

MVAL

Art & the Artist

November 2014

Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



**Demonstration by Richard Myer
Christmas Party and Buffet - December 10th**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Halloween is over and gone. Here comes Thanksgiving a very special time of year. It is harvest time and consequently a special time of the year for reflection and family gatherings. Coincidentally, I have been reading a small book called, 'The Way of the Heart' by Henri Nouwen; I have found so much good stuff in small books. I am reading it slowly, because I do not want it to end; it is like a good friend, you know, you hate to say good-bye. The book talks about the value of solitude and silence in positive ways. Solitude and silence are not about loneliness or self-centeredness. It is about reflecting on the essence of what is truly important in our lives. It is about connecting with the artist and the creative side of our humanity. Solitude and silence are vehicles to reassess and re-structure one's self. Yes, it is about harvest.

At our last Board meeting, we met and accepted 5 new members, which is just what we wanted for MVAL. Happy Thanksgiving, to all of us. New members bring to our organization the opportunity to continue to evolve and re-structure itself. New members will continue the good programs we have established and introduce new energy and ideas. Nothing stays the same. The next few months will be most busy and full of opportunities to grow as artists and team members. We unfortunately had to part with Shirley Manning as our Corresponding Secretary; she had to take a time out for personal reasons. However, Judi Gale picked up the call and said yes to MVAL; she will carry us to the end of the term. Thank you to Judi and thanks to her husband Gary who is our Property Chair.

I hope to see many of you at our Christmas Party on December 10th; this is a special time for us who work together during the year to meet on a social level. The more I talk to our members at this special event, the more I am impressed with the talented group we have. MVAL is just the greatest!

At a recent meeting of our MVAL Art Coop, I was having a brief chat with Jan Wright at the beginning of class. This is usually a hectic time, since everyone is settling in and getting things ready to paint the day's assignment. There are about two hours to paint, so there is not much time to squander. The member's are in a rush to get ready, but they also want to say hello to their painting buddies. Jan was voicing her appreciation for MVAL and for the Coop; she said she was happy to be there because; 'all of members are an extended family'. Her words were brief and absolutely right on target. Nothing else needed to be said; she spoke to the essence of who we are to each other.

Armando Ruiz
President

MEETING DATES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting will be November 19th - 7:30 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

December Board Meeting will be held December 3rd - 7:30 PM
Live Oak Park, Temple City

December 10th - Christmas Party and Buffet at The Oaks, Pasadena.

MID-VALLEY ARTS LEAGUE 2013 - 2014 BOARD OFFICERS

President ----- Armando Ruiz
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(Exhibits) ----- Laurie Mangiagli
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Membership in MVAL:
Membership is open to artists and art lovers
of all levels.
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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.

NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATION

RICHARD MYER

Born in New York City, Richard demonstrated a remarkable amount of creativity as a child. With great sensitivity he spent endless hours sketching, modeling clay and carving wooden figures. Summers were spent at the family farm in Pennsylvania where he enjoyed constant discovery and complete freedom to explore all forms of art. Here he uncovered a rich source of material to use for his sculpting. When Richard was 12 he vacationed with the family in the West, visiting Indian reservations and historical ruins. The rugged West and all its scenic beauty filled him with awe and wonder and he vowed he would return.

After High School, he served in the military where he was a member of the Special Services in Japan. Here he was assigned to do all types of artwork. Many of his murals are still intact there. After the military he did return west and earned his BA degree in Fine Arts at the Brigham Young University in Utah. He was the first bronze sculptor at the University and later became an instructor.

He returned to New York City where under the guidance of famed sculptor, John Havenos, he took advanced studies at the Art Students League. He also studied at the Sculptor Center, the American Art School, the Marine Art and Portrait Center and the Salmagundi Club. While in the East he worked as an art director for Jas. H. Matthews Co. In 1970 he moved to California where he began his professional sculpting career. Among notable collectors who own his bronzes are former Presidents Reagan and Ford, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Wayne Newton.

A member of the American Indian and Cowboy Artists, Richard has exhibited in many prestigious art shows and galleries. He has done professional design work for a number of firms including Walt Disney Studios and a life-size model of a bear fighting a bull for the Tokyo Stock Exchange. He received a commission for a 3-8 ft. heroic bronze for a memorial park in Illinois. The bronze marker for John Wayne's unmarked grave in Newport, CA was also done by Richard. He also completed an 8 ft. bronze of Frank Miller, founder of the Mission Inn at Riverside, CA.

