

MVAL

Art & the Artist

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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Devorah Friedman

Demonstration by David Lobenberg



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2020- 2021
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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.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I saw this quote by Flora Edwards when I was returning some stage lights that I had rented for my class: “In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.” It made me think about all the ways the members of this group have helped one another and how grateful I am to be part of Mid Valley.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of longtime member Nancy Shiershke. I recall her seemingly effortless ease at painting these beautiful transparent florals and her generosity in explaining her techniques to others. She will be missed.

Two important organizational notes:

Mary Gilman continues to look for those that would like to share something inspiring with the group at our Wednesday Members meetings. So please, if you come across something — even small things — please let her know so you can share it with the group.

Kimberly Michael has diligently simplified our website and online hosting tasks and the Board is looking for someone who could takeover those duties. So please, if it’s an area with which you think you’d be interested, let a board member know.

See you at the next members’ meeting.

John Byram
MVAL President

MEETING DATES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

ZOOM MEETING
November 17th, 2021- 7:30 PM

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

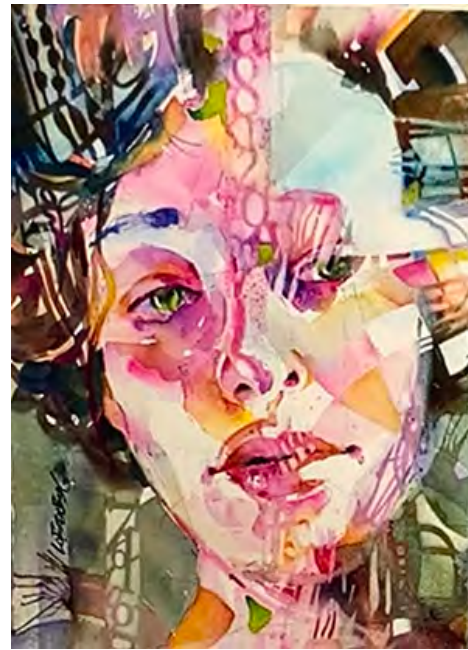
December 1st, 2021- 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATION

DAVID LOBERBERG

David Lobenberg is no ordinary watercolor painter. His work is bold, vibrant, and exciting. David's portraits (a sample here) are in his California Vibe School of Painting technique and they are anything but dull. His landscapes are saturated with color, bold and bright. He believes in a minimum of painting and a maximum of impression for his landscapes. "Paint boldly but simply."

A teacher and fine artist, he specializes and exhibits in the mediums of watercolor and acrylics. His work has been featured in American Artist, Southwest Art, the American Art Collector and in international publications. David has a Master's degree in Fine Art from UCLA and is a recently retired adjunct art professor at Sacramento City College. He has been teaching art workshops for 35 years in California and out of state. His teaching style can be summed up as exuberant, fun, engaging, and encouraging. We are looking forward to his dynamic demo as he shows us some of his techniques applied to landscape painting. You can find more of his work at: <https://www.lobenbergart.com/>



ZOOM MEETING

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.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Since we are all still meeting virtually, we will continue to have Artist of the Month on the website

Please read our new instructions on the MVAL website. We have a new time frame so you have more time to submit your artwork! Almost a month!

There is no theme and artwork can be any media.

MVAL member can email their image of their painting to mval.webmaster@gmail.com

Files must be cropped in a jpg.or png. Format and under 1000 pixels on the longest side. It is helpful if the file names the title, e.g. "thispaintingname.jpg. Please include the title, media and dimensions and your name in the email. Please text Kimberly Michael (626 688 4344) if you have technical questions.

Submissions are accepted from the day after the general meeting until midnight the Friday (Nov 12) before the next general meeting (Nov 17). Voting is live on www.midvalley-artsleague.org for 4 days from Sunday (Nov 14) until noon on the day of the general meeting (Wed Nov 17)

The winner of Artist of the Month is announced at the end of the meeting and will receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card. The painting can then be viewed on "Virtual Art of the Month" in the Membership dropdown menu as well as in the newsletter.

April Drew Foster- *Chairman*
Kimberly Michael- *Website chairman*



Here is **Donna Barnes-Roberts** winning painting for October's Artist of the Month! *RHODIES FOR A ROADIE*. She painted this in honor of a dear friend.

ARTIST NEWS

Lynne Fearman - photos from Lynn's show at the **Chaffey Community Museum of Art** last month.



Joyce Nunamaker and **Fred McCall** will be participating at Psychic Faire events at **Indigo Collective**, 2990 E Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, November 27th.

Last Saturday of every month, 10am - 6pm
Reki Sessions and Readings of various types in the store.
Event involves arts and craft booths -Jewelry, herb lore, magic wands, clothing, books and crystals.
Fred playing Native American Flute with flutes for sale.
Joyce's arts and crafts booth (handmade purses, Faerie Lure Sun Catchers, crochet, jewelry, talismans)

We will also be vending at the **Pagan Pride Festival**, November 9th - at El Dorado Park in Long Beach (off the 605 fwy). From 9am to 4pm.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

MVAL Upcoming 2021 and 2022 Online Workshops:

January 25, 27 & 29, 2022 (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday)

3-day Watercolor Landscape workshop by Dale Laitinen.

March 24, 26 & 28, 2022 (Thursday, Saturday & Monday)

3-day Watercolor workshop by Richard Scott.

May/June 2022 May 31, June 1 & June 3, 2022, 3-day
Watercolor workshop by Linda Kemp.

July 5, 7, & 9, 2022, 3-day Watercolor Workshop by Janet Rogers

October 2022, 3- day workshop by Alison Watt

THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

Locations are determined on a weekly basis as gathering in a location may not be allowed from week to week. Check the Facebook Page or contact Lynne Fearman to find current plans.

