members and hope that they will find in themselves a place to share and contribute to this great group by joining a position on the board. We have openings – inquire within.

Thanks to all the members who continually contribute and came last month to see ProCreate in action. Digital art is a whole new level of making the intangible, tangible. Hope to see many in person visitors this month.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours – may you be wrapped in the golds and yellows and the rusts and reds of pumpkins and autumn leaves.

Sincerely,
Dilmit Singh
MVAL President

MEETING DATES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

IN PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

November 20th, 2024 - 7:30 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

December 18th, 2024 - 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATION

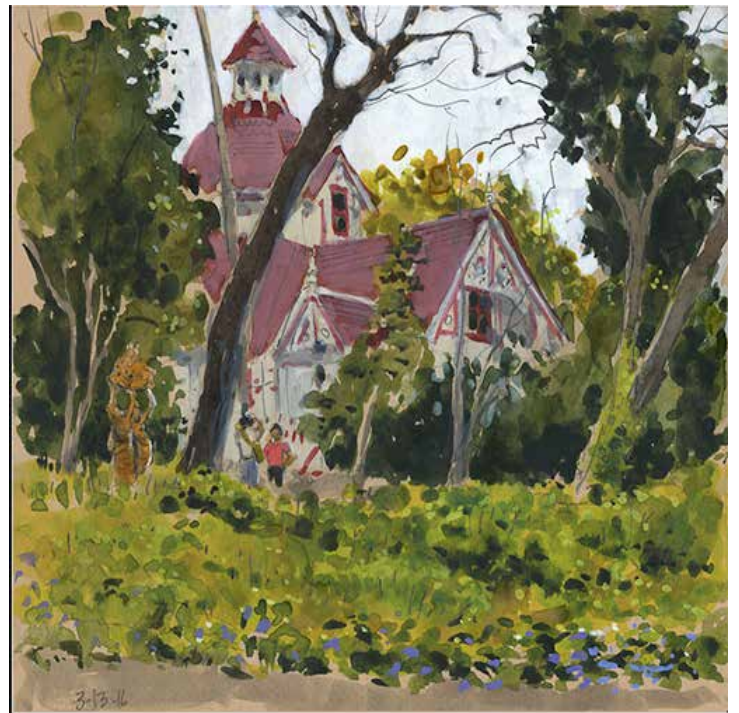
VIRGINIA HEIN

URBAN SKETCHER

Virginia Hein is an artist, author, and art instructor from Los Angeles, California. She counts herself lucky to have worked as an artist in one form or another throughout her life, as a concept and character designer for toys and entertainment, art director, illustrator, and teacher. She taught drawing to aspiring toy designers at Otis College of Art and Design for 13 years and now focuses on teaching sketching workshops locally and internationally.

She has been an active member of the international community of Urban Sketchers since 2009, and has been honored to teach workshops at five international Urban Sketchers Symposiums, in Barcelona, Singapore, Chicago, Amsterdam and last year, Auckland, New Zealand. In 2023 she was an exhibitor and instructor at Sketcher Fest in Edmonds, Washington, the first ever travel sketchbook event in North America. She has contributed her work to a number of books and other publications about location sketching. Her book "5 Minute Sketching Landscapes", was published by RotoVision, in 2017, and she co-authored "The Urban Sketching Handbook Spotlight on Nature", Quarry Books, 2022, with Gail L. Wong.

Virginia considers drawing to be her first language, and continues to find drawing a path of discovery and joy. "This is also what I love to teach: I like to encourage the attitude of an experiment: it shifts the mindset from success or failure, to focus instead on what can be learned from the experience while enjoying the process. This is the best antidote I know for overcoming fear, and if I can help open the doors a bit with encouragement, it is exciting to see the growth and progress!"



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ZOOM MEETING

For those preferring to stay home.

You will receive an email before the meeting telling you how to log on ZOOM to attend. The meeting will be open for log-in starting around 7pm.

ART OF THE MONTH

Art of the Month is going back to being in person, at the meeting only.
Work may be framed or matted so that it can be displayed on an easel.
If you have an easel, floor or table style, PLEASE bring it.
WINNER RECEIVES A RIBBON!

All subjects are welcome.

Nikki Thomas
Art of the Month Chair

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to announce the passing of **Betty Glass**.

Betty was a watercolor painter and had been an MVAL member since 2005.

NEW MEMBER

Janice Carter
Glendale, CA.
medium: watercolor and drawing

ON THE COVER

Cover Art by **Mary Archibald**.

ART AND THE ARTIST COVERS

I need cover art! **PLEASE!!!!**
Art does not need to be full paintings, sketches, plein aire studies and workshop work is welcome.
You can get a pretty good shot of your work just using your phone. Make them as square as you can, but don't stress, I can cleaning crop your photo.

Send your images to janunamaker@verizon.net and help me collect a folder full of images to use!

Thank you, **Joyce Nunamaker**
Editor, *Art and the Artist*

THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

To confirm or ask questions Call Lynne Fearman (626) 355-7562 cell: (626) 487-6566
Bring lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy.

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!

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 direction.

Bring a folding chair, hat, bug spray, and umbrella if you have one.
We will cancel in case of rain or very high heat.

**.NOV 14th - EXPOSITION PARK ROSE GARDEN,
LOS ANGELES.**

Bring lunch

NOV 21st - FERN DELL PARK, LOS ANGELES.

Just past the road that leads up to the observatory,
take Fern Dell Dr. up to "The Trails" Café. Where we will be having lunch.

NOV 28th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DEC 5th - CHINA TOWN, LOS ANGELES

**DEC 12th - EAST FORK OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER ,
AZUSA.**

Take the 210 to Azusa Ave. after leaving the city proper keep going up the canyon (approx.. 6.7 miles) look for the bridge on your right. Bathrooms and picnic tables. Great overlook of the river.

DEC 19th - CLAREMONT TRAIN STATION.