His most recent bronzes have been commissioned by local communities. For Glendora he made a 5 ft. bronze owl which was placed over the fountain at Citrus College. Recently the city of Duarte unveiled a bronze plaque of Glenn Miller, which was placed in their city park. Richard and his wife, Maurine own Rossmyer Gallery in Glendora, CA.



ARTIST NEWS & SHOWS

VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE

No Boundaries: An Open Art Exhibition

Opening Reception – Saturday, November 15 – 4 pm – 7 pm

October 21 through November 22, 2014

San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center

18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356

Jan Wright has two paintings in this show which has over 80 artists represented in the new San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center.

PASADENA SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

89th Annual Juried Exhibition

Opening Reception – Saturday, November 15 – 3 pm – 6 pm

JoAnn Formia received an award. She along with **Mark Wood** and **Jan Wright** are exhibiting in this show. The show card featured both JoAnn and Mark's work.

JoAnn Formia received the Mildred Latson Memorial Award for "Pick Your" and Mark Wood received an Award of Merit for "Yes I Am Listening"

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Segil Fine Art Gallery

110 West Lime Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

Tuesday-Saturday 1 pm to 6 pm - 626-358-5563

CHAFFEY COMMUNITY MUSEUM OF ART

Inspire

Opening Reception, Sunday November 16—2pm to 4 pm

Several Mid-Valley members have work in this show.

November 13, 2014—January 11, 2015

CCMA Gallery

217 S. Lemon, Ontario, CA 91761-1623

909-463-3733

David McCully was awarded signature membership in the *Georgia Watercolor Society* at their October members exhibition show juried by Frank Webb.

Setsuko Okubo's watercolor painting, "*In the Rain*", was accepted by *The San Diego Watercolor Society*.

She became a Signature member of the S.D.W.S. in October 2014."

Lynne Fearman has been juried into the *Contemporary Masters, "Artistic Eden IV"* at the Pasadena Museum of History. Show will run thru December 31st.

Lynne Fearman has 2 pieces juried into *California Art League's "All that Glitters"* show at the Pasadena Women's City Club, at the Blinn House. 160 N. Oakland Ave. show runs thru January 36th. Open to the public.

MANZANAR XVII GROUP SHOW

California State University,

Dominguez Hills University Library Gallery

1000 E. Victoria St. Carson, CA 90747

310-243-3715

Check website for hours

September 2 – December 16, 2014

September 4 – Reception 6-8 pm

December 16, 2014 – Show closes

Several MVAL members are involved in this show, including Jan Wright, Michi and Ike Ikeda.

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MILLARD SHEETS GALLERY

The Artists for Art's Sake

Opening Reception, Saturday, November 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Jo Ann Formia, Michi Ikeda and **Jan Wright** and other MVAL members are exhibiting in this benefit for student art programs.

November 15--December 19, 2004

Millard Sheets Gallery

1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA

For more information

Lugene Whitley - 909-532-0168

SCHOLARSHIP

Open for Business

The scholarship table will be in evidence this month and every month hereafter. We will be selling raffle tickets for the June 2015 Raffle. We will also be accepting gifts of paintings, books and art supplies to be used as raffle prizes. This past June, the Raffle and Silent Auction raised a total of \$3188.00 towards the MVAL Scholarship Awards total of \$5500. Well done MVAL!

JoAnn Formia accepted our first donated painting from Ratindra Das. The painting, shown below, will be placed in the silent auction.



Additional Schools Sought.

The list of schools receiving awards last year included: Gabrielino HS, Pasadena City College, Pasadena HS and Temple City HS. This year we will expand the group of San Gabriel Valley schools considered for awards. You may have a friend or an acquaintance who is involved in an art program at one of the valley high schools or community colleges. If so, let us know and we will include it in the awards competition. Please send an e-mail with contact information to melody723@me.com (Margie Musser), or to browand@usc.edu (Fred and Barbara).

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.

NOV. 13th - LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM ARCADIA Take the 210 Freeway to Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, head south on Baldwin, look for sign on the right. Entry fee required. Meet at the Peacock Cafe for lunch.