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!

NOV 11th - Tournament House and Wrigley Gardens 391 S. Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91105
Meet in the rose garden or front lawn. (626)449-4100

NOV 11th - Pasadena Tournament House

NOV 18th - Eaton Canyon

NOV 25th - lower Arroyo Seco
at the casting pond

DEC 2nd - Bonelli Park
at the boat launch

DEC 9th - South Pasadena Library
on El Centro

DEC 16th - Memorial Park in Sierra Madre,
followed by pizza and an outdoor fest.

DEC 24th - LA Arboretum

NEED COVER ART

PLEASE - send me artwork, doesn't have to be a fancy shot, just a decent shot with a phone camera, finished painting or sketchbook... I just NEED cover art!

Send to janunamaker@verizon.net

Thank you,

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor Art and The Artist

ON THE COVER

Devorah Friedman painted this month's cover art.

BOARD POSITION OPEN

Going once, Going Twice!!

Wouldn't you love to be the one to organize the MVAL Auction? You are able to connect with artists and request donations of their artwork. When the big day of the Auction comes, you can see the excitement and smiles from all the bidders as they collect original artwork. If this sounds like something of interest to you, please contact John Byram or Kate McDaniel (626 644-0006) for more information. The Auction is an integral part of raising money for the Scholarship Committee.

The purpose of the yearly Auction is to provide money to the Scholarship Committee.

- Monthly Meetings (Jan-June)
 - Ticket Sales
 - Collection of Donations
- Contact artists about donating artwork
- Writing articles for the newsletter, including photos of donated artwork, to promote Auction.
- Organize and bundle silent auction donations.
- Select paintings to place in Silent Auction.
- Store donations
- In addition, if the Auction will be online only:
 - Photograph all donated artwork
 - Work with MVAL webmaster in setting up Auction
 - Decide on starting bids
 - Notify winning bidders

NEW EXHIBITION CHAIRMAN

We would like to thank **Dilmit Singh** for taking over the **Third VP - Exhibits** position.

OPEN STUDIO

Open Studio, Wednesdays 10am-2pm

Studio2310 hosts Open Studio Wednesdays, 10am-2pm. It's an opportunity to paint and associate with other MVAL members.

Bring your painting supplies and lunch and enjoy the camaraderie.

Coffee and cookies (usually homemade) are provided.

\$15 per individual visit or \$10 per visit when paying for the month in advance.

Please RSVP, markwood2310@gmail.com or text at, 626.825.0464.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark Wood
Studio2310, 2310 Central Ave., Unit13, Duarte 91010



Dale Laitinen Online Watercolor Workshop

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, January 25, 27 & 29, 2022



Shape-Shifting, Making the Invisible Visible

The first two days of this workshop will concentrate on discovering the underlying design elements in a chosen subjects that are the basis for powerful landscapes. Participants are encouraged to bring photo subject matter of rugged landscapes preferably something with rocks and cliffs, with either sea coast cliffs or Sierra mountain landscapes. Strong shadow patterns make the best for strong painting subjects.

The third day will work on landscape abstractions



Dale Laitinen Online Watercolor Workshop

This workshop is for beginner to intermediate. PC/Mac/Smartphone and internet access needed.

Dates: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, January 25, 27 & 29, 2022 10 am to 4:00pm daily with an hour for lunch.
Fee: \$325 MVAL Members /\$355 Non-Members.

A fee of \$100 or full amount must be submitted with registration. **Remainder due** on January 15.

No Refunds after January 15, 2022.

A supply list will be sent upon registration.
Intro to Zoom and Dropbox session will be held prior to the workshop.

Registration

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



Name _____
Address _____
City Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Dale Laitinen Online Workshop,
Tue, Thur, & Sat, January 25, 27, & 29, 2022

Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____
Check one: MVAL Member Non Member
Mail to: MVAL c/o Carol Ling, 4715 Lasheart Dr., La Cañada, CA 91011

Questions: Carol_ling@sbcglobal.net/818.636.3770

Dale Laitinen

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Dale Laitinen has been painting for over forty years with thirty five of those in watercolor. He is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, and Watercolor West. He is a graduate of Modesto Junior College and San Jose State University with a BA in Art with a painting concentration. He is a past juror of many National and regional exhibitions including Watercolor West, Kentucky Watercolor Society, Utah Watercolor Society, Watercolor Society of Oregon, Red River Watermedia Show, Magnum Opus and many others.

One of the signatures of a Laitinen painting is the long view with the natural forms of the topography being foremost. His works extend to the interaction between structures such as roads, dams, canals, powerhouses, and the natural landscape. In one of these paintings one might find a concrete dam that spans a river canyon, or a highway that cuts through desert sandstone, or a shadow of a bridge that crawls slowly across a red rock wall.

After college Dale spent eight years as an independent trucker hauling freight across country. In 1985 he turned to painting full-time.



Some of the periodicals he has been featured in, The Artist's Magazine, Watercolor Magic, Watercolor Magazine, and Drawingboard Magazine.

Laitinen's work has been featured in several books including The Splash Series, Painting with the White of your Paper, The Transparent Watercolor Wheel and more. An active workshop instructor, Dale has traveled widely in both the US and abroad.



IN MEMORIAM NANCY SHIERSHKE



It is with great sorrow that we report that our dear artist and friend, **Nancy Shiershke**, passed away October 30th at her home.

Nancy joined MVAL in 1985 and was an active member for 36 years. As a member of our "Honor Court", she demonstrated as one of our "masters" at "Saturday in the Park with The Masters" and was often part of our group demonstration during our December meetings. She is also a former board member.

Nancy was an active participant in many of our workshops and up until about a year ago painted regularly with the Thursday's En Plein Air group

