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ARTS LEAGUE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The votes are in, the election is over. Thank goodness. The results made some glad and some sad.

However, something that would get a unanimous vote at Mid-Valley Arts League is that we all have an interest in art. It doesn't matter what color it is, what medium it is or what style it is.

This month's general meeting give us an opportunity to see a live demonstration by an accomplished artist. Chris VanWinkle will be demonstrating his approach to painting. Chris is a signature member and past president of NWS. He has been featured in Watercolor Magazine as one of the 'Top 20' art instructors in the USA. He currently has a one man show through November 30 at Schroeder Studio Gallery in Orange, CA.

Members also have an opportunity to share their latest artwork at our monthly meetings. I encourage you to bring in your recent master piece to share with the group. As artists, we all enjoy seeing what other artists are creating. On a personal note, the painting I brought in last month was purchased by the person featured in the painting. John Goodno, a MVAL member, recognized the person in the painting as a doctor friend of his. John was nice enough to coordinate an introduction which lead to the sale of the painting. Thanks John. So, even if your painting is priceless, bring it to the meeting to share with the club.

MVAL also hosts workshops that we can take advantage of. Our own JoAnn Formia (new President of Watercolor West) will be conducting a workshop this month on the 14th & 15th. JoAnn is featured in the December 2008 issue of Watercolor (formally Watercolor Magic), page 42. Join us and pick up ideas you can incorporate into your own artwork.

And for those MVAL members looking for an opportunity to exhibit their work, you can schedule a month to exhibit at the Temple City Live Oak Gallery. Gail Holl has her work on view this month.

Come an hour early to this month's general meeting and do some early holiday shopping at MVAL's Artique sale!

Love Hue, **Mark Wood** *President*

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Membership is open to artists and art lovers of all levels. If you're interested in membership call: John Goodno 626-351-9189

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Art & the Artist

All articles and announcements to be included in the Art & the Artist may be sent to:

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Azusa, CA 91702

(626) 334-1646 - phone and FAX

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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.

Cover Editor
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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting will be held:
Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 PM
Arcadia Presbyterian Church - 121 Alice St. Arcadia

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The December Board Meeting will be held:
Wednesday, December 3, at 6:00 PM
The Oaks, Pasadena

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Chris Van Winkle

Chris Van Winkle is a California artist with roots in Canada. His art studies include Ontario College of Art, Toronto; Citrus College, Glendora, CA; and the Art Center College of Design, Los Angeles, California. He has studied extensively with Robert Hallett and with the legendary Milford Zornes. He has studied further with Robert E. Wood, Frank Webb, George James and Henry Fukuhara.



For the past 20 years Chris has been teaching watercolor at Citrus College. He has conducted workshops in California, traveled and painted throughout the United States and Canada, and has led painting trips to Spain, Holland, Britain, Middle Europe and Russia.

He is an award-winning artist in both the National Watercolor Society and Watercolor West, and is a signature member in both organizations. Chris has served several years on the board of the National Watercolor Society, and as president for the past three years.

He has mounted six one-man shows. Chris has juried many shows including the Nevada Watercolor Society, the South Bay Watercolor Society, San Gabriel Fine Arts, Watercolor West and the Arizona Watercolor Association. He has taught Yosemite and Sequoia workshops for the past 25 years. Chris was selected as one of the "top twenty" art instructors by Watercolor Magazine.

Saralyn Lowenstein
Program Chairman

ARTIQUE in November.....

We are having our annual Christmas Boutique Early this year - to provide you with the best shopping opportunity!!!!!!

Take advantage of this opportunity to sell AND to buy -

Sellers - be sure to get to the meeting at 6:00 to have time to set up!

Everyone Else - COME TO THE MEETING EARLY! We will have the "Artique" open at 6:30 before the meeting!

You may participate as a seller - contact Saralyn Lowenstein to make sure we have a table set up for you!