NOV. 20th - E. WALDO WARD FARM, SIERRA MADRE 273 E Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Take 210 Fwy to Baldwin exit. Head north make a left at Foothill Blvd. then right, heading north on Baldwin. At Sierra Madre Blvd. turn right and then left on Mountain Trail. Turn right on Highland. Park on street, bring a lunch.

NOV. 27th - THANKSGIVING! No regular paint-out
If you still want to paint out meet at Eaton Canyon.

DEC. 4th - TRAVEL TOWN, BURBANK
5200 Zoo Dr. Los Angeles. Go west on the 210 FWY. Continue on the 134 FWY to Forest Lawn Dr. Exit, continue on to the Travel Town sign (new sign might say Griffith Park). Park opens at 10:00 am. Lots of old trains to see and paint. Near L.A. Zoo. Bring lunch or check out snack bar.

DEC. 11th - GLENDALE FOREST LAWN
1712 S Glendale Ave, Glendale, CA 91205 800-204-3131
Take the 2 fwy. south to San Fernando Rd. exit. Turn right and continue to Glendale Blvd. turn right and look for gate on the right hand side. Bring lunch. (DEADLINE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!)

MVAL CRIT GROUP

The MVAL CRIT GROUP will **NOT** be meeting in December due to the MVAL Christmas Party and Buffet.

ABOUT THE COVER

The cover painting this month is "*Prague Impression*" by **Fealing Lin**.

COLORFUL ELEPHANT

Maybe someone else can use the art supplies and books you no longer need. Bring them to the general meeting! Mark each item with a price and your name and provide a container for money.

DEC. 18th - Christmas Party at "The Only Place in Town", Sierra Madre. \110 W Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. (626) 355-3502. We will be having a gift exchange so bring a gift worth \$10-\$15 that is art related. OR a framed original painting.
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY DECEMBER 11TH!!!
CALL ME AT 626-487-6566 IF YOU ARE COMING.

CHRISTMAS DAY! Merry Christmas!
NEW YEARS DAY! Happy New Year!

JAN. 8th - BOAT DOCK AT SANTE FE DAM
15501 Arrow Hwy, Irwindale. Take the 605 freeway to the Arrow Highway off ramp. Head east on Arrow Hwy. to Azusa Canyon Rd. Entry to the park is at the light. Entry fee required \$8.

JAN. 15th OLVERA STREET, LOS ANGELES
Take the 110 Fwy off at Hill Street. Continue to Ord Street and make a left turn. At Alameda make a right turn. Parking is available at Union Station. Bring or buy your lunch there.

JAN. 22nd EATON CANYON
1750 N. Altadena Dr. one block north of New York Drive in Pasadena. From the 210 Freeway eastbound, exit at Sierra Madre Boulevard/Altadena Drive. Turn left (north) at the first light (Altadena Drive) and go 1.6 miles to the park entrance. From the 210 Freeway westbound, exit at San Gabriel Boulevard/San Marino. Turn right (north) at the second light (Altadena Drive) and go 1.5 miles to the park entrance.

ART & THE ARTIST COVERS

I am again needing artwork to put on the cover of *Art and The Artist*.

You may email photos of your work to:
janunamaker@verizon.net

They don't have to be super fancy photos. A snapshot of a painting will do. Try to shoot it without glare and as straight on as you can. Don't worry about it being slightly NOT squared off, I can adjust that in photoshop.

Scans of sketchbook paintings are also welcome!

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor, *Art & The Artist*

NEW MEMBERS

Marina Tien Chino

"I like watercolor and like to try an possibility to improve my painting." Marina had taken classes for many years with Jon Bohnenberger. Her hobbies are watercolor and crafts and she has taught watercolor in Adult Daycare Center in Pasadena and Arcadia.

Marina is a graduate of Providence College in Taiwan. She is joining MVAL for chances to improve and show her artwork.



Louise Langerud Pasadena

Interested in art since a child, Louise's parents felt it wasn't a good pursuit as a career and encouraged her to seek a degree in occupational therapy. She followed their advice but after many years in that profession returned to school for a master's degree in art psychotherapy. She has taken courses in design, watercolor multimedia painting, ceramics and drawing. Recently she has taken workshops from local painters, including Brenda Swenson and Chris Van Winkle. Her other hobbies include hiking, walking, reading and playing the flute. Louise has attended the Thursdays in Plein Air group and is joining MVAL to expand contacts with others who appreciate art.



Linda Dellazoppa Whittier

"I enjoy the challenge of creating pieces that require me to try new subjects and techniques. It's especially satisfying when it connects with the viewer."

Linda has painted with oils and acrylics, but at this point she is enjoying working in watercolors, pen and ink and collage.

Plein Air Painting helps her work in a looser style. She is a past winner at the Southeast State Faire in Alaska, theme award at Whittier Art Gallery and is affiliated with a gallery in Alaska. She has a BA in Fine Arts (emphasis on painting) from CSUF. She has taken workshops with Brenda Swenson, Jim Salchak and Linda Kemp. Linda's hobbies include travel, reading and cooking. Linda enjoys the Thursday Plein Air group and wanted to join MVAL to attend demonstrations and participate in crits.



Lana Lee Blades Glendale

"Love to paint people and just about anything that calls to me." Lana loves crafts and painting. She has been a member of MVAL in the past and wanted to join again!



Nancy Caldwell Huntington Beach

"I paint the way I feel on any given day; my pieces are varied."

Nancy had been taking classes and painting since 2008. She has taken classes and workshops from Tom Fong, Chris Sullivan, Christ Van Winkle, Ratindra Das, Eileen McCullough and Frank Eber. She has participated and won awards from HBAL, OC Fair, Watercolor West and California Watercolor Asso. She has a painting in the "Inland Empire Museum of Art" permanent collection.

Nancy holds a BS in Landscape Architecture. She is joining MVAL because of "the great group of artists that are members."

ART OF THE MONTH

Please bring a painting to our monthly meeting. Feel free to interpret the theme with all your creativity. Looking forward to seeing your wonderful paintings!

November ----- So Much to Be Thankful For
December ----- A Few of My Favorite Things .. Still life
January ----- City Scenes, Street Scenes,
February ----- In Love with Painting
March ----- Spring Colors and Fresh Starts
April ----- Portraits of People, Pets, and Animals
May ----- Vacation Plans,
paintings of places you have visited
or would love to visit

Sandy Murphy
Art of the Month Chairman

SHOWS TO SEE

**46th Watercolor West
International Juried Exhibition**
October 11 - December 14, 2014

Brea Gallery Exhibition Opening
Saturday October 11 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm



MVAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BANQUET

for **ALL MVAL** members and guests

DATE: _____ Wednesday, December 10th, 2014

Note that this is the week AFTER our board meeting, one week later than we usually have our party.

LOCATION: _____ The Oaks of Pasadena

2954 E. Del Mar Blvd. (between Madre St. and San Gabriel at El Nido).
Pasadena, CA 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: _____ \$32.00 per person

BUFFET MENU: _____ Green salad, entrée choices (meat, fish, vegetarian), potatoes and
Vegetables, mixed desserts, rolls & butter, coffee & tea.

GIFT EXCHANGE: _____ Bring one gift wrapped art-related item (\$15.00 value)

Please make check payable to : Mid Valley Arts League

Send check and completed form to:

Saralyn Lowenstein

836 Crestfield Drive

Duarte, CA 91010-2128

(626)358-0395

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS NOVEMBER 29, 2014

MVAL reservation for Christmas Banquet

Name: _____ Guest Name : _____

_____ Tickets@\$30.00 each

Amount enclosed: _____ Check Number: _____

OCTOBER MEETING

Demonstration by Mark Wood



Artist of the Month - Joyce Patil



MVAL CALENDAR

Every month:

First Wed. - Board Meeting

Second Wen. - Crit Night

Third Wen. - General Meeting/Demonstration

September 18-20 Judy Morris Workshop

First Wen. - Christmas Banquet

March 19-21 - Dale Laitinen Workshop

March 21 - MVAL Show Painting Transporter Pick-up

March 22 MVAL Show - Take in

March 26 MVAL Show opens

April 25 - Saturday in the Park with the Masters

June 6 - MVAL Show ends

June 7 Artist Pick-up of paintings

June 17 - Scholarship Raffle

June 24 - June Banquet