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 "Harvest Time" you may interpret the theme in any manner you wish!

Subjects for the next few months:

November.....'Harvest Time'

December.....'Renewal'

Chet Specht

Art of the Month Chairman

SHOWS & EVENTS

LIVE OAK GALLERY - Temple City Community Center

In the gallery this month we are showing Oils, Watercolor, Pastels and Acrylic paintings by Gail Holl. Be sure to stop by Live Oak Community Center in Temple City - November 6th - January 7th to view her work.

TOM FONG and FEALING LIN at Alhambra City Hall Gallery of Art

November 4th — November 28th, 2008

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Alhambra City Hall • 111 South First Street • Alhambra, CA •(626) 570-5000

Rialto Visions - Icons and Landmarks of South Pasadena at So Pas Gallery, 1121 Mission Street, South Pasadena.

November 2 - 30th

LYNNE FEARMAN sold "Back Alley" and both her paintings "Back Alley" & "Rialto Sunday", were accepted into the So Pas Gallery Show for the month of November. Only 3 other artists, out of 16, who were accepted, had 2 paintings accepted.

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.

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

ARTIST'S NEWS

MARY HIGUCHI received the Daler Rowney Award at the Watercolor West 40th Annual Juried Exhibition and the Ripsime Marashian Donor Award (Artsource International at the Brand 37th Annual National Exhibition.



ARTIST'S NEWS continued

MVAL Members Win Awards at the San Gabriel Fine Arts Association

Fealing Lin: Masters Circle Spectrum Award

Mary Ohmit: Masters Circle Sam H. Harris Award

Richard Gutschow: Masters Circle Mid-Valley Award

Veronica Kortz: Don and Lillian Miles Award, honorable mention in Oil Landscape, first in Oil Seascape, and second in Oil Portrait/Figure.

Setsuko Okubo: first in Watercolor Structures/Mechanical.

Ruben Yadao: second in Watercolor Animals and honorable mention in Watercolor Still Life/Floral.

Arnold Binney: honorable mention in Watercolor Still Life/Floral, and honorable mention in Watercolor Structures/Mechanical.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Local Elementary School is starting a Visiting Artists Program.

Highland Oaks Elementary School in Arcadia is reconstructing its PTSA sponsored Foundations in Art program and introducing an opportunity to bring practicing local artists onto campus during the lunch periods to paint on location and provide inspiration and opportunity to engage with about 700 future artists of our community.

Our first scheduled date will be Thursday, December 4, from 11:15 – 1:15. This time window will span both lunch periods to include all students in this creative experience. We would love to have many artists representing a variety of mediums set up around the lunch area and the perimeter of the playfield, where there are wonderful views of the foothills, to capture the interest of the students, grades K – 5. If interested and/or to rsvp please contact Kay Fox at 626-256-6245 or via HYPERLINK “mailto:kay@kayfoxart.com” kay@kayfoxart.com.

We will be announcing the event and introducing the participating artists with a school-wide flyer the week of the event. Highland Oaks is located at the corner of North Santa Anita Ave. and Virginia Ave., about 4 blocks north of Foothill Blvd.

PASADENA ARTISTS' REGISTRY

The City of Pasadena is launching an On-Line Artists' Registry with the goal of bringing more visibility to Pasadena artists, galleries and arts organizations. Artists in all disciplines who live, work or provide services in Pasadena are eligible for inclusion.

Internet users around the world can access the Artists' Registry for information about galleries, museums, performing groups, educational opportunities and artists who live, work, or provide services in Pasadena. Visitors to the site will be able to view photos of artwork, read about programs, and directly contact the individuals or organizations they are interested in.

The Resource Directory is intended to help equitably distribute information among Pasadena-based artists, teaching artists, and arts educators to increase access to job, exhibition, performance and funding opportunities and to promote new collaborations. To begin, please visit the City of Pasadena's Cultural Affairs Division and click on the type of registration you prefer: Artist, Teaching Artist or Arts Organization.

For additional information please contact the City of Pasadena directly by calling (626) 744-7062.

MVAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET AND BOARD MEETING

All members are welcome to join the board for our annual Christmas Banquet.

DATE:----- Wednesday, December 3, 2008

LOCATION:----- The Oaks of Pasadena
2954 E. Del Mar Blvd. (between Madre St. and San Gabriel at El Nido)
Pasadena 91107 - Park on El Nido

TIMES:----- 6:00 PM Social hour with open bar
7:00 PM Buffet dinner
8:00 PM Gift exchange and board meeting

COST:----- \$27.00 per person

BUFFET MENU:----- Green salad, entree choices (meat, fish, vegetarian), potatoes and vegetables, mixed desserts, rolls & butter, coffee & tea.

GIFT EXCHANGE:--Art related item (\$10.00 value)

Please make check for banquet payable to: Mid Valley Arts League.
Send check and completed form to:

Karen Carter
2016 Hall Canyon Drive
La Cañada, CA 91011
(Tel. 818-248-6551)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS NOVEMBER 22.

MVAL Reservation for Christmas Banquet

Name _____ Guest Name _____

_____ Tickets @ \$27.00 each.

Amount enclosed _____ Check number _____

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.

6 Winner in September was Tom Fong

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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

November 13th, WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION PARK

1000 Durfee, South El Monte. One direction From Arcadia: 605 FWY So to Pomona Fwy (60) to Santa Anita So, on Santa Anita to Durfee Rd. To main entrance parking lot, meet at island by parking lot ,can meet at the" picnic bench area." Also can go South on Rosemead to Durfee.

November 20th, 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.

November 27th, HAPPY THANKSGIVING

December 4th, OLD MILL, SAN MARINO

Property opens for us at 10:00, sleep in!
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.

December 11th, OLVERA STREET, LOS ANGELES

Leave at 9:00 a.m. on the Gold Line train 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. Bring a lunch or eat at one of the many restaurants.

December 18th, HOME OF BRENDA & MIKE SWENSON

514 El Centro St., South Pasadena. Take Fair Oaks or Orange Grove to Mission St, west on Mission St., left on Palm, right on El Centro St. Paint around old town South Pasadena, the Meridian Iron works, Rialto or at Brenda's home. Wherever you decide to paint be sure to be back at Brenda's house at 12:00 to share in holiday cheer.

December 25th, MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 1st, HAPPY NEW YEAR

ABOUT THE COVER

Early this year, May 2008, several members of MVAL joined Chris Van Winkle on a Russian voyage from St. Petersburg to Moscow. One of the stops was on the island of Kizhi. While waiting to see the 14th century wooden churches. I made this sketch of a Russian house in the marshes.

- Eunice Bullington

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!!!

JOANN FORMIA WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 14 - 15, 2008

THERE IS STILL SPACE IN THIS WORKSHOP!!!

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.”

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.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

No refund after October 28, 2008, FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION.
Send to: SUSAN GUTSCHOW, MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE
1618 Laurel Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030-4711

INSPIRATION

These are the “inspirers” for the coming months.

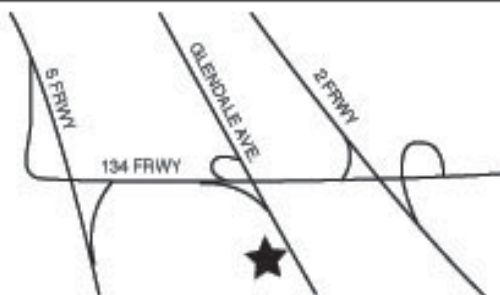
November: Pat Hanft; December and January: open; February, Dotty Davis; March, Lynne Fearman; April, Jean Tannhauser; May and June, open.

If you would be interested in providing Inspiration for one of MVAL General Meetings, contact Shirley Manning.